

A review of the history of the General Fund millage rates since FY 1989-90 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Millage</u> <u>Rate</u>
1996 - 97	7.50
1995 - 96	7.50
1994 - 95	7.50
1993 - 94	5.35
1992 - 93	5.35
1991 - 92	5.35
1990 - 91	0
1989 - 90	0

Ad Valorem (Vehicles)

Several years ago the State changed the system for computing the ad valorem valuation for vehicles to the retail value. FY 1995-96 was the first full fiscal year for the collection of this revenue source at the changed methodology; and thus, due to a lack of historical data for measurement and the implementation of the tax six months into the fiscal year, this tax was significantly underestimated. It is anticipated that this revenue source will generate an additional \$137,002 from FY 1995-96 budgeted to FY 1996-97 adopted budget.

Other Revenues

The total "other" non ad valorem revenues anticipated for the 1996-97 budget year computes to be significantly higher than the same revenue budgeted for the 1995-96 budget year (a plus \$1,240,774); excluding the intergovernmental grants and Special District/Hotel-Motel taxes. Due to the positive growth pattern in the State of Georgia in 1995 and expected to carry over into 1996, coupled with the upcoming Olympics and Paralympics in July/August 1996, the revenue collections on the Local Option Sales Tax are projected to post a substantial increase (+\$741,923). After the games, this revenue source is predicted to return to a more normal level but continue in a slight to moderate growth mode. The anticipated Local Option Sales Tax income associated with the Games is a rather conservative figure and the total amount could easily be considerably more. There are no formulas for estimating the financial impact of a once in a lifetime event of such a magnitude on the local economy.

The Georgia Legislature re-addressed the Business License Tax in 1995 and prior to the end of that calendar year the City readopted a business license tax imposing a tax upon businesses based upon gross receipts or the number of employees (provided

gross receipts are under \$25,000 or the law precludes the imposition of a gross receipts tax). Again, College Park elected not to raise its rates and take a "wait and see" position on the outcome of this revenue collection. The City forecast a loss in this revenue source due to the unavailability of gross receipts data for FY 1995-96; however, quite the opposite occurred being a substantial windfall in total collections in excess of +\$200,000 over budgeted. Another factor that contributed to the added income was the enforcement efforts of the City's Compliance Officer upon those businesses that had never or were delinquent in submitting payment. It is anticipated that this revenue source will yield a slight increase for FY 1996-97 based on the Games; which amount could be more significant should business and economic development occur in the City.

Various departmental income (excluding business license tax) in Building, Planning and Zoning fees/permits for FY 1996-97 anticipated over FY 1995-96 budgeted indicate a limited to moderate positive change. There are currently three (3) hotels/motels under construction adding approximately 250 rooms, and upwards to four (4) additional on the drawing boards that could materialize in FY 1996-97 along the Sullivan Road - Best Road corridor. Economic development throughout the community, specifically targeted toward the redevelopment areas, is in the forefront of the City's goals for FY 1996-97. Other projected revenues are expected to remain relatively the same (or a small variance) in the 1996-97 budget year as compared to the 1995-96 budget year with exceptions in the following areas:

- ◇ **Intangible Tax:** A total elimination (\$12,000) due to the repeal of this specific tax by the Georgia Legislature in early 1996.
- ◇ **Mixed Drink Tax:** A decrease (\$25,390) due to the business closing of several restaurant/bars in the southeast section of the City.
- ◇ **Franchise Tax:** An increase (\$14,723) due to an under-estimation of this revenue source to be collected in FY 1995-96, as well as an anticipated growth due to increase in rate structures and consumption/use.
- ◇ **Insurance Premium:** An increase (\$32,017) due to the positive change in the value of the insurance policies within the State which has projected increased collections.
- ◇ **Car Rental Tax:** A new allocation (\$250,000) brought about by the Georgia Legislature in March 1996 which allows the imposition of a 3% excise tax on automobile rentals.
- ◇ **E911 Fees:** An increase (\$34,631) due to the underbudgeting of this revenue source for FY 1995-96, whereby greater losses were anticipated as a result of the proposed 5th runway.
- ◇ **Fines and Forfeitures:** An increase (\$25,000) due to stepped up Police enforcement and an increase in fines for selected offenses.

- ◇ **Interest Income:** An increase (\$154,372) due to the continuous growth in the Fund Balance being totally invested.

In summary, the total revenue schedule is one which is felt to be diversified, equitable and realistic in the terms of services offered.

Expenditures

The adopted budgeted expenditures for FY 1996-97 will be \$1,346,477 above the approved FY 1995-96 budget, excluding interfund transfers, representing an increase of 10.35%. In general terms, the personnel costs* increased moderately over last year's budget; operating expenses** increased extensively; capital outlay posted significant increases; and materials and supplies increased slightly. Increases of the adopted 1996-97 budget over the corresponding amounts for 1995-96 are as follows:

Personnel Costs *	\$ 592,738
Operating Expenses **	115,166
Materials and Supplies	62,452
Capital Outlay	<u>576,121</u>
Total Increase	<u>\$1,346,477</u>

* Personnel costs include the sub-accounts of personal services and employee benefits.

** Operating Expenses include the sub-accounts of communications/utilities, rentals, repairs and maintenance (plus buildings), training and education, and other services and charges.

The adopted budget does contain an increase in major spending initiatives in the areas of additional personnel in the public safety services and additional capital outlay in various departments. These increases and additions will be explained in further detail in the upcoming pages. A cursory review of the various activity (departmental) budgets reveals that five-sixths of them increased from budget year 1995-96 to approved budget year 1996-97, ranging from 3.9% (Personnel) to 28.4% (Business Development); however, one-sixth of the activity budgets decreased, ranging from 0.3% (Accounting) to 31.7% (Purchasing).

