

CITY OF PEACHTREE CORNERS
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
November 8, 2012 @ 7:30pm

The Mayor and Council of the City of Peachtree Corners held a Special Called Council Meeting on Thursday, November 08, 2012 at 7:30pm and it was held at the Atlanta Hilton NE, located at 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Peachtree Corners, and 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 - Delayed
Council Member	Jeanne Aulbach - Post 4
Council Member	Lorri Christopher - Post 5
Council Member	Weare Gratwick - Post 6
City Attorney	Bill Riley
City Manager	Julian Jackson
Acting City Clerk	Joan Jones

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

OPENING COMMENTS: Mayor Mason commented this is the anniversary of the city referendum and congratulated all present on their hard work. In addition, Council Member Christopher expressed on behalf of the council, appreciation for all the veterans who have given so much to this country.

MINUTES: Mayor Mason called for a motion to consider the October 30, 2012 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Gratwick motioned, seconded by Council Member Christopher to approve the minutes as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA CONSIDERATION: Council Aulbach motioned, seconded by Council Member Gratwick to approve tonight's agenda as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion carried and the agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ali Stinson addressed the council and voiced her concern regarding the taxation items on the agenda and commented on the Carl Vinson Report and with Peachtree Corners being a limited services government, the citizens don't need more to pay more taxes. Mayor Mason asked Julian Jackson to get with Ms. Stinson to discuss and review her concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA: No Consent Agenda Items

REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS: Community Development Director Diana Wheeler provided her report on **staff activities** that occurred during October 29th through November 2nd which included a breakdown of permits issued by the County (included with packet). Director Wheeler also reported there were ten responses received for the Community Development Services and the committee has been given the information to start the review process. In addition, she reminded Council the Planning Commission will be hearing their first zoning cases on November 13th and these cases will come before council for a Public Hearing and consideration in December. In closing, Director Wheeler reported the Request for Proposals regarding the 2033 Comprehensive Plan have been posted on the city website.

OLD BUSINESS:

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 18: The Second Read of Ordinance 2012-10-66 amending Chapter 18: Businesses, to Provide for Taxation on Financial Institutions; to provide for Codification; to provide for Severability; to provide an Effective Date and for Other Purposes was held. Council Member Gratwick recused himself from this agenda item as he is employed by a Financial Institution.

Attorney Riley reviewed the amendment to this Chapter 18: Businesses, reporting this is currently in place with Gwinnett County and is the methodology financial institutions use instead of the Business License/Occupational Taxes process. Council Member Lowe motioned, seconded by Council Member Aulbach to approve Ordinance 2012-10-66 amending Chapter 18 as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with Council Member Gratwick and Council Member Wright not in attendance for this agenda item. **(ORDINANCE 2012-10-66)**

Council Member Gratwick returned to the meeting.

ENERGY EXCISE TAX-IGA w/GWINNETT COUNTY: Mayor Mason commented to council this item will be delayed for a few minutes as Council Member Wright will be arriving shortly.

NEW BUSINESS:

PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: City Manager Jackson provided a report on this policy, explaining with just three employees he kept it simple and was available for any questions council may have. There being no discussion, Council Member Lowe motioned, seconded by Council Member Christopher to approve this resolution adopting the City of Peachtree Corners Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as presented. The motion carried unanimously. **(RESOLUTION 2011-11-30)**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: City Manager Jackson reviewed the three quotation proposals for IT Services that were received, with pricing ranging from \$9,814.00 from GNAT; \$2,342.00 from VC3; \$1,552.00 from GMA (IT in a Box). There was discussion on what services the quotes provide such as website development, support center, startup infrastructure, the cost variance and how the services compare to one another and what other cities are using the Manager's recommendation of GMA services for IT. (Council Member Wright arrived during discussion of IT Services). Council Member Gratwick motioned, seconded by Council Member Christopher to approve IT Services with GMA (IT in a Box) for Peachtree Corners at \$1,552.00 per month. During further discussion, there was clarification this is an open ended contract with no upfront expenses. Mayor Mason called the motion and the motion carried unanimously. **(ACTION ITEM)**

As Council Member Wright had arrived during discussion of IT Services, Council took up Old Business Item-**IGA w/Gwinnett County regarding the Energy Excise Tax**. Mayor Mason explained this IGA with Gwinnett County allows the city to receive any energy excise tax collected by Gwinnett County for qualified businesses that fall within Peachtree Corners. Council Member Gratwick motioned, seconded by Council Member Sadd to approve this Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City, Gwinnett County and other Certain Municipalities of Gwinnett County Concerning an Energy Excise Tax Enacted Pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of O.C.G.A. Repealing Prior Resolutions in Conflict; and for Other Purposes. There was discussion on the uncertainty of the amount that will be collected, the frustration of why the legislature puts such restrictions on municipalities and that Gwinnett County will collect the energy excise tax even if Peachtree Corners does not sign this Intergovernmental Agreement. There was council consensus that the wording in the proposed Resolution clarifies the city will, to the best of their ability, utilize the funds to support economic development of the

City, including its economic infrastructure and businesses. There being no further discussion, Mayor Mason called the motion and the motion carried unanimously. (**RESOLUTION 2012-10-25**)

City Manager Jackson requested to delay the next agenda item (Appointment of City Clerk) until after Executive Session.

The **FIRST READ of Ordinance 2012-11-67** to Adopt the 2006 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code and Amendments Thereto Regulating and Governing the Conditions and Maintenance of All Property, Buildings and Structures; By Providing the Standard for Supplied Utilities and Facilities and Other Physical Things and Conditions Essential to Ensure That Structures are Safe, Sanitary and Fit for Occupation and Use; and the Condemnation of Buildings and Structures Unfit for Human Occupancy and Use and the Demolition of Such Existing Structures in the City of Peachtree Corners, Georgia Providing for the Issuance of Permits and Collection of Fees Therefore; and for Other Purposes was held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council Member Wright motioned to go into Executive Session for the discussion of one (1) Personnel Matter and two (2) Litigation Matters. There being no discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Christopher motioned, seconded by Council Member Gratwick to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was resumed.

CITY CLERK APPOINTMENT: Mayor Mason called for consideration of the resolution appointing Kymberly Chereck as the City Clerk for the City of Peachtree Corners, Georgia. Council Member Lowe motioned, seconded by Council Member Aulbach to approve Resolution 2012-11-31 appointing Kymberly Chereck as City Clerk. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously. (**RESOLUTION 2012-11-31**)

OTHER BUSINESS: There was Council discussion and consensus to cancel the upcoming November 27th 6:00pm Work Session and have a 7:30pm Council Meeting instead in order to take action on necessary agenda items. Proper notice will be posted.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Council Member Christopher 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,


Mike Mason, Mayor

Attest:


Joan C. Jones, Acting City Clerk