

**CITY OF PEACHTREE CORNERS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 20, 2015, @ 7:00PM**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Peachtree Corners held a Council Meeting at City Hall, 147 Technology Parkway, Suite 200, Peachtree Corners, GA, 30092. The following were in attendance:

Mayor	Mike Mason
Council Member	Phil Sadd – Post 1
Council Member	James Lowe – Post 2
Council Member	Alex Wright – Post 3
Council Member	Jeanne Aulbach – Post 4
Council Member	Lorri Christopher – Post 5
Council Member	Weare Gratwick – Post 6
City Manager	Julian Jackson
City Clerk	Kym Chereck
Com. Dev. Director	Diana Wheeler
City Attorney	Bill Riley
Public Works Director	Greg Ramsey
Comm. Director	Judy Putnam
Accounting Manager	Brandon Branham

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Mason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS:** Mayor Mason commended Major Gale Higginbotham on her completion of the FBI course at Quantico.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 16, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING.**

**By: Council Member Christopher**

**Seconded by: Council Member Gratwick**

**Vote: (7-0) (Christopher, Gratwick, Mason, Sadd, Lowe, Wright, Aulbach)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**

### **Staff Activity Report – Community Development**

Diana Wheeler, Community Development Director, provided her report on staff activities that occurred during the period of January 2, 2015 – January 16, 2015. These activities included, among other items, authorization from the Downtown Development Authority to authorize the attorney to prepare draft sales contracts, meeting with Fuqua to discuss contract terms and responsibilities, meeting with Pond and Company to review Winters Chapel Road study documents, and preparing year-end reports.

### **Staff Activity Report – Public Works**

Greg Ramsey, Public Works Director, provided his report on staff activities that occurred in the period ending with January 19, 2015. These activities included, among other items, meeting with the Department of Transportation and meeting with the Planning Commission. Mr. Ramsey also presented the Mayor and Council with work order summaries and introduced his Public Works team.

### **Maulding & Jenkins – FY2014 Audit**

Mr. Adam Fraley of Maulding & Jenkins presented the Financial Year 2014 Audit. Mr. Fraley stated that the City is in good standing.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **O2014-12-36**

Second Read of an Ordinance to re-adopt Sections 100-21 through 100-28 of Article 1, General Provisions, of the 2012 City of Peachtree Corners Code of Ordinances in order to establish the Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Regulations as an independent ordinance specific to the City of Peachtree Corners.

Mrs. Diana Wheeler, Community Development Director, informed the Mayor and Council that this Ordinance is currently on the books, but not in this form. The old Ordinance noted Gwinnett County as the enforcing agency, and the new Ordinance notes the City of Peachtree Corners as the enforcing agency. Mrs. Wheeler stated that the changes are very minor.

Mayor Mason asked for public comment concerning this application. There were no comments.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2014-12-36.**

**By: Council Member Sadd**

**Seconded: Council Member Christopher**

**Vote: (7-0) (Sadd, Christopher, Mason, Lowe, Wright, Aulbach, Gratwick)**

**O2014-12-37**

Second Read of an Ordinance to adopt the GMEBS Life and Health Program Trust Agreement, The Participation Agreement, and Declaration.

Mr. Julian Jackson, City Manager, informed the Mayor and Council that this item addresses changes to the GMA Health Insurance. Information pertaining to this item was available in the Council Packet.

Mayor Mason asked for public comment concerning this item. There were no comments.

**MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2014-12-37.**

**By: Council Member Gratwick**

**Seconded: Council Member Sadd**

**Vote: (7-0) (Gratwick, Sadd, Mason, Lowe, Wright, Aulbach, Christopher)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PH2014-005**

Consideration of a request by Verizon Wireless to approve a Tall Structure Permit to allow for a 100 ft. Monopine (cell tower) at 6579 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

Diana Wheeler, Community Development Director, informed the Mayor and Council that Verizon Wireless submitted an application for approval of a cell tower (configured as a tall pine tree). Since there are technical aspects associated with a cell tower application, the City is required to retain a consultant specializing in cell towers to evaluate the applicant's proposal. Staff retained David Snavey, an electrical engineer who specializes in evaluating cell tower placements. Mr. Snavey was present at the meeting and stated that he concluded that Verizon's application for a cell tower is justified and should have minimal impact on adjoining properties. The applicant was represented by Jennifer Blackburn of Troutman Sanders. A motion was made after discussion concerning the impact of the cell tower at the specified location.

Mayor Mason asked for public comment concerning this application. There were no comments.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PH2014-005.**

**By: Council Member Sadd**

**Seconded: Council Member Aulbach**

**Vote: (7-0) (Sadd, Aulbach, Mason, Lowe, Wright, Christopher, Gratwick)**

**PH2014-007**

Consideration of a request to approve a Metropolitan River Protection Act Certificate in order to authorize construction of a new home and landscaping on 1.5 acres located at 4398 Riverview Drive, Lot 5, Block A, of Riverview Estates subdivision in Land Lot 329 & 330 of the 6th District of Gwinnett County Georgia, and is located within the Chattahoochee River Corridor.

Diana Wheeler, Community Development Director, informed the Mayor and Council that the applicant is requesting approval of a Metropolitan River Protection Act Certificate in order to authorize construction of a new home and landscaping located at 4398 Riverview Drive. Mrs. Wheeler recommended approval with the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall file the certificate in the real estate records of Clerk of Superior court of Gwinnett County.
2. Applicant shall stake limits of land disturbing activity for city approval prior to issuance of the building permit.
3. Applicant shall provide Affidavit confirming as/built conditions prior to issuance of certificate of occupancy.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PH2014-007 WITH CONDITIONS.**

**By: Council Member Lowe**

**Seconded: Council Member Christopher**

**Vote: (7-0) (Lowe, Christopher, Mason, Sadd, Wright, Aulbach, Gratwick)**

**ACTION ITEM - APH2014-09-015**

Consideration of a request to approve an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Crestline Hotels & Resorts, LLC DBA: Hilton Atlanta Northeast at 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.

