

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
WORK SESSION SUMMARY
December 19, 2011, 5:00pm

The Mayor and Council of the City of Johns Creek held a Work Session on Monday, December 19, 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 D. McCabe. Council Member R. Johnson was absent. Mayor Bodker presided. City Manager Kachmar and other Department Heads were present.

Mayor Bodker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor informed Council there is a need for an Executive Session to discuss three (3) legal matters and asked if there was a preference in holding the discussion after the Work Session or during the Council Meeting. It was Council's preference to hold the Executive Session following discussion of the Work Session agenda items, time permitting.

City Engineer Ken Hildebrandt reviewed **Contracts for the Engineering Design for Three Sidewalk Projects**. He reported to Council the projects were previously approved by Council and the three engineering firms selected were from the pool of engineers prequalified by staff and authorized by Council to perform this type of work. He reviewed proposals and locations as follows: American Engineers, \$153,025 for segments on Douglas, Jones Bridge, Barnwell, Medlock Bridge and Haynes Bridge Roads; Southeastern Engineering, Inc., \$204,000 for segments on Findley, Abbotts Bridge and Medlock Bridge Roads; and Development Planning & Engineering, \$136,014 for segments on Johns Creek Parkway, Lakefield Drive, Bell and Medlock Bridge Roads. Mr. Hildebrandt noted the estimates were a bit high due to the location of the sidewalks, which require disturbing water lines and obtaining GDOT permits because some roads are State routes. Mayor Bodker clarified the sidewalk projects would contribute to the connectivity goals of Council and Council Member Figueroa asked for specifics on the proposed location on Abbotts Bridge Road. Following discussion, Council had no objections to moving these Task Orders to the January 9, 2012 Council Meeting agenda for consideration.

Assistant City Attorney Scott Hasteley presented on the **City Hall Lease Renewal**. He reported, per Council's request following the renewal discussion at the November 28th Work Session, that he attempted to pursue a renegotiation of the terms of the agreement with the leaseholder. The leaseholder was not amenable to that, alternatively proposing to renew the current annual term, after which they would be willing to engage in a 9-month discussion on renegotiating the agreement. Council expressed dissatisfaction with this response but will honor the current agreement. There were no objections to having the lease renewal on tonight's Council Meeting Agenda.

Assistant City Attorney Hasteley addressed the **Police Substation Lease**, indicating the term of the lease would be for five years at a facility off Old Alabama Road. City Manager Kachmar mentioned to Council the proposal for a police substation was reflected in the 2012 Fiscal Year Budget and he deferred to Police Chief Ed Densmore to discuss the need for the substation. Chief Densmore addressed Council, commenting on the need for the substation, creating more police visibility south of State

Bridge Road to help deter criminal activity. He added the City's crime statistics show there is a need for more police presence in this area and the location will offer added convenience to the citizens in this area. There was discussion on how the facility will function, impact on police response times, the cost for build-outs, utilities, lease terms and signage to identify the facility. There were no objections to moving this item to the January 9th Council Meeting Agenda for further consideration.

There was Council discussion on **Cultural Arts**, as it relates to *Arts on the Creek*. City Manager Kachmar summarized a discussion he held with the Johns Creek Chamber on creating a separate *AOC not-for-profit* entity and the continued partnership with the City. As discussions are ongoing, City Manager Kachmar asked to continue this discussion at a later date.

Mayor Bodker called for Nominees for three expiring posts in the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals, and one nominee for the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mayor Bodker asked that Council submit the nominees by close of business on January 9th.

Mayor Bodker noted there was sufficient time to hold an Executive Session to discuss three (3) legal matters. Council Member Miller motioned, seconded by Council Member Richardson to hold an Executive Session to discuss three (3) legal matters. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously and an Executive Session was held.

Council Member Miller motioned, seconded by Council Member Stewart to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Work Session. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously and the Work Session resumed.

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

Approved,

Attest,

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

Joan C. Jones, City Clerk