A brief synopsis of each proposed departmental activity budget, as compared to last years, is described below:

- ◇ **City Council (+\$24,108)** - The increase for this department is due primarily to increased appropriations to salaries (Mayor and Council raises) and to conventions/meetings.

- ◇ **Business Development** (+\$27,131) - The significant increase in this department is fundamentally due to a new appropriation budgeted for appraisals needed to set land values in the City's designated business redevelopment areas (anticipated to be reimbursed by the developers) and commission fees for meeting fees for the Board of Adjustment members. An increased appropriation for advertising has been budgeted to continue the City's efforts in publicizing and promoting economic development in the business district areas of College Park.
- ◇ **Inspections** (+\$8,836) - The increase in this department is due to increased appropriations for personnel services and related employee benefits, repairs/maintenance - vehicles (two vehicles 1 year older and necessitating minor work), other services/charges (consulting fees and advertising for legal notices for Planning Commission and Zoning Appeals) and office supplies. An appropriation for capital outlay has been budgeted to replace worn out office furniture of the Building Inspector.
- ◇ **Non-Departmental** (+\$407,031) - The considerable increase in this departmental activity account is due to increased appropriations for miscellaneous services representing photography services; Worker's Compensation claims due to an increase in employee settlement claims (City is self-insured); infrastructure grants (sidewalks and linear park); and operating transfers out (to the Convention Center Fund). The appropriations for grants - sidewalks and grants - parks represent the City's monetary share to the grant programs under the National Department of Transportation/Georgia DOT/MARTA and Georgia DCA respectively. The interfund transfer is based on anticipated collections in the hotel/motel tax and special district tax, and said amount is entirely offset by the increased taxes on the revenue side. A new appropriation has been budgeted for demolition throughout the City with the demolition cost to be assessed the property owner and eventually reimbursed to the City.
- ◇ **Police** (+\$499,405) - Total manpower in this department is increased by one (1) Clerk I position to provide clerical assistance to the Criminal Investigative Division. Thus, authorized strength would be 82 sworn positions plus 10 non-sworn support personnel (including 1 part time and 5 school crossing guards). The present position of Clerk I is reclassified to a Clerk II position due to the expanded duties and responsibilities that the individual presently performs, and the position of Compliance Officer is upgraded from a part time to a full time position to handle the workload involving the inspection and permit issuance of taxi cabs, alcohol serving permits and non-payment of business license fees. The substantial increases in appropriations are viewed in the personnel services (increased allocation to overtime due to the upcoming Olympics and Paralympics), vehicle rental (additional rental of vehicles to provide added manpower on the street for patrol and traffic functions during the Games and special events), vehicle repair and maintenance (historical costs indicate an increase warranted), and capital outlay (patrol vehicle replacements, added vehicle for Detective position, computers for

expanded service to Police Captains and Lieutenants and improvements to the Criminal Investigative Unit Building on Godby Road - replacement furnaces and fence around a portion of the facility to provide for a secured parking area).

- ◇ **Fire (+\$419,036)** - Total manpower in this department is to remain the same. Thus, authorized strength would be 61 certified Firefighters (all ranks), including one (1) Fire Prevention Officer and one (1) Arson Investigator, plus one (1) Secretary support person, totaling 62 in the Fire Department. The significant increases in appropriations are seen in the accounts of personnel services (increased allocation to overtime due to the upcoming Olympics and Paralympics), repairs and maintenance (vehicular and communications), materials and supplies (gas/oil, janitorial supplies, firefighting supplies, rescue supplies, and protective clothing), and capital outlay (various firefighting equipment, office automation system upgrade to provide a computer workstation at Station 2 for incident report inputting, booster tank upgrade on 1988 - 1500 GPM Pumper to increase suppression capabilities, replacement of Fire Chief's vehicle, Command vehicle and modular rescue unit due to age, and replacement of a 1985 Pumper due to extensive use with a newer model 2000 GPM Pumper).
- ◇ **Jail (+\$22,406)** - The modest increase in the department is primarily due to increased appropriations to materials and supplies (specifically janitorial, food/dietary and boarding supplies on account of the heavier use of the jail) and capital outlay (computer and printer for jail office input into the system and replacement ID camera for photographing persons incarcerated).
- ◇ **Municipal Court (+\$29,772)** - The increase in this department is predominantly due to increased appropriations to personal services, being the addition of one (1) full time Clerk I to assist with the work overload from the Court Services. A slight increase in appropriations is budgeted in materials and supplies due to a heavier use (stationary and court records). Capital outlay items include replacement desks for the Court Staff and the addition of a computer in the Courtroom for information retrieval during court.
- ◇ **Communications (+\$22,893)** - The moderate increase in this department is unequivocally due to increased appropriations to personnel services and associated employee benefits, being the proposed addition of one (1) full-time Communications Supervisor position (new) to provide supervision, assistance and training to the radio dispatchers. A slight increase in appropriations is budgeted in telephone in order to cover projected costs of service. No capital outlay is budgeted for this fiscal year.
- ◇ **Streets (+\$121,197)** - The substantial increase for this department is primarily attributed to the increased appropriations for capital outlay, i.e. snow removal equipment (tailgate spreader box), heated asphalt trailer for street patching, storage facility to house sand and rock-dust used for winter storms, curb construction and/or replacement throughout the City, drainage improvement projects, street repairs necessitated prior to DOT resurfacing (LARP program), bridge repair at

four locations, and a replacement truck (dump body to a 4 x 4 pick-up). A slight increase in appropriations is budgeted for repairs and maintenance vehicles, gas and oil, and overtime (storm related call-outs and Olympics/special events).

