



**WORK SESSION OF THE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF DULUTH, GA  
MAY 11, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Harris, Council members Bomar, Dugan, Hall, Mundrick and Whitlock  
City Administrator, Department Directors, City Attorney

A work session was held prior to the regular scheduled meeting to allow the elected officials to discuss and ask questions of department directors regarding this evening's agenda items. The City Administrator briefed Council on options for reviewing the budget in the post-meeting work session. No other items were discussed and no action was taken.

**MINUTES OF THE  
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Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE:** Councilmember Hall

**WELCOME RESIDENTS:** Chattahoochee Reserve/Towne Park Place

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor called upon Alisa Williams, PR/Marketing Director to come forward to announce upcoming events.

The Annual *Memorial Day Service* will be held on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Town Green.

*Brown Bag Lunches* begin in the Town Green on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. Bring your lunch or pick up something from one of our downtown restaurants and enjoy live music every Thursday (excluding July 2<sup>nd</sup>) through August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The *SummerStage Concert Series* kicks off with Blues on the Green, featuring *Ross Bon and the Mighty Blue Kings* on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

The City's Parks & Recreation Department is taking registrations for *Summer Day Camps*.

## I. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

### 1. RECOGNITION – PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Councilmember Hall, Parks & Recreation Director Kathy Marelle, the Mayor and Council recognized Owen Hyatt for submitting the winning photo chosen in the non- professional photo contest sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. The contestants were to submit photos from the categories of people enjoying the parks, seasonal photos, and landscape or sport activities. Owen, who is ten years old, submitted his photo of the memorial flags with a silhouette of City Hall in the background.

### 2. APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE – CIBA VISION

Councilmember Whitlock, the Mayor and Council recognized CIBA Vision for their many years of community service for park projects at Bunten Road Park. The CIBA Vision at Johns Creek has volunteered numerous service hours for park projects. From the “Great Day of Service” to “Community Partnership Day,” CIBA Vision has completed service projects for more than five years, assisting the department with planting flowers, cleaning the nature trail, staining and painting fencing, benches and tables, and installation of the decorative split rail fence along the park drive. Staff is very appreciative of the efforts, time and talent that CIBA Vision has so generously contributed to the Parks and Recreation Department.

### 3. RECOGNITION – DULUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC TEAM

Councilmember Dugan, the Mayor and Council recognized members of the Duluth Middle School Academic Team, who participated in 12 state, national, and international tournaments this school year. The team has done an exceptional job representing DMS, Gwinnett County Public Schools, and the state of Georgia, as they brought home a total of 14 trophies (10 of which were for first place). The DMS Academic Team is the champion academic bowl team for the state of Georgia. Council member Dugan stated that during this school year, academic teams from public and private schools in 77 of Georgia’s counties competed in the very prestigious PAGE tournament circuit, all in an effort to win the title of Georgia’s state champion academic team. At each tournament on the circuit, academic teams are eliminated from further contention. To vie to be the state champion academic team, a team must win their county tournament, their regional tournament, the state quarter-final tournament, the state semi-final tournament, and finally a team must win Georgia’s state final. In February of this year, Duluth Middle Academic Team became Georgia’s state champion academic team.

On April 22nd, the DMS Academic Team, along with thousands of students in the U.S.A. and several foreign lands, participated in the 52nd Knowledge Master Open academic competition. More than 2,500 middle school, junior high and high school teams competed in this computer-based competition in which teams answer 200 challenging questions, earning points for the speed and accuracy of their answers. DMS Academic Team placed 2nd internationally out of 700 middle school teams and first in their division! Members of Duluth Middle’s Academic Team are:

Hanfei Wang – Captain, Molly Rea – Team manager, Arnold Adel, Jack Botting, Jashith Choppara, Ebuka Imachukwu, John Kaffezakis , Donny Li, Jonathan Li, Richard Lu, Maria Matthews, Nikhil Patel, Anne Pelchat, Evan Pax, Jasmine Pillarisetti,, Aashna Punwani, Abraham Quintero , Abhi Ramachandiran, Michael Rayalu, Abraham Quintero Saad Rashid, Rikhil Shah, Viral Shah, Ashay Sheth, Jason Wang, Mark Wang, and Mike Wang.

Council authorized the City Administrator to place signage at the City Limits recognizing the 2009 Duluth Middle School Academic Team.

## II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF APRIL 27, 2009 MINUTES
2. LAWN MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – DULUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY *[Exhibit "A"]*

Approval of this item authorizes the Mayor or City Administrator to execute the Lawn Maintenance agreement with the Duluth Historical Society to provide basic lawn care service for the property location at 2956 Buford Highway.

3. PDP LINE ITEM TRANSFER – \$32,000 – SUMMER DAY CAMP INSTRUCTION

Approval of this line item will transfer \$25,000 from account number 100-601-611051111 "Part-time hire" and \$7,000 from account 100-608-611052391 "Instructors Fees" to Account Number 100-601-611051113 "Summer Program Hires." These funds were not utilized due to budget cuts, not filling vacancies and limiting the scheduling of part-time maintenance during the non-summer months. Shortage in the summer program hire was due to the additional staff that was required to meet the program needs of the "special needs day campers" as well as the increase in camp participants. Staff found in a review of the Fy09 Budget they had calculated expenditure for the months of July and August and failed to include the month of June for the next calendar year but within the same fiscal year. The department is estimating \$130,000 in summer day camp revenues for the summer of 2009.

4. SIDEWALK PROJECT REFUND – DULUTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *[Exhibit "B"]*

Approval of this item will authorize an agreement for the refund of \$30,000 to the Presbyterian Church on Pleasant Hill Road for the purpose of constructing sidewalks. The Presbyterian Church paid the City \$30,000 for the placement of sidewalks along Pleasant Hill Road as a requirement for a major church addition. The City had planned to construct the sidewalk as part of a larger project to provide sidewalks the length of Pleasant Hill Road. The City's plans to construct the sidewalks were held up awaiting a decision by Gwinnett County on the widening of Pleasant Hill Road; which subsequently caused the City to lose the grant money for the sidewalks. The City has carried the \$30,000 as a separate budget item since 2002, and had been included in the FY09 budget as CD 16-09. The Church would like to proceed with the sidewalks in front of their property as intended. Therefore, Staff recommends giving the funds back to the Church conditioned upon the Church using the funds as intended for sidewalk construction. The return of the funds for this purpose has been reviewed by the City Attorney and discussed with the Minister of the Presbyterian Church.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Mundrick, seconded by Councilmember Bomar, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Those voting for: Council members Bomar, Dugan, Hall, Mundrick and Whitlock  
Motion carried.**

## III. MATTERS FROM COUNCIL/DEPT HEADS/CITY ATTORNEY

1. DOWNTOWN HAPPENINGS - BAREFOOT IN THE PARK AND TAYLOR PARK GROUNDBREAKING

Council Member Bomar thanked those who participated and worked to make this year's "Barefoot in Park" such a success. She further announced that the Ground breaking for the new Taylor Park Playground was held today and that an official ribbon cutting celebration would be held in August of this year.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mayor Harris announced that a budget work session will be held in the Community Room located on the first floor, for the purpose to review and discuss the proposed FY10 budget. The public is invited to attend but no comments from the public will be heard during the work session. The public hearing on the proposed FY10 budget is scheduled to be held June 8<sup>th</sup> and all public comments will be heard at that time.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Council member Dugan, to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.**

**All for. Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Mayor Nancy Harris

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Teresa S. Lynn