



**City Council Public Hearing - Work Session Meeting
Minutes – May 15, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

.

Councilmembers Present: Brian Mock, Mayor
Leslie Robson, Councilmember, District 2
Elmer Veith, Councilmember, District 4
Jimmy Furst, Councilmember, At-Large

Councilmembers Absent: John Mesa, Councilmember, District 1
Paul Stovall, Councilmember, District 3

Staff Present: Cherron Bouie, City Clerk
Kristen Gorham, City Manager
Vivian Vakili, Assistant City Manager
Ashley Youmans, Economic Engagement Director
Brittney Lindsay, Community Engagement Director
Julie Pero, Finance Director
Julie Owens, Assistant Public Works Director
John Maximuk, Planning & Development Director
Gabrielle Peters, Deputy Planning & Development Director
Blake Dodd, Management Analyst
Erin Barnes, Deputy Finance Manager
Jodie Gilfillan, Parks & Recreation Director
Shannon Wiggins, Communications Director
Natalie Black, Executive Assistant
Daria Chrysoschoos, Budget & Strategy Manager
Keri Ware, City Attorney
Irene Vander Els, City Attorney

b. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	Pass [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Elmer Veith, Councilmember, District 4
SECONDER:	Leslie Robson, Councilmember, District 2

AYES:	Robson, Veith, Furst
NAYS:	None

2. Announcements and Presentations

3. Public Hearings

- a. PZ2025-1297: 3473 Clairmont Road – Taqueria Los Rayos Inc.

Conducted.

- b. PZ2025-1427: 2772 Northeast Expressway

Conducted.

- c. PZ2025-1437: 4789 Buford Hwy – NAPA Auto

Conducted.

Kyle Kelly, contractor, spoke in support of the requested variances.

- d. PZ2025-1439: 5880 Peachtree Blvd – Jim Ellis Cadillac

Conducted.

Stacey Ellis Hodges, Chamblee business owner, spoke in support of the requested variances and waivers.

Steven Ellis, Chamblee business owner, spoke in support of the requested variances and waivers.

Trudy Dean, Chamblee resident, spoke in opposition of the requested variances and waivers.

Donna Wolfe, Chamblee resident, spoke in opposition of the requested variances and waivers.

Pamela Golder, Chamblee resident, spoke in opposition of the requested variances and waivers.

Amy Schwab, Chamblee resident, spoke in opposition of the requested variances and waivers.

Michael Cichetti, Chamblee resident, spoke in opposition of the requested variances and waivers.

*An extension of time was granted by consensus of the Council.

Gabrielle McGrath, Chamblee resident, spoke in opposition of the requested variances and waivers.

Gina Mitchell, Chamblee resident, spoke in opposition of the requested variances and waivers.

- e. PZ2025-1446: 3477 Chamblee Dunwoody Way – Railway 3477

Conducted.

Vladimir Onysko, Chamblee business owner, spoke in support of the requested variances and waivers.
Jessica Onysko, Chamblee business owner, spoke on behalf of the neighbor in support of requested variances and waivers.
Neil Mejia, Chamblee business owner, spoke in support of the requested variances and waivers.

4. Public Hearings - Non-Zoning

- a. Appeal of Administrative Decision – 2080 Clairmont Terrace/ 2342 Woodacres Road

Conducted.

Nichelle Bell, applicant/aggrieved party, spoke in opposition of the administrative decision.

5. Staff Reports

6. Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council Public Hearing – Work Session – April 10, 2025 6:00 PM

Reviewed/Discussed.

- b. City Council Regular Meeting – April 15, 2025 6:00 PM

Reviewed/Discussed.

7. Ordinances - 2nd Read

8. New Business

1. Ordinances - 1st Read

2. Staff Action Items

- a. Set Qualifying Period and Fees for 2025 Municipal Election

Reviewed/Discussed.

- b. Fee Schedule Amendment

Reviewed/Discussed.

- c. PZ2025-1297: 3473 Clairmont Road – Taqueria Los Rayos Inc.

Reviewed/Discussed.

- d. PZ2025-1427: 2772 Northeast Expressway

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- f. PZ2025-1439: 5880 Peachtree Blvd – Jim Ellis Cadillac

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- g. PZ2025-1446: 3477 Chamblee Dunwoody Way – Railway 3477

Reviewed/Discussed.

- h. Appeal of Administrative Decision – 2080 Clairmont Terrace/ 2342 Woodacres Road

Reviewed/Discussed.

9. Mayor and Council Items

1. Mayor Brian Mock
2. Councilmember John Mesa, District 1
3. Councilmember Leslie Robson, District 2
4. Councilmember Paul Stovall, District 3
5. Councilmember Elmer Veith, District 4
6. Councilmember Jimmy Furst, At-Large

10. Public Comments

The Mayor is the presiding officer. All remarks shall be addressed to the City Council as a body, not to individual members. Anyone wishing to speak shall:

- Come to the microphone;
- Give their name and address to the City Clerk;
- Limit remarks to three minutes unless further time is granted by the Council;
- Not speak a second time until everyone wishing to speak has spoken once – no one can speak more than twice.

Please do not speak unless you have the microphone and have been recognized.

Cintha Perez, daughter of applicant for item PZ2025-1297: 3473 Clairmont Road, provided additional context to requested variances.

Donna Wolfe, Chamblee resident, extended an invitation to the Ellis Group to visit the properties surrounding the proposed project of item PZ2025-1439:5880 Peachtree Blvd.

11. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss real estate matters, legal matters and personnel matters.

RESULT:	Pass [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Elmer Veith, Councilmember, District 4
SECONDER:	Leslie Robson, Councilmember, District 2
AYES:	Robson, Veith, Furst
NAYS:	None

Motion to exit Executive Session.

RESULT:	Pass [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Elmer Veith, Councilmember, District 4
SECONDER:	Jimmy Furst, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Robson, Veith, Furst
NAYS:	None