- ◇ **Recreation (+\$118,988)** - Departmental manpower strength remains the same as last budget year (13 full time, 2 part time and 28 summer). The significant increase for this department is predominantly due to the increased appropriations for capital outlay, many of them enhancements to current recreational facilities or parks; i.e. sanding/refinishing gym floor at Brady Center, resurface tennis courts at City parks, replace tennis center with picnic pavilion at Barrett Park, replacement of tile/baseboard at Conley and Brady Centers, construction of a picnic shelter at Brady Park, installation of benches at new playgrounds (Brady, Jamestown, Zupp and Barrett), and additional windscreen for Conley Pool. Replacement of the following capital outlay items are also budgeted; one (1) vehicle and one (1) van (to be downsized) due to age, spring floor foam for gymnastics, fencing around Brannon, folding tables for events, personal computers, and game cabinet. Several minor increases in appropriations are budgeted in heat and power (added recreational facilities as S.R. Young School and Football Field as well as new HVAC system at Brady Center), building maintenance (added facilities to maintain), other service and charges (swimming pool and instructors and official fees), and materials/supplies (janitorial and recreational supplies).
- ◇ **Parks and Grounds (+\$28,756)** - Departmental manpower strength remains the same as last year (12 full time, 3 part time and 4 seasonal) even though lands have been added to the maintenance schedule (S.R. Young School). The modest increases in appropriations are reflected in personal services - overtime (due to the Olympics and heavy grass cutting season), other operating supplies (lawn and garden fertilizer applications) and capital outlay (replacement vehicle for pruning and trimming crew, tiller for shallow excavating, edger and blower).

Personnel Costs

The personnel costs (salaries, wages and employee benefits) in the adopted 1996-97 budget year will equal approximately 71.6% of the total general fund (operating budget). Due to the fact that we are a "service oriented organization", the number of personnel available to perform the various services is somewhat critical, if the current level of municipal service to the community is to be maintained. This budget sustains that level of municipal service to the City of College Park. Further, cuts in personnel will most likely cause adverse effects in services, programs and activities.

The total personnel count for the overall budget program (all funds) for FY 1996-97 is 358 positions; 7 more positions than the previous fiscal year (1995-96). For the General Fund budget only, the total personnel count is 240 positions; 3 positions

These noted projects and activities/programs, as well as others of lesser significance, are progressive and necessary ones I believe that everyone can agree will serve and benefit the residents of the community. Thus, we should provide the necessary resources for their completion and continued implementation so that we may realize the ultimate benefit(s).

Power Fund

The City owns and operates an electrical distribution system serving its corporate limits. College Park entered into an agreement with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) in October, 1975 to secure an economical, reliable source of electric power and energy. Under the contractual agreement the City has project entitlement shares, which were originally based on the City's consumption history when it received power from Georgia Power Company accompanied with a projected 7% per year growth rate, and corresponding cost obligations (bonded debt). Over the years the failure of the City to achieve the projected growth rate coupled with a changing service area and declining customer base (originated unequivocally by the Airport expansion) has caused College Park's entitlement shares to exceed its power requirements by over 30,000 kilowatts. On top of this per the terms of the existing power sales contracts the amount of capacity is expected to rise.

On another front, Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport and the proposed 5th runway project are at present delivering an additional devastating blow to the Power Department's load requirements. The City's customer base continues to shrink as houses are purchased in the area south of Sullivan Road, north of I-285, east of I-85 and west of Riverdale Road. The impact of this project is slowly being realized. It is anticipated that multi-family developments will be targeted and moved on next after the Olympics, and thereafter, the businesses. Consultants project that College Park will loose 800+ customers thus increasing its excess capacity (approximately 7 mills per kilowatt hours).

To anticipate power cost increases each MEAG participant established a Reserve Fund known as "Rate Stabilization Fund." This Fund was funded by MEAG over recovering the necessary annual entitlement share costs and was invested to be made available to hold down the power cost increases in the future (balance December 1995 - \$5.4 million). Following prudent electric fund operation, College Park also funded and invested in an Electric Reserve Fund (balance March 1996 - \$5.7 million). A review of the anticipated stranded investment and the City's shrinking customer base indicates a rapid depletion of these available funds; somewhere in the neighborhood of three to five years depending on the City's ability to sell excess capacity to other MEAG participants (i.e. City of Calhoun and LaGrange) and/or to engage in off-system sales.

In summary, over the past years the Power Fund has been able to generate sufficient revenues to build to its present position of financial strength. However, due to the increasing costs of wholesale electricity due to its share of generating capacity, profit margins are shrinking substantially. While this budget contains no rate increases and no adjustment to the fuel costs charged by MEAG, future years will be increasingly more difficult to manage and operate.

The revenues for the fund have been set at the level of projected 1996. In 1996, we assumed for the purpose of estimating revenues that significant revenues would be permanently lost due to the expansion of Hartsfield. Based upon the prior year, we estimated a decrease in revenues of approximately \$540,000. Due to seasonal variation in delivered energy, coupled with the delays in acquiring all properties in the path of the proposed 5th runway, we actually increased our revenues \$1,361,901. Fiscal 1997 revenues are set at approximately \$572,000 less than the projected 1996 amounts.

The approved budget for FY 1996-97 is decreased by \$207,429 over the budget for FY 1995-96. This is accounted for largely by a decrease in the cost of purchased power; said amount decreasing \$409,202 or 2.7% between the two fiscal years. This is due primarily to the estimates provided by MEAG for the cost of wholesale power being unreliable.

The other significant increases from FY 1995-96 budgeted to FY1996-97 adopted are represented as follows:

- ◇ **Repairs & Maintenance** - The appropriation for data processing was increased to accommodate the maintenance of UPS that protects SCADA during outages and the Department's computer system. A slightly increased appropriation was made to the distribution system account to meet anticipated rising costs based on historical records.
- ◇ **Other Services & Changes** - Consulting fees, advertising and miscellaneous services were increased in appropriations per budget request of the Acting Department Director. These allocations are more in line to what are anticipated in the upcoming fiscal year.
- ◇ **Capital Outlay** - Overall, this account increased a significant \$253,201 primarily due to increased appropriations to buildings (paving of Lakemont Station and Power/Water-Sewer/Warehouse parking lots), replacement vehicles (Digger Derrick truck), and electric improvements (underground cable replacement in Phoenix Parkway).

