

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
WORK SESSION SUMMARY
October 10, 2011, 5:00pm

The Mayor and Council of the City of Johns Creek held a Work Session on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 5:00pm. The Work Session was held in the Taylor Farms Conference Room at City Hall, located at 12000 Findley Road, Suite 300 in Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. In attendance were Council Members K. Stewart, I. Figueroa, K. Richardson and B. Miller. Mayor Bodker presided. Council Members R. Johnson and D. McCabe were absent. City Manager Kachmar and other Department Heads were present.

Mayor Bodker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor distributed for Council's review a resolution presented to the NFMA by Roswell Mayor Jere Wood proposing the distribution of Fulton County LOST revenue using a population based formula. He requested Council provide feedback once they have reviewed the resolution.

Public Works Director Tom Black reviewed several traffic related agenda items. He provided an over view of the **Project Framework Agreement with GDOT for the ITS Improvements along Jones Bridge Road and Old Alabama Road**, reminding Council, this is Phase II of the project which extends the Intelligent Transportation System along Jones Bridge and Old Alabama, as Phase I was implemented on Medlock Bridge Rd. Council had no objections to moving this item to the October 24th Council Meeting agenda for consideration.

Director Black then reviewed a **Memorandum of Understanding with GDOT for Landscaping Improvements along State Bridge Road**. He reported to Council this project is funded through a Transportation Enhancement grant submitted by the City, initially for landscaping and Bio Retention projects; as only 500K was awarded, it was recommended all funds be used for landscaping improvements. Council had no objections to moving this item to the October 24th Council Meeting agenda for consideration, but requested to see at a future Work Session, details of the planned improvements.

Director Black continued with a proposal for **improvements on Jones Bridge and East Fox Court**. He informed Council with the completion of the McGinnis Ferry traffic counts have increased by 20 % over last year, from 43k vehicles a day to 53k. Motorists are cutting through the parking lots of businesses along Jones Bridge to avoid congestion, which could be hazardous. He proposed adding a thru lane on the southbound side of Jones Bridge, between East Fox Court and SR 120, to improve capacity. He noted no right-of-way acquisition is required, which will keep the project costs down, and cost savings from other projects can be re-directed to fund this project. There was discussion on addressing the northbound impact in the future, which could be more costly. Council Member Figueroa commented he supported this project but was concerned about this increasing congestion on SR120. Director Black commented he was cognizant of this and would continue to work with GDOT on traffic improvement initiatives. Council had no objection to moving forward with the project and City Manager Kachmar mentioned this will require a budget amendment.

Mayor Bodker asked Director Black to briefly update Council on current traffic conditions on SR 141 (Medlock Bridge). Mr. Black said with the 20% increase in traffic previously noted, southbound 141 has become heavily congested during the evening rush hour; southbound traffic flow from 141 and the Tech Park employees turning south on to SR141, from Johns Creek Parkway create a log jam up to SR 120 (Abbotts, Bridge). Public Works is looking at signaling software and meeting with TPA to discuss options for addressing these conditions.

Director Black reviewed the **Engineering on Call Services**. He informed Council a RFQ was submitted to prequalify engineers for various Public Works projects. He recommended a list of five companies culled from the 26 who responded, explaining that having prequalified professionals, which were evaluated by staff, will help expedite the design phase for intersection improvement projects. Council Member Richardson inquired on the criteria used for the selections. City Engineer Ken Hildebrandt outlined the process of selection— a team of Public Works staff and the Purchasing Manager, ranked the 26 submittals based on pricing, qualifications, recommendations, ability to respond quickly, expertise, and chose those who ranked the highest. Council clarified the use of the engineers will only be for the design phase, construction would go through bid process, and any proposed improvement would first come before Council for consideration. Council had no objections to moving this item to the October 24th Council Meeting agenda for consideration.

Director Black also reviewed a proposal to **create a third lane on Medlock Bridge Road north bound from the Chattahoochee River to St Ives Country Club Parkway**. He is planning to meet with the GDOT on the proposal with Council's consent. The third lane would end at State Bridge Road and return to two lanes continuing north on Medlock Bridge. He reviewed a map outlining traffic flow. Mayor Bodker acknowledged the need for additional southbound improvements at this intersection to ease traffic congestion and Director Black agreed. There was Council consensus to move forward with the GDOT discussion.

Contracts Manager Tom Henrikson presented the following amendments: **Records Management System Contract Amendment with IXP for GIS and IT Services and the IGA between the City of Milton and City of Johns Creek for GIS/IT Services**. He reported the IXP contract is for five years with annual renewals and the amendment is for an increase in costs to cover employee salary adjustments; and the subsequent IGA amendment with Milton to reflect the increased cost. Council had no objections to moving this item to the October 24th Council Meeting agenda.

City Manager Kachmar informed Council of a recent inquiry from a film company seeking to use Ocee Park in a movie, requiring the closed of the park for an entire day. He is waiting to receive a formal agreement for Council to consider, which will require quick action. The city is asking for financial compensation for closing the park, this would take place during the off season, and not impact any athletic teams. There was brief discussion on the financial impact to the city and nearby residents, and on considering a formal process in the future for accommodating similar requests.

City Manager Kachmar updated Council on a provision in the Solid Waste Ordinance requiring an annual giving campaign. This requires the collection of goods from residents on a recycling

day that will be donated on behalf of the City. City Manager mentioned several charities were investigated, and he recommended a not-for-profit, Better World Books. The organization will sell collected books and give the cash to the City for donation to a charity of their choice. Council Member Figueroa raised the issue, used books are typically donated to the local libraries and how this project would impact that. City Manager Kachmar suggested donating the cash to the local library guilds. There was Council consensus on this recommendation of Better World Books, with the funds going a local library guild.

City Manager Kachmar reviewed a list of criteria for establishing a **Charter Commission**. Council discussed the process of appointment and member requirements, suggesting nine, with nominations from each Council Member, and one each from House and Senate delegations. There was also discussion on whether members should be appointed by a simple or super majority of Council, frequency of meetings, requirement of 90% attendance rate, timeline and level of Council, community and staff participation with the Commission. Council also suggested a minimum of two public hearings and 60 day updates to Council. For further discussion, Council will prepare a draft of mission statement for the Commission.

Mayor advised Council there will be a need for an executive session at tonight's Council Meeting as there is no time during this meeting.

There being no further business Mayor Bodker adjourned the Work Session.

Approved,

Attest,

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

Joan C. Jones, City Clerk