

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
WORK SESSION SUMMARY
January 9, 2012, 5:00pm

The Mayor and Council of the City of Johns Creek held a Work Session on Monday, January 9, 2012 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 Council Member-Elect B. Raffensperger was in the audience. Council Members R. Johnson and B Miller were 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 welcomed Council Member-Elect Brad Raffensperger who will be sworn in at tonight's Council Meeting and mentioned to Council there is a need for an Executive Session to discuss one (1) litigation matter. The Mayor asked if there were any objections to holding the Executive Session immediately following Work Session agenda items, time permitting. Note: Even though Council Member Elect-Raffensperger has not been sworn-in, Counselor Riley commented he is invited to participate in the Executive Session.

Public Works Director Tom Black reviewed the **DNR Grant Opportunity for Shakerag Park Trail Project**. Council has already budgeted funds for the trail construction. The grant would cover up to 80% (approximately \$35,000) of the construction costs. Council had no objections to staff moving this agenda item forward.

Director Black reviewed the Bid Award for the Resurfacing of State Bridge Road. He reviewed funding is through GDOT's Local Maintenance Infrastructure Grant (LMIG) program, which replaced the LARP. The funds will cover milling and resurfacing of State Bridge Road from Medlock Bridge Road to the Chattahoochee River. Council Member Richardson inquired about the time for completion and penalties for delays. Mr. Black responded the work should be completed by May 15th, which includes consideration for weather delays. There were no objections to adding this item to the January 30th Council Meeting agenda.

Director Black reviewed the **Flashing Yellow Lights Signage**. He presented a power point illustrating the program, which would allow a flashing yellow traffic signal to replace a red light during off-peak times at specific intersections. He mentioned national traffic studies have shown the flashing signal makes an intersection safer, moves traffic better and is more efficient and user friendly. The City would be the first in Georgia to implement the program. He reviewed locations where the lights would be installed first, including at McGinnis Ferry and State Bridge Roads, other sites could be added later. The flashing light allows traffic to cautiously proceed if there is no oncoming traffic rather than sitting at a red light during nonpeak hours. Council Member Stewart inquired about the safety and on stats on accidents at these intersections. Director Black will provide the accident stats; Council Member Richardson asked if the locations were selected because of high number of accidents and Director Black responded the selection was based on the higher traffic volume during non-peak times; Mayor Bodker inquired, as the program is new in Georgia if the implementation would include educational outreach to the public. Communications Manager Doug Nurse outlined efforts, including articles in several newspapers, website interactive displays, PSAs and other print and TV media to educate drivers. Mayor Bodker asked if GDOT would assist in the outreach, Mr. Black said the City's efforts would be supported; Council Member Richardson voiced costs concerns on the signal maintenance, CIP funds would cover the costs but additional funds may be sought to expand the program; Council Member Stewart asked to see proposed location plans and Council Member Figueroa mentioned looking at the intersection of Sargent and McGinnis as an option. Following discussion Council had no objections to moving this project forward.

Finance Director Monte Vavra reported on the **Fund Balance Policy in accordance with GASB 54**. He reported there have been recent changes in terminology with regard to fund balance descriptions and requirements; the City's Financial Policy has to be modified to reflect the changes. Mayor Bodker encouraged Council Members to meet with Director Vavra individually if there are questions. There were no objections to moving this item to the January 30th Council Meeting agenda.

City Manager Kachmar reported FEMA and DNR have asked the City to host a meeting on the new flood plain maps. The City mailed out letters to 800 property owners who may be affected. FEMA and DNR will conduct a workshop here at City Hall on Wednesday, January 18, from 6pm to 8pm. About 700 properties will move from a low to moderate or high risk area, and 100 will go from a high risk to a low risk area and these changes may affect the insurance premium for many homeowners.

The City Manager also informed Council the Charter Commission members will be sworn in on Tuesday, January 17 and the informational meetings with facilitator Lyle Sumek will be held on January 25 and 26th.

Mayor Bodker confirmed with Council Members that he has received their nominations for the BZA and Planning Commission posts; he closed the call for names and mentioned of the three BZA posts expiring, one member, Don Mairose is retiring and as he was present, the Mayor acknowledged him for his years of volunteer service to the City. Of the three expiring posts on the Planning Commission, Mike Lachey expressed he is no longer able to serve, and the Mayor thanked him for his service

The Mayor provided a legislative update on the 2012 session, which has just begun and said it appears tax reform legislation is a focus on this year's legislative agenda.

Council Member Richardson motioned, seconded by Council Member Stewart to hold an Executive Session to discuss one (1) legal matter. Mayor Bodker invited Council Member-Elect Raffensperger to participate and there being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously and an Executive Session was held.

Council Member Richardson 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