In order to complete the accounting for the realignment of the Purchasing Department, the salaries and related costs of operating the Warehouse have been added to the Power Fund as a separate department.

Water and Sewer Fund

The City of College Park owns and operates a potable water distribution system and a sanitary sewer collection system within its corporate limits. Water supply for the system is provided by the City of East Point. Treatment is provided by the City of Atlanta (Utoy Creek WWTP) and Fulton County (Camp Creek WWTP). Although operated by Fulton County, College Park has ownership of 2.23 million gallons of treatment capacity in this facility.

The current water rate structure implemented on June 1, 1992 is a minimum use amount based on user groups with a flat rate per 1,000 gallons charge for all consumption above the minimum usage amount. The sewer rate structure was placed into effect on July 1, 1991 and is a minimum discharge fee and a flat rate charge per 1,000 gallons of metered water usage for all over the minimum level.

The Water and Sewer Fund is presently very stable, evidencing excellent returns and financial strengths. The water and sewer rates are below virtually every other provider of these services in the Atlanta Regional Commission rate surveys. Should the need arise, there is great potential for enhanced revenue growth.

There exists financial uncertainty regarding the projected costs of both water and wastewater treatment costs. The City of East Point unilaterally raised the cost of water to College Park in 1991, and College Park did not recognize nor pay the increased rate since the increase was not negotiated per the terms of the contract between the entities. There potentially could be an increase in the cost of water, but negotiations have not yet commenced to determine the magnitude of the rate change. No assumptions have been made in this adopted budget for any increase.

There has long been disagreement between the Cities of East Point and College Park and Fulton County over the actual wastewater flow from each jurisdiction. College Park has been paying 7.6 percent of the total costs of operating those plants, and the percentage claimed by Fulton County is 21 percent. The City maintains that the decrease in the percentage of plant utilization does not reflect the loss of residential and commercial customers resulting from the airport noise abatement program and expansion. The true cost is most likely some figure in the middle area. The proposed budgeted expenditures for sanitary sewer treatment are estimated at 15 percent.

Fulton County is in the process of expanding and upgrading the Camp Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Capacity is proposed to be increased from 11 MGD to 24 MGD at a capital cost in excess of \$82 million dollars. The details of cost sharing for the expanded facility have not been worked out with Fulton County in that the County is proposing that each governmental jurisdiction pay for the additional capacity desired. It is College Park's position that the City has ample capacity in the plant at the 2.23 MGD level and therefore does not wish to purchase any additional treatment capacity. Discussions continue between the entities on the cost for upgrading the existing capacity.

The revenues for the Water and Sewer Fund for 1996 were higher than budgeted revenues for 1996. This is due to climate fluctuations, combined with the delayed pace of the City of Atlanta purchasing parcels for the expansion of the proposed 5th runway. Budgeted revenues for 1997 are set at essentially the level realized over the past two years. Interest income has increased to reflect the increase in investments from operating the system at a profit. Currently the Water and Sewer Fund is not exhibiting financial distress. Even after considering the potential loss of revenues attributable to the buy out related to noise abatement and the possible construction of the commuter runway, the Fund's expenditures are related to volumes. If sales decrease, there is a corresponding decrease in the costs of sales. An aggressive stance with Fulton County to lower our percentage of flows for billing purposes is possible to decrease our sanitary sewer wastewater treatment costs. We can expect continued profits from the operation of this fund, no major variables changing.

The adopted budget for FY 1996-97 is decreased by \$48,498 over the approved budget for FY 1995-96; principally caused by a projected decrease in water purchases and sewage treatment charges forecast to reflect a more realistic historical average. However, this decrease is substantially reduced by the increase in the appropriations for capital outlay (explained below).

The significant decreases, and increases, from FY 1995-96 budgeted to FY 1996-97 approved are represented as follows:

- ◇ **Personnel Services** (salaries and employee benefits) - Although there are no changes in manpower allocations, the appropriations for personnel services have slightly increased \$31,715 due to an underbudgeting of the costs for FY 1995-96.
- ◇ **Operating Expenses** - Telephone costs have increased \$6,800 to account for new lines for the monitoring of pump stations. Repair and maintenance of the distribution system has been increased by \$10,000. A modest increase has been proposed for training and education (\$1,966).
- ◇ **Materials and Supplies** - Various object accounts increased (totaling \$5,350) based upon historical expenditure patterns over the past fiscal years.

- ◇ **Capital Outlay** - In total, this account increased by \$31,735 primarily owing to building improvements (proposed remodeling of Public Works building interior, one-half the cost of resurfacing the Power/Water-Sewer/Warehouse parking lot, a control building at West Fayetteville Road, and a structure to house the booster pump); replacement equipment (comminutors and air compressor); and water line replacements (fire hydrants). Appropriations for replacement vehicles, sewer improvements, meters (new), and water tank maintenance remained about the same between the two fiscal years.

Sanitation Fund

The Sanitation Fund has never been, nor was it ever intended to be, a money maker. Rather, it provides a service at a small loss each year. The current rate structure provides that commercial customers actually subsidize residential operations. However, the current year will show a net loss, as it did in 1995. The fund cannot continue to absorb the deficit of revenues any longer since cash reserves are perilously low. In the absence of an increase in residential rates, the fund will require an ongoing cash subsidy from the General Fund. Commercial rates are high in comparison to prevailing market rates from private haulers; any increases in the commercial rate will exceed that which can be charged by the private sector. In that event, the Fund has violated its premise, in that government no longer provides the most cost efficient delivery provider. This is not the case in the residential side. A survey of prevailing rates for residential service indicates that College Park is below virtually all sources of residential pickup. Not only is the City less expensive, but no other service will provide the same level of service (i.e. rear yard garbage pickup and curb side leaves and grass collection).

The Sanitation Division has established general goals and objectives to pursue during the 1996-97 budget year. Foremost of these will be to continue the reduction of solid waste discarded by the City's residential and commercial generators to comply with The Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act. The distribution and assignment of cardboard and recycling material containers during the 1996-97 Budget Year will continue. It is also anticipated that an additional recycling center will be established as a convenience to the citizens of College Park. Also, a residential recycling program will be developed and implemented in the City's neighborhoods.

The adopted budget for FY 1996-97 indicates a total increase of \$130,507 over the approved budget for FY 1995-96, due primarily to the growth of commercial garbage collected and disposed of at the landfill and the increased appropriation to the capital outlay purchases (explained below).

The other significant increases, decreases, from FY 1995-96 budgeted to FY 1996-97 approved are represented as follows:

- ◇ **Personnel Services and Employee Benefits** - The proposed number of employees for this services increases one (1) part-time clerical worker to be scheduled to work mornings (M-F) to handle the customer calls, predominantly commercial, on refuse collection.
- ◇ **Operating Expenses** - An increased allocation was added for recycling expense associated with the City's recycling program (i.e. containers).
- ◇ **Capital Outlay** - The significant increase in appropriation of \$113,155 is due to replacement vehicles (leaf truck and two pick-up trucks to haul trash trailers throughout City) and replacement equipment (two trash trailers).

Convention Center

The Convention Center was conceived by the governing body in the early 1980's to serve as a magnet for hotel development in the airport corridor and to supplement their revenues through room referrals owing to conventions. The success of the facility prompted the government to undertake an ambitious project of tripling the size of the center in 1990. The expansion, completed in 1993, built the second largest convention center in the state, second only to the Georgia World Congress Center in resources.

The Convention Center has performed well in the current year. Cash basis projected net income will be approximately \$500,000. The marketing efforts of the employees in the past budget combined with an overall increase in the hospitality industry have combined to reverse the past periods of losses. Convention Center revenues have exceeded the budgeted amounts by \$697,730 (unaudited); further, increases in Exhibit Hall and Meeting Room rentals included \$190,781 to this source of revenue. The combination of total Charges for Services, Commissions, and Other Income now total \$4,117,000 in 1997 and \$3,881,018 projected for 1996. This indicates that the ability of the Convention Center to cover debt service is improving; in 1996, \$567,775 was needed from the transfer of Hotel/Motel Tax and Special District Tax to meet Debt obligations of \$4,448,793. In 1997, \$356,087 is needed to cover debt of \$4,473,087. This indicates a lesser reliance on the tax transfer and the ability to begin saving for major renovations and the replacement of large capital items in coming years. Collections of taxes supporting the Convention Center, notably the Hotel/Motel Tax, have grown to \$5,115,000, an increase of close to \$400,000 over FY 1995-96. Overall, revenues will grow appreciably due to the effects of the Olympics. The Convention Center should cover all costs of operations in both 1996 and 1997.

Cost of Sales has increased dramatically, from a 1995-96 budgeted amount of \$1,250,721 to a 1996 projected estimate of \$1,516,640. This is largely controlled by Proof of the Pudding, and more nearly reflects the annualization of current year expenditures.

The adopted budget for FY 1996-97 indicates a substantial increase of \$676,208 over the approved budget for FY 1995-96, or an 8 percent growth. This is accounted for largely by an increased cost of sales representing an uncontrollable cost offset by increased revenues from food sales by Proof of the Pudding.

The other significant increases and decreases from FY 1995-96 budgeted to FY 1996-97 approved are represented as follows:

- ◇ **Personnel Services and Employee Benefits** - A modest increase attributable to the proposed addition of one (1) Clerk I position to assist the Building Maintenance Division in clerical work and show orders, and a Crew Chief and Laborer position for the Operations Division to handle the increased level of set-ups and take-downs associated with shows, events, meetings, dinners, etc. An appropriation is also made for three (3) seasonal workers to assist in custodial, maintenance, and set-up/tear-down functions. The magnitude of the personnel increases have been positively offset due to the replacement of several new employees starting employ at a lower base salary.
- ◇ **Operating Expenses** - Repairs and maintenance of buildings and grounds increased slightly (\$13,190) to provide for increases in general maintenance repairs and supplies throughout the facility, increased warranties on equipment and service calls and an increase in the outdoor maintenance service for landscaping (3%).
- ◇ **Other Services and Charges** - Various object accounts were increased (totaling \$14,625) based upon the increased cost of services, i.e. advertising, bank charges, contractual services (temporary labor), and building security services.
- ◇ **Materials and Supplies** - Janitorial supplies were increased \$4,810 to account for carpet cleaning in the Convention Center and increased cost of paper products. All other items remained virtually the same.
- ◇ **Capital Outlay** - An overall increase in the appropriation for this account of \$218,041; principally in outdoor signage, buildings (refrigerant conversion and insulation removal/replacement) and equipment - new (computer cabling to basement, radios, wheelchair ramp, podium covers, and security-camera system to parking garages). The amortization of the food and beverage equipment per the contract totals \$60,000.

Customer Service Fund

The Customer Service Fund is responsible for generating utility billings for all enterprise funds and customer services. It includes the three divisions of Account Maintenance, Data Processing and Meter Reading. There is no real logical financial structure to this Fund. The net revenues and expenditures are allocated between the Electric Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund. Principle revenues include penalties on utility bills, cut on charges, and administrative charges.

City of College Park
1996 - 1997 Annual Budget
Personnel

Fund	Department	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1996-97
		Actual	Actual	Department Requested	Manager Recommended
General	Administration	13	12	12	12
	Accounting	3	3	3	3
	Engineering	3	3	3	3
	Personnel	2	2	2	2
	Purchasing	4	2	2	2
	Licenses and Taxes	2	2	2	2
	Business Development	1	1	1	1
	Inspections	3	3	3	3
	Police	84	91	92	92
	Fire	61	62	71	62
	Jail	4	4	4	4
	Court	2	2	3	3
	Communications	9	9	10	10
	Streets	11	11	12	11
	Recreation Parks and Grounds	15	15	15	15
Total General Fund		<u>220</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>240</u>
Power		15	15	17	15
Water and Sewer		17	17	18	17
Sanitation		30	30	31	31
Convention Center		32	33	36	36
Customer Service					
Account Maintenance		8	8	8	8
Data Processing		2	2	2	2
Meter Readers		7	7	7	7
		<u>331</u>	<u>349</u>	<u>369</u>	<u>356</u>

**Expenditures by Major Category
Budget Year 1996 - 1997**

		Personnel	Other Operating Expenses	Materials and Supplies	Capital	Cost of Sales	Debt Service	Transfers	Total
Council	3500 \$	46,042 \$	67,380 \$	17,000 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	133,922
Administration	1000	451,352	144,609	17,825	43,365	0	0	0	658,151
Accounting	1100	138,722	4,500	4,200	1,800	0	0	0	150,322
Engineering	1200	159,366	28,547	9,300	9,339	0	0	0	207,752
Legal & Professional	1300	0	305,250	0	0	0	0	0	306,550
Personnel	1400	109,947	41,651	6,730	3,218	0	0	0	162,946
Purchasing	1500	85,642	2,595	2,400	2,000	0	0	0	94,137
Taxes & Licenses	1600	73,215	4,000	4,225	0	0	0	0	83,040
Business Development	1700	79,705	42,855	0	0	0	0	0	124,260
Inspections	1800	143,722	9,600	3,232	1,700	0	0	0	160,054
Non Departmental	1900	0	830,325	47,000	0	0	0	0	879,225
Transfer to GICC		0	0	0	0	0	0	5,115,000	5,115,000
Police	2000	3,837,775	417,475	114,700	197,735	0	0	0	4,569,685
Fire	2100	2,900,258	247,448	64,950	374,054	0	0	0	3,588,810
Jail	2200	153,342	5,750	61,750	2,300	0	0	0	225,342
Municipal Court	2300	177,085	23,150	3,800	3,175	0	0	0	209,510
Communications	2400	285,057	50,400	3,400		0	0	0	341,257
Street	3000	416,331	101,423	36,900	288,936	0	0	0	846,590
Recreation	3100	618,015	223,590	48,745	128,004	0	0	0	1,021,454
Parks and Grounds	3200	550,510	30,466	21,100	18,232	0	0	0	623,508
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Electric Fund	3300	675,967	428,419	78,633	596,225	14,718,403	0	475,000	16,972,647
Water and Sewer Fund	5000	705,758	221,860	32,900	224,795	1,650,000	661,934	500,000	3,997,247
Sanitation Fund	4000	1,156,999	204,993	55,000	64,995	600,000	0	0	2,081,987
Convention Center Fund	4400	1,362,244	922,004	120,250	293,371	1,516,640	4,473,087	450,000	9,137,596
Customer Service Fund	6000	622,384	177,231	111,721	51,110	0	0	0	962,446
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	\$	<u>14,749,438 \$</u>	<u>4,535,521 \$</u>	<u>865,761 \$</u>	<u>2,304,354 \$</u>	<u>18,485,043 \$</u>	<u>5,135,021 \$</u>	<u>6,540,000 \$</u>	<u>52,615,138</u>

COLLEGE PARK ANIMAL HOSPITAL

3266 E Main St C Pk — 404 761-6689
 College Park Appliance Parts And Service 3721 Main St C Pk — 404 766-6122
 College Park Cemetery 3600 Adams St C Pk — 404 761-5400
 College Park Christian Methodist Episcopal church 2755 Creel Rd C Pk — 770 907-8277

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 Office 3726 Main St C Pk — 404 766-6294
 News Line 3726 Main St C Pk — 404 766-6786
 College Park Flea Market 3763 Main St C Pk — 404 768-2164
 College Park Florist Toll Free-Dial '1' & Then — 800 821-1348
 College Park Florist & Gift Service Toll Free-Dial '1' & Then — 800 424-3567
 College Park Florist Serving College Park Area Toll Free-Dial '1' & Then — 800 520-1662
 College Park Furniture Co 3707 Main St C Pk — 404 766-7876
 College Park Housing Authority— Offices—
 1908 Princeton Av C Pk — 404 766-1781
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 Utility Billing — 404 669-3759
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RECREATION—

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 Conley Recreation Center 3636 College St C Pk — 404 669-3773
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 Purchasing — 404 669-3770
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FIRE DEPARTMENT—

To Report A Fire — 55 911
 See Customer Guide Pages Concerning The Use Of Telephone Service (Observing Equipment At This Number)
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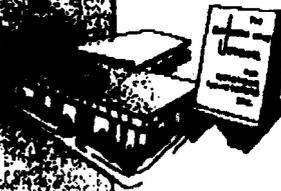
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Oct. 31, 1997

Dear Ms. Weissman

Our newspaper, The South Fulton Neighbor, only covers events occurring in unincorporated South Fulton County and in the incorporated areas of Hapeville, East Point, College Park, Union City, Fairburn and Palmetto.

We do not cover news, activities or people inside the city limits of Atlanta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha W. Barksdale".

Martha W. Barksdale
News editor

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Fairburn police chief says new ordinance will shield teens from danger

Bill Baldowski
Staff Writer
A new ordinance will be now unlawful for people under 17 to be on the streets in Fairburn during certain hours. At its meeting last Monday, the Fairburn City Council unanimously adopted a child curfew ordinance which prohibits anyone under that age from being in any public location alone, without a parent or guardian, from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Sunday-Thursday and midnight to 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday. In part, the ordinance states it is unlawful for any minor to "loiter, wander, stroll or play" on public streets or highways, in places of public amusement, eating establishments, vacant lots or anyplace inside the Fairburn city limits when unsupervised. Exceptions include when the minor is on an emergency errand directed by his

parents or guardians, when he is returning "directly home" from a school-sponsored activity, or when returning home from his job. Also, minors on the interstate are exempt. The curfew was first suggested by city councilman Glenn Higgins three months ago after he said he observed "a growing number of young people" loitering around the public telephones at the Circle K

convenience store on U.S. Highway 29 well after midnight. But in the opinion of Fairburn Police Chief John Cameron, the city doesn't have a loitering problem. "I support the city adopting this ordinance, however, because if the need arises, we will have it on the books," he said last Thursday. "It would have been great to have had this curfew ordinance in place when I

came to Fairburn about 10 years ago. Cameron agreed with the ordinance because it was as much about protecting young people from being in the place at the wrong time as it was about crime. "We are all close to being crime-free in Fairburn as anywhere else," Cameron said, "but it is great to have it on the books."

Play hall!

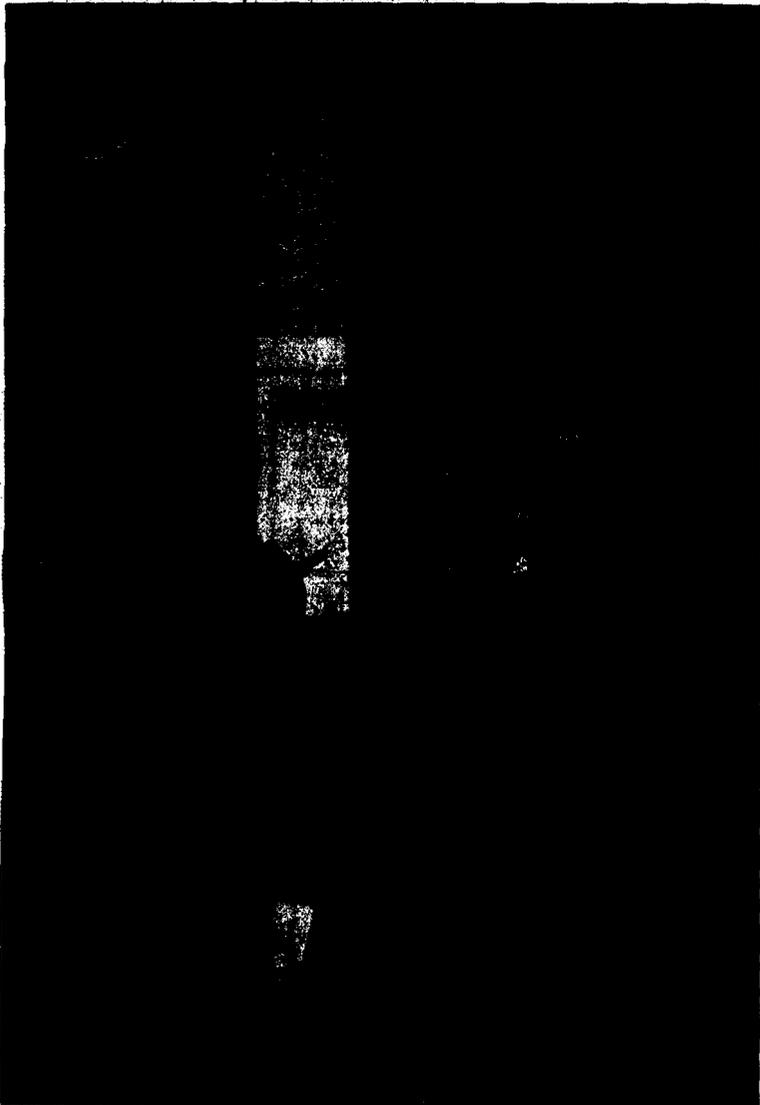
Local theatre groups eye season here

William Mitchell Kelley
Staff Writer
South Metro's local theatre companies are gearing up for the 1997-98 season with plays and musicals for all tastes. Whether it's gritty dramas or productions filled with song and there's bound to be something for everyone this season. Here's a look at what's on tap: Fairburn's Southside Theatre is celebrating its 25th anniversary season with a diverse array of plays. The theatre is now in rehearsals for the classic drama "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs." The play will be staged from Nov. 6 through Nov. 22 on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children under 12. All shows on Thursdays are \$8. Coming later in the season is the play "Dearly Departed" and the musical "Into the Woods." For more information: (770) 969-0954.

Fayette Community Theatre present "The Legend of Pocahontas" on Nov. 14, 15, 16 and 17 on Nov. 21, 22 and 23. Shows will be 7:30 p.m. daily 2:30 p.m. for matinees on Wednesdays and Sundays. Tickets at the door will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. A \$1 discount is available if the tickets are purchased in advance from the Fayette City Library or Pam's Market Store. For more information: (770) 631-1542.

The Henry Players are also in rehearsal for "My Fair Lady," directed by president Debbie

A production is set for Nov. 12 and 13 in the auditorium of McDonough Elementary School. Hill says the 1997-98 season promises to be one of the best with upcoming productions "Cheaper by the Dozen" and "Sense and Sensibility." Season tickets are \$24 for adults, \$21 for students and children. For more information: (770) 914-1474.



Michael Cox of the Southside Theatre Guild works to prepare sets for the upcoming "Dark at the Top of the Stairs."

Fall looks prosperous

By Bill Baldowski
and Martha Barksdale
The job market is strong, home building is up and retailers are optimistic: fall in South Fulton looks good economically. Indicators for the fourth quarter point to a glorious three-month period for South Fulton merchants. Marketing directors for South Fulton's two major malls, Chris Olataru at Shannon Southpark and Greenbriar's B.J. Harvey, say they expect the fourth quarter to exceed last year. "It's going to be a great fourth quarter for us," Ms. Harvey said last Thursday. Ms. Olataru was equally enthusiastic, saying Shannon officials were "very optimistic for increased sales this quarter." One reason for smiles at Shannon: Wednesday's grand opening of the \$1.06 million JCPenney at the site formerly occupied by Mervyn's. "Christmas will have a new look at Greenbriar," she said. The mall's \$1.5 million renovation will be unveiled Nov. 15 and "we anticipate a big increase in customer traffic as a result," Ms. Harvey said. Two new stores are planning to open at Greenbriar before Christmas, Ms. Harvey said, but she is unable to release the names until final papers are signed next week. Shannon Southpark has added two stores since the summer: Bath and Body Works, which sells

women's beauty products July while Sam's Libby, a shoe store, debuted in August. The Old National Association is also working to draw consumers to the area. The path was cleared for a Kroger Superstore at the corner of Old National and Flat Shoals Road, an pharmacy opened earlier. A major plan for the north of Old Bill Campbell unveiled last month, and has been successful in the area around "Godly" and "Shannon" roads. The money to spend at the mall, since the mall is open, is "very good." "According to the Government of Labor, the unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in Fulton County," Ms. Harvey said. The holiday season brings jobs, but it also brings a better hurry of job openings. "Shannon's mall Olataru has more than 400 employees for stores; in the mall JCPenney, were filled; fair sponsored by the month." "Home" in the South are selling for 10 percent this year, up 10 percent year.

Satisfy thirst for horror in East Point Saturday

By Bill Baldowski
Neighbor Staff Writer
Spending this Saturday night in East Point is guaranteed to be a scream. For the first time, East Point Clean Community System has joined the city's Cultural Enrichment Commission to create a haunted house at the site of the old Firestone store on East Point Street across from the East Point Law Enforcement Center. Admission is free. The house is designed for kids 6-12. Those under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Tours of the haunted house will be

conducted from 6:30-9 p.m. All ages are welcome. The attraction features scary rooms, encompassing themes: Clean Community executive director Liz last Thursday. In addition, a mini-be held outside the games for all children. The first 1,000 people attend will receive a treat bag. Ms. Nichols Plans call for the house and carnival to be staffed by 30 volunteers and more. Information: (404) 363-8484.

City Beat

Happenings

■ **CENTRAL PARK** — Demolition of the Dutch Forest duplex subdivision is expected to be complete by Nov. 28 and work will begin on a new development of single family homes. The city council has okayed the name Central Park for the new development behind the city baseball fields.

College Park

■ **ENTRANTS SOUGHT** — The recreation department is seeking for participants the city's 22nd Annual Christmas Parade. This year's theme: "This Is How We Celebrate Christmas In My Country." The parade will be on Main Street, starting at Vesta Avenue and ending at Yale Avenue. It will start at 11 a.m. on Dec. 13. There will be floats, bands, characters and of course Santa. Awards: Mayor's Cup, Grand Marshall's Trophy, and Most Beautiful Entry plaque.
 Information: 404-449-3773.

Union City

■ **PROTEST PARADES** — Concerned Citizens of South Fulton, a group opposing New York Video, an adult store planning to open on Londonderry Way, is planning two parades Saturday, one at 10 a.m. and another at 4 p.m. Participants will meet at Shannon 7 Theaters, 8005 Mall Blvd. Participants are asked to wear white ribbons and bring white balloons. There will be a pep rally, music and speakers after each parade.

East Point

■ **TO PHILLY** — Mayor Patsy Jo Hilliard will be a voting delegate and councilman Threet Brown will be an alternate at the 1997 National League of Cities Conference in Philadelphia Dec. 6.

Palmetto

■ **TINSEL TOUR** — Tickets are on sale for the Christmas in Palmetto Tour of Homes. The tour will be Dec. 7 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. and will include several homes and churches in the community. Tickets are available at the Palmetto branch of Tucker Federal Bank and at Palmetto United Methodist Church. Proceeds will benefit Palmetto Clean and Beautiful.
 Information: Martha McElhannon, (770) 463-3838.

Fairburn

■ **HONORED** — At its meeting last Monday, the Fairburn City Council recognized Marian Johnson for her work in organizing the Old Campbell County Homecoming festival the last three years. After a standing ovation from Mayor Betty Hannah and the council, Ms. Johnson expressed her appreciation to city officials for their "tireless support" of the festival.

County Beat

■ **FOR MOMS** — Parking lots at several Fulton County government buildings will soon have spaces reserved for expectant mothers. The spots will be marked by "stork" signs.

■ **ART** — The Fulton County Arts Council's Art-at-Work program has received the Innovative Summer Youth Program Award from the Metro Area Private Industry Council under the guidance of the Atlanta Regional Commission. Art-at-Work, a jobs training program, used a \$61,000 grant to expand to two additional venues and add 30 participants this summer. Ninety young people participated this year in programs at the South Fulton Arts Center, the Boatrock Housing Community, North Springs High School and West End Performing Arts Center.

■ **DFACS** — Fulton County Commissioner Gordon Joyner has appointed Barney Simms to the board of the Fulton County Department of Family and Children's Services. He is assistant director for community partnerships and public service at DeKalb College and formerly head librarian. He will serve a five-year term on the DFACS board, replacing Janice Thompson.

