

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
WORK SESSION SUMMARY

June 7, 2010

5:00pm

The City of Johns Creek Mayor and Council held a Work Session on Monday, June 7, 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 Council Members D. McCabe, B. Miller, R. Johnson, K. Richardson and Mayor M. Bodker. Absent was Council Member Figueroa. City Manager J. Kachmar, Attorney B. Riley and other Department Heads were present.

Mayor Bodker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Land Development Manager Seth Yurman reported on the **Memorandum of Agreement with Fulton County Soil & Water Conservation District**. Manager Yurman reviewed a PowerPoint, which outlined the current Land Development Permit process and the benefits of the MOA. He reported that currently issuance of a Land Disturbance permit requires Community Development review and a subsequent review by Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation Department. The requirement for Fulton County review lengthens the permit process for applicants. The MOA would allow the Department to review and issue Land Disturbance permits in-house, expediting the process. The City has met the state requirements to qualify for in-house review. Fulton County and the State Conservation Commission must approve the Agreement prior to Council taking action. There was no objection to staff moving forward to obtain the necessary approvals from the County and State conservation departments.

Traffic Engineer Cindy Jenkins provided an update on the **North Fulton Regional Transportation Plan**. Ms Jenkins gave an overview of the status of the Plan, informing Council of the meetings held with the community to solicit ideas, some of which are reflected in a list of proposed projects distributed to council. Ms. Jenkins introduced, the Consultant from Kimberley-Horn Ed Ellis, Project Manager. Mr. Ellis informed Council the list of projects presented is preliminary and broad and includes project recommendations based on the **ARC Plan, 2040 Submittal**, previously supported TIP projects, community recommendations and those proposed based on projected growth of the area. He stated that towards the final stages of the planning process, the proposed list of projects would be significantly reduced. The criteria for making the final recommendations will include assessing the available funding and selecting projects that are regionally significant and buildable, and would have the best possibility of being supported for funding. There was also discussion on revenue projections to be generated from the penny tax proposed to fund transportation projects and the authority, a body of county officials and local mayors, who will be charged with deciding how the funds would be allocated. Council discussed proposed projects for the area including expansion of the public transit system, various intersection improvements and the process for incorporating their input in the final proposals. Mayor Bodker requested Public Works staff provide additional information for Council's review, including the current ARC Plan 2040 and the Concept 3 Maps, to facilitate continued discussion on the Regional Transportation Plan.

Mayor Bodker **Called for Nominees for Appointment to the Convention and Visitors Bureau** to fill a seat vacated earlier this year. Two names were submitted for

nomination, Michael Cannady and Michael Stevens. Mayor Bodker proposed to nominate Michael Cannady to fill the vacancy. Council had no objections to moving the nomination of Michael Cannady to tonight's council meeting agenda for consideration.

City Manager Kachmar reviewed the **Monthly Action Plan Report** and outlined the Goals of 2013. He summarized projects that are in process and/or completed. Those included the approved transportation projects—resurfacing of Old Alabama and Bell Road; MARTA funded Pedestrian improvements, as well as completing gaps in the Greenway. Further, he discussed *Expanded Business Opportunities* informing Council of the new directory of local businesses available on our website and staff's continued interface with the Johns Creek Chamber and Greater North Fulton Chamber. On the goal to *Build Community Pride*, City Manager Kachmar touted two brochures for community policing programs: PACT, neighborhood policing program and STOP, a program aimed toward encouraging safety for teen drivers. The City Manager said the STOP program has been well received by parents. He thanked Communications Manager Rosemary Taylor, police staff and Court Clerk Tony Day for their contributions to the policing programs. He also mentioned the tremendous community participation in the Relay for Life event and participation in the Public Work Week activities. With regard to other Action Items, the City Manager reported staff works closely with the CVB and will be supporting the Chamber's "Arts on the Creek" event and "Shop the Creek", to encourage patronizing local businesses. Council requested follow up on Action Item related to the Bond rating, and for feedback on the Parks Master Plan. City Manager Kachmar mentioned scheduling a discussion regarding City Hall lease options and implementing another citizen survey.

Mayor Bodker mentioned to Council he had a preliminary discussion about a dedicated zip code for Johns Creek with Congressman Price and if council concurs, he will continue the discussion with the Postal Service and the Congressman Price and update council as necessary. Council concurred.

Mayor Bodker informed council there was a need for an **Executive Session**. Council Member Miller motioned, seconded my Council Member Johnson, to go into Executive Session to discuss one (1) legal and one (1) land use issue. There was no discussion and the motion passes unanimously.

Council Member Johnson motioned, seconded by Council Member Richardson to come out of Executive Session and resume the Work Session. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously; 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