

ACITY OF JOHNS CREEK
WORK SESSION SUMMARY
November 7, 2011, 5:00pm

The Mayor and Council of the City of Johns Creek held a Work Session on Monday, November 7, 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, B. Miller and R. Johnson. Council Member D. McCabe was absent. Mayor Bodker presided. City Manager Kachmar and other Department Heads were present.

Mayor Bodker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Land Development Manager Seth Yurman reviewed the **Floodplain Ordinance Amendment**. He reported the City applied for participation in the Community Rating System (CRS) which recognizes efforts to exceed the current flood plain requirements and results in discounted flood insurance for eligible homeowners. One of the requirements for the program is an audit by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). During the audit to assess the City's program, minor recommendations were made, such as revising the date on the flood map changes and add definitions. This amendment would incorporate those changes. Mayor Bodker asked about the benefits of the CRS rating and for clarification on the 100 year flood plan map and 500 year map. Mr. Yurman said residents benefit from the discounted flood insurance rate and there is very little difference in the two maps. Council had no objections to moving this item to the November 28th Council Meeting agenda.

Senior Contracts Manager Thomas Henrikson reviewed the **contract renewals for Field Services: Right of Way and Parks Maintenance and Signs and Signals, etc.** Mr. Henrikson informed Council the above field service contracts were let last year and are due to expire the end of November. He noted Optech RWM LLC has the Right of Way Mowing and Right of Way Storm Drain Maintenance Contract with an annual rate of \$727K which is an increase of \$90,708 due to the mileage increase as a result of the completion of the McGinnis Ferry Road. Blount is the contractor for the Road Maintenance, with an annual rate of \$912,752K and for Parks Maintenance contract for \$90,707. Mr. Henrikson noted an increase in costs for the Parks Maintenance is attributed to the addition of Shakerag Park. The renewal contract up for traffic signs and signals maintenance was not included in Council's packet for review. Mr. Henrikson noted the renewal quote he received was for \$30k per month; this is up from last year's \$20k per month. The contract was not received from the contractor in sufficient time to negotiate the amount which he commented should be lower. Council was concerned the renewal agreement for the signs was not included for their review and suggested the documents be provided as soon as possible; this item be added to the November 28 Work Session for additional review and to add all the contract renewals to the November 28th Council Meeting, with the understanding if there are concerns with sign maintenance agreement or other provisions this could be addressed.

Fire Chief Jeff Hogan presented on the **Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Alpharetta for Mutual Aid Regarding Hazardous Materials**. The agreement would provide for the Cities of Alpharetta and Johns Creek mutual assistance should either city have the need for a Hazardous Materials Response. There was discussion on the benefits of the MOU and Council had no objections to moving this item to the November 28th Council Meeting.

City Clerk Joan Jones reviewed the **2012 Meeting Calendar**. Clerk Jones reported the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals have not yet set their meeting calendars but did highlight some potential changes due to recognized holidays. In addition, Fulton County BOE

has not yet adopted the school calendar. Mayor Bodker reviewed each month with council. Recommendation was made to change the January 23rd meeting date to January 30th as the GMA Mayors Day Conference is set for that time. Mayor Bodker asked Council to provide feedback for additional Work Session dates for parks, cultural arts, and retreat discussions. Chief of Staff Patty Hansen noted she was able to determine the first day of school for 2012-13 calendar year will be August 13th. There was Council consensus to move the August 13th meeting to August 6th. The changes will be made and this item will be placed on the November 28th Council Agenda for further review and discussion prior to adoption.

Communications Manager Grant Hickey reviewed the **2011 Holiday Greeting Cards** submitted by Findley Elementary and State Bridge Crossing Elementary schools. Council decided all the cards were winners and suggested as in previous years, creating a montage using all 14 submissions.

City Manager Kachmar reviewed several items, including nominating appointees to the Charter Commission and completing the Mission Statement. He suggested this should be done at the November 28th Meeting, Mayor Bodker explained the appointments would be in December, but next work session would be a good time to discuss. City Manager Kachmar informed Council during the December 12th Work Session there will be a discussion on Cultural and Arts activities, which could include a presentation by Arts on the Creek (AOTC). Council discussed having the Johns Creek Chamber address Council.

Mayor Bodker proposed inviting the Johns Creek Chamber to the next Work Session to engage in a discussion on AOTC. Council could have a follow-up discussion on AOTC and other cultural and arts issues during the December 12th Work Session and then the Chamber can be invited to present their strategic plan to Council at the Council Meeting. City Manager Kachmar suggested the council needs to have further discussion on how they want to work with various organizations, help these organizations grow, etc.

Council Member Figueroa suggested there may be time constraints during the November Work 28th Session because of discussions on appointing Charter Commission Members. Mayor Bodker commented Council Members should send their nominations in advance as this may minimize any discussion and facilitate a vote at the November 28th Council Meeting. The Mayor also requested City Clerk Jones to draft a letter to the delegation members asking for their nominations. Council Member Figueroa also inquired about whether the Greater North Fulton Chamber would address Council based on comments during the budget discussion of halting funding for the chambers pending clarification on their operations. Mayor Bodker mentioned a discussion with the North Fulton Chamber on Progress Partners and funding and said they have not yet expressed an interest in addressing Council.

Council Member Miller inquired on the Ciba Vision reorganization. Mayor Bodker provided a brief overview on the possible relocation of several employees explaining he has helped to facilitate meetings in attempt to minimize the loss of jobs in the City. There was a brief discussion on assistance provided to Ciba Vision and a general discussion on what the roles of a developmental authority may have.

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

Approved,

Attest,

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

Joan C. Jones, City Clerk