

CITY OF PEACHTREE CORNERS
COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2012 @ 7:30pm

The Mayor and Council of the City of Peachtree Corners held a Council Meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 7:30pm. The meeting started at approximately 7:50pm after a quorum was reached. This Council Meeting was rescheduled from September 18th and was duly noticed and held at the Robert Fowler, YMCA located at 5600 West Jones Bridge Road, in Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. The following were in attendance:

Mayor	Mike Mason
Council Member	Phil Sadd - Post 1-- Absent
Council Member	James Lowe - Post 2- Absent
Council Member	Alex Wright - Post 3
Council Member	Jeanne Aulbach - Post 4- Absent
Council Member	Lorri Christopher - Post 5
Council Member	Weare Gratwick - Post 6
Acting City Attorney	Lenny Felgin, Scott Robichaux
Consultant	John Kachmar
Acting City Clerk	Joan Jones

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

OPENING COMMENTS: Mayor Mason thanked everyone for attending and offered condolences to the family of Council Member Sadd on the loss of his father. He commented this is a short agenda and recognized the new City Manager Julian Jackson who is in attendance tonight.

MINUTES: Mayor Mason called for a motion to consider the September 4, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Christopher motioned, seconded by Council Member Gratwick to approve the minutes as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Mason called for any public comment. No public comments made.

REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS: Community Development Director Diana Wheeler reported on staff activities during the September 4th through September 14th time frame. The report included an update on the recent Planning Commission Administrative Hearing held on September 11th, her meetings with various people including Gwinnett County Code Enforcement, City of Dunwoody representatives to discuss common boundaries, Gwinnett Village CID and the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce representatives to discuss economic development incentives. In addition, Ms. Wheeler continued her review of a draft request for proposals for Development Services, explaining in detail what qualifications are needed when considering services for community planning and processing, business licensing, GIS services and mapping, zoning administration, inspections and code enforcement. There was discussion held on staffing, outsourcing, timelines for the RFP release and Proposal submittals. She reiterated the city needs to be proactive and provide quality and responsive customer service. Consultant Kachmar explained the ways in which outsourcing can benefit the city, the need to specify what the city wants when they negotiate contracts, how staffing turnover is handled with contract employees, and how data is handled and that not everything is performance based. In closing, Ms. Wheeler reported she will finalize the draft and send out to the council for their feedback and have this placed on the first meeting in October for council action.

Acting Clerk Jones reminded everyone of the upcoming 9/25 Work Session that begins at 6:00pm. She asked for any agenda items that may need to be placed on this Work Session Agenda. Mayor Mason noted there is a need to discuss the Financial/Procurement Policies and Franchise Agreements. During this time, there was council discussion of the an upcoming Gwinnett County Board of Commissioner's meeting to be held the same day regarding Energy Excise Tax and their request to have a quorum of the Mayor and Council to attend this meeting if possible. There was council consensus to move the 9/25 Work Session start time from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

NEW BUSINESS: Council Member Christopher motioned, seconded by Council Member Gratwick to approve the one year free membership into the **Gwinnett Municipal Association**. During discussion, cost and benefits were addressed along with their upcoming meeting on October 9th at the Hilton. There being no further discussion, Mayor Mason called the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (***ACTION ITEM***)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session held.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Mason wished everyone a pleasant evening.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Council Member Wright motioned, seconded by Council Member Gratwick to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved,

Attest:

Mike Mason, Mayor

Joan C. Jones, Acting City Clerk