**MOTION TO APPROVE APH2014-09-015.**

**By: Council Member Aulbach**

**Seconded: Council Member Gratwick**

**Vote: (7-0) (Aulbach, Gratwick, Mason, Sadd, Lowe, Wright, Christopher)**

**O2015-01-37**

First Read and Consideration of Amending Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages, of the 2012 City of Peachtree Corners Code of Ordinances, by Adding Article XI, 'Retail Sales of Distilled Spirits – Liquor Stores', amending Section 6-5, Distance Requirements, and setting an effective date. *(Second Read and Public Hearing scheduled Feb. 17, 2015.)*

**O2015-01-38**

First Read and Consideration of amending Article XIII of the 2012 City of Peachtree Corners Zoning Resolution by adding 'Liquor Store' as a Special Use within C-2, C-3, and M-1 zoning districts and setting an effective date. *(Second Read and Public Hearing scheduled Feb. 17, 2015)*

**ACTION ITEM**

Consideration of Infrastructure Management Services (IMS) contract agreement for pavement evaluation service.

Greg Ramsey, Public Works Director, informed the Mayor and Council that this item is a proposal and recommendation from Staff for an agreement with IMS to perform pavement data analysis. The data will be used in order to develop an asset management program for our City Streets. The cost will be \$53,535.00.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.**

**By: Council Member Sadd**

**Seconded: Council Member Christopher**

**Vote: (7-0) (Sadd, Christopher, Mason, Lowe, Wright, Aulbach, Gratwick)**

**ACTION ITEM**

Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County for Solid Waste and Ad Valorem collection.

Brandon Branham, Accounting Manager, informed the Mayor and Council that the City of Peachtree Corners and Gwinnett County have come to an agreement to collect Solid Waste and Ad Valorem to the property bills. The agreement is included in the Council packet.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE IGA WITH GWINNETT COUNTY FOR SOLID WASTE AND AD VALOREM COLLECTION.**

**By: Council Member Lowe**

**Seconded: Council Member Sadd**

**Vote: (7-0) (Lowe, Sadd, Mason, Wright, Aulbach, Christopher, Gratwick)**

**ACTION ITEM**

Consideration of fixing qualifying fees for the November 3, 2015 Election.

Kym Chereck, City Clerk/Election Superintendent, informed the Mayor and Council that the fixing of qualifying fees for the November 3, 2015 election needs to be approved and posted in the Gwinnett Daily Post by February 2, 2015.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIXING OF QUALIFYING FEES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 ELECTION.**

**By: Council Member Christopher**

**Seconded: Council Member Gratwick**

**Vote: (7-0) (Christopher, Gratwick, Mason, Sadd, Lowe, Wright, Aulbach)**

**WORK SESSION:**

**2014 Year End Reports**

Mrs. Diana Wheeler presented the Mayor and Council with the 2014 Year-End Report. Mrs. Wheeler requested that the Mayor and Council let her know if there is anything that they would like added for the 2015 Year-End Report.

**Spalding Terrace Improvements**

Mr. Greg Ramsey stated that at the Mayor and Council's request, since there were issues with existing residents concerning egress and ingress onto Spalding Drive from Spalding Terrace, he looked at traffic improvements for Spalding Terrace. After looking at various scenarios, Mr. Ramsey suggested widening the road so there are three lanes, one lane being a 10' right turn lane, and two being 11' lanes. A diagram was presented to the Mayor and Council.

**Stream Buffer and Post-Construction Stormwater Ordinances**

Mr. Greg Ramsey and Melissa Schwartz, CIP Manager, informed the Mayor and Council that these Ordinances are required in order for the City of Peachtree Corners to receive their MS4 Permit with the State for Stream Buffer and Storm Water. Previously Gwinnett County enforced the Stream Buffers and

Stormwater, and now the City of Peachtree Corners is responsible for enforcement. After discussion it was decided that these Ordinances would be before the Mayor and Council at the February meeting.

**Discussion on adding Traffic and Operational Analysis to the Pond & Company contract for the Winters Chapel Road LCI.**

Mr. Greg Ramsey requested to expand the existing LCI the City has with Pond and Company to include a traffic analysis for the corridor. The Mayor and Council recommended inquiring if the City of Dunwoody would like to participate financially in this traffic analysis.

**Discussion on a maintenance facility for Optech per the adopted IGA.**

This item was deferred until the February 17, 2015 Council meeting.

**Update on Street Light Billing**

Mr. Brandon Branham informed the Mayor and Council that the City was informed last month that they are now responsible for Street lights. The first bill will be received in February which will be approximately \$28,000. The City will be paying this bill upfront, and then when property tax bills go out, the City will receive a reimbursement. Georgia Power will do the maintenance for the street lights. This item will be before the Mayor and Council again at a later date since it will be a change to the Intergovernmental Agreement we have with Gwinnett County.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:25 PM**

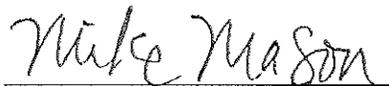
**By: Council Member Sadd**

**Seconded by: Council Member Christopher**

**Vote: (7-0) (Sadd, Christopher, Mason, Lowe, Wright, Aulbach, Gratwick)**

Approved,

Attest:



Mike Mason, Mayor



  
City Clerk