

**CITY OF JOHNS CREEK**  
**WORK SESSION SUMMARY**

**March 22, 2010**

**5:00pm**

The City of Johns Creek Mayor and Council held a Work Session on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 5:00pm. The 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 I. Figueroa, B. Miller, R. Johnson, D. McCabe, K. Richardson and Mayor Bodker. Absent was Council Member L. Hausmann. In addition, City Manager J. Kachmar, Attorney B. Riley, City Clerk J. Jones and other Department Heads were present.

Mayor Bodker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor asked to add items to the agenda: Additional information related to HPP funding and discussion of Privileged Resolution, and City Manger asked to ad a discussion on ChatCom 911 Center. There was consensus of Council to add these items for discussion.

Special Projects Coordinator Grant Hickey reported on the proposal for a **Community Garden** at Newtown Park. The project is an idea conceived by the Leadership Johns Creek Inaugural class. Assistant City Attorney Scott Haste reviewed the Use Agreement that will govern the garden project, including, maintenance and assurance of priority assignment of lots for city residents. The garden will be for private use, but the goods may be sold for fundraising as well. There was discussion about the selection of Newtown and the possibility of using other park space. Mr. Hickey informed Council that Newtown was selected because of its proximity to the proposed senior center. Council Member Johnson raised the issue the fields are used for recreation and there is demand for open fields in the city. Council Member Figueroa, asked for additional clarification on the procedures under which the garden will operate, and the future commitment of the Leadership Class to continue operating the garden after completion of their program. Assistant City Attorney Haste indicated that the details of the operating agreement are still being drafted; but there is a proposal to create a Board of Directors to be appointed to oversee the garden. The garden's participating members will fund the operation. Council had no objections to moving the item forward to the April 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting agenda.

Assistant City Attorney Scott Haste reported on the **USGS Grant Fund for Aerial Photography**. He asked council to consider approving an IGA authorizing the City of Alpharetta to make an application on behalf of all the participating cities, in the agreement signed in December, for grant assistance to defray the cost for obtaining the Aerial imagery. As submission of the grant application is timely, council was asked to consider this item at tonight's Council meeting. There was no objection.

Public Works Director Ken Hildebrandt introduced Marie Garrett. Ms. Garrett presented a PowerPoint, giving an overview of the City's **Solid Waste Plan** Ordinance adopted in 2008. She reviewed a 2009 neighborhood survey, and a survey of the haulers was conducted, details of her meeting with haulers, and information she gathered on the costs for services. In her report, Ms. Garrett, said 248 neighborhoods and about 21,994 households were being served. She reported 11 haulers are registered with the city and

there are several operating without being registered. As a result of the survey, Ms. Garrett found there were many inconsistencies in how the haulers operate within the City. There are multiple haulers serving single neighborhoods; haulers charge varying fees, and use various sizes of pick up containers. The frequent truck traffic increases the wear and tear of the roads and there is inequity in the fees charged by the haulers. Ms. Garrett also noted that not everyone recycled, and for the haulers who pick up recycling there were differences in what is collected. Ms. Garrett proposed a plan of action that entails five action items recommended to establish a Solid Waste Program. 1) Hire a Solid Waste Coordinator; 2) standardize the pickups; 3) Impose a franchise fee on both Commercial and Residential haulers to cover the costs for the Solid Waste Program, including repairs for the wear and tear on the streets and other program initiatives; 4) create an incentive program to encourage recycling; 5) institute a program to monitor the services of multiple haulers to determine if there should be single preferred haulers. Ms. Garrett reviewed how other cities manage their Solid Waste Programs, including fees imposed and incentives for haulers who service a single subdivision. She also suggested we add an exhibit to the Solid Waste Ordinance with the specific items that will be recycled, based on items the recycling centers are currently accepting. Mayor Bodker and Council reviewed recommendations and asked staff for their recommendations on action items.

Council Member Figueroa recused himself from this discussion as he is currently a Senior Services Board Member. Public Works Director Ken Hildebrandt reported on the **Senior Center renovation bid award**. Director Hildebrandt reported the City was awarded funds to renovate a senior center under the Community Development Block Grant. There were seven bids received for the renovation, with the lowest bid of \$565,000 submitted by Possibility Construction. He explained the bid bonds are due to expire and requested this item be moved directly to tonight's agenda. There was discussion as to whether the building could be used for other community purposes when not being used by the senior center. City Manager Kachmar added this would be allowed if it does not interfere with primary use as senior center. The city will be required to pay the utility costs for the facility but a senior services organization will cover operating cost and have primary use of the building. There was no objection to moving this item to tonight's Council Meeting agenda.

Mayor reviewed **resolution of support for Opportunity Zones**, entailing a tax incentive, paid to companies creating jobs in a designated zone. Cities must qualify to have designated Opportunity Zone based on certain demographics. The only cities in the area qualifying are Sandy Springs and Roswell. Roswell and Sandy Springs have asked Johns Creek for support. The North Fulton Municipal Association has asked sister cities to sign onto a resolution of support for the two cities. Council had no objections to moving this item to the April 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting agenda.

Approved,

Attest,

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Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

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Joan C. Jones, City Clerk