

Minutes

WORKSHOP OF THE LAKE CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 26, 2012

Participants: Mayor Oswalt, Councilman Williams, Councilman JB Sowell, Councilwoman Kelly Councilman Ginn, City Attorney Fincher, City Manger Lancken, City Treasurer Tripp, Police Chief Colwell, Public Works Superintendent Robinson, Bill Johnston, Urban Planner, Charlie Griswell, Sang Nguyen, Zoning Applicant and Faye Stovall, Citizen.

The Work Shop commenced at 9:30 AM wherein Charlie Griswell donated to the City via a Quit Claim Deed to property located at 1353 Kenyon Rd. He expressed the desire to have a plaque placed at the property citing the family name of the Kenyon Family who were the original conveyors of the land.

Thereafter a Zoning Hearing was commenced to consider the following item: Rezoning of property at 5512 Jonesboro Road, Lake City, GA from GI (Gateway) to GB (General Business) with conditions. Petition was received from Applicant Sang Nguyen on February 10, 2012. A motion was offered to approve the matter by Councilman JB Sowell and seconded by Councilman Ginn and the measure passed unanimously.

City Attorney, Fincher discussed the proposal of refinancing the City's current debt as developed by Piper Jaffray Company. The Council took the proposal under advisement with the prospect that it would take the matter up during its May 14, 2012 Council Meeting.

City Manager, Joel Lancken updated the Council on the results of the previous day's Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee. The essence of which follows:

The objective of the meeting was to discuss the development of synergistic activities between the City's of Forest Park, Morrow and Lake City as it pertains to economic redevelopment.

Jeff Eady pointed out that Morrow's recent LCI Study addressed the changing dynamics of housing, warehousing, commercial development, town center models and related factors influencing future economic development as well as the need for a total rewrite of existing zoning ordinances.

Jeff Eady and John Parker agreed on the need for impact studies followed by updated zoning laws to attract not only business opportunities but residents to this area.

There was a consensus that the Clayton County Economic Development Council and Georgia Power were excellent partnership vehicles for the advancement of economic development.

Serious consideration was given to a tripartite sharing of a PR Firm to advance the meaning of our world class transportation/logistics location so as to build relationships now with logistics corporations whose strategic goals are shaped for the future to meeting their growth objectives.

Consideration was given to the thought of forming a “conceptual alliance” between the 3 Cities to determine if through strength in numbers it would increase the chances for certain economic development federal grants and revenue sharing.

It was agreed that building a continuing synergy amongst the three cities has its advantages due to the common issues of economic development and the close proximity to each other.

Bill Johnston, Urban Planner made a Power Point Presentation which embraced the following:

- Consider funding a market analysis to better understand Lake City’s market position and tying the results to the studies done by Morrow and Forest Park.
- Develop marketing letters directed toward the list of logistics and transportation corporations handed out in the meeting.
- Develop a quote from the magazine that John Parker used with excellent results as a means to advertise the benefits of this area.

The Work Session ended at 10:30AM.

The City Manager requested an Executive Session to discuss a 6 month review and Succession Planning Considerations of City Personnel.

J.B. Sowell made a motion in favor of an Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Williams. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager described a six month overview of operational considerations including succession planning of city personnel and multiple personnel issues.

The Executive Session ended at 12:00 Noon