

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
Mayor and Council
WORK SESSION SUMMARY
April 28, 2008

The City of Johns Creek Mayor and Council held a Work Session on Monday, April 28, 2008. The Work Session was held at 5:00pm in the Council Chamber's Executive Conference Room located at 12000 Findley Road, Suite 300, in Johns Creek Georgia. In attendance were Council Members, Figueroa, Miller, Richardson, Hausmann, and Johnson along with Mayor Bodker. Staff attendance included City Manager Kachmar, Program Director Boehm; Public Works Director Hildebrandt, Finance Director Vavra, Administrations Director Boell, Fire Chief Daniels, Community Development Director Williams, Court Clerk Day, Police Chief Densmore, Chief of Staff Hansen, Communications Director Doughty, and City Clerk Jones. The Work Session was open to the public.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Bodker.

MAYOR'S COMMENT: Mayor Bodker welcomed everyone.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES: Council Member Bev Miller recused herself from this work session item as she is employed by a potential partner with this program. Chief of Staff Patty Hansen presented the **Heart Ready City Program** which is sponsored by the American Heart Association. Ms. Hansen stated the city has been approached to become the first Heart Ready City in Georgia and both Fire and Police Chief are supportive of the program. The total cost of the program is \$66,500 with various underwriting cost of \$31,700 with the total cost to the city of \$34,800. She also stated the outlook of securing 80% funding commitment from the community is a positive one. This will be on the May 5th council meeting for consideration. Mrs. Hansen also spoke on the **Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (H.E.A.T. Grant)** which specifically focuses on the three highest fatalities which are DUI, reckless driving and seat belt usage. She stated the state will fund 80% for both vehicles and one officer the first year. John Kachmar spoke of his support this program and gave a brief overview on accommodating the funding for the upcoming fiscal year. He did remind Council this funding is for one year only and the council needs to consider that in future budgets. After a brief discussion about the scope of the project, the agenda item was placed on tonight's council meeting due to the deadline of the grant.

Council Member Miller resumed attendance at this Work Session.

Finance Director, Monte Vavra spoke on the **Budget Amendment for the Thermal Imaging Camera Grant** to amend the ordinance of the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget for the general fund on anticipated donation of \$30,000 from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company for Thermal Imaging Camera Grant. This will be introduced at tonight's council meeting as a first read.

Director of Communications Bill Doughty presented council with **Choose to Use Johns Creek Initiative** which will assist with the city's identity in all common usages and enhance resident's pride in the city. Mr. Doughty stated a few of the objectives under this initiative include encouraging residents to use the Johns Creek address and for businesses to adopt and advertise Johns Creek in their marketing materials. Mr. Doughty stated the cost will be minimal for this initiative and any cost will be the printing of materials. Staff and Council may bring back various concepts and proposed usage and funding sources, possibly from the Convention and Visitors Bureau or with combination of the city logo and seal.

Mr. Doughty also followed up on the **Mission and Vision Statements** and presented the information as submitted by the Carl Vinson Institute and provided his suggestions to council. This agenda item will be brought back to council for further consideration..

City Attorney Bill Riley reviewed the **Amendment to Chapter 10 Taxes-Hotel/Motel Tax** which identifies the sub-paragraph providing the method of expenditure of revenue collected from the hotel/motel tax as recommended by the Department Community Affairs. This agenda item is scheduled for tonight's council meeting for a first read of the ordinance amendment.

Council Member Miller gave an **Update on Convention and Visitors Bureau Board Member Todd Cleveland's promotion** and how it affects the CVB. Council Member Miller stated Mr. Cleveland plans on submitting a letter to the board with suggestion on a new board appointee. She will keep the council informed.

City Manager John Kachmar spoke on the **Budget Revision for City/Court Security**. Due to the police department start up the need for a security officer is no longer needed but he would like to keep the receptionist position at city hall. Mr. Kachmar stated that police officers will be used at the municipal court room. The city will save over \$8,000 by converting these positions. This will be part of the mid year budget review process.

City Manager John Kachmar withdrew the **Fire Department Salary Tables** from the agenda as it will be presented at next week work session. Mr. Kachmar also announced the resignation of Tony Green, Chairman of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee. Discussion was held on the nomination process and the previous list of nominees from the council members. Mgr. Kachmar also announced that the proposal for the Community Citizen Survey, council will be interviewed

Finance Director Monte Vavra gave an update on the subsidized cost of the Summer Day Camp Program regarding the **Camper Fees**. Recreation and Parks Kirk Franz gave a brief overview of how the summer camp was advertised and the method of recruitment. After a brief discussion on increasing summer camp attendance and the concern on camp fees, it was suggested to recruit additional schools in the area to increase participation.

Council Member Liz Hausmann spoke about the **Banner Permit Fes for Non-Profit** and stated that a few citizens were concern about the graduation banners and stated she is not

in support of the permit fees. Mayor Bodker also stated that his office has also received calls from other active citizens. Discussion was held on the administrative cost of permit fees. Council may consider this cost during the next year budget discussions and the fee schedule.

Mayor Bodker did request an Executive Session to discuss three legal matters. Council Member Richardson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss three legal matters. Council Member Hausmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Miller made a motion to resume the Work Session. Council Member Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Work Session resumed. There being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned.

Approved:

Attested:

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

Joan Jones, City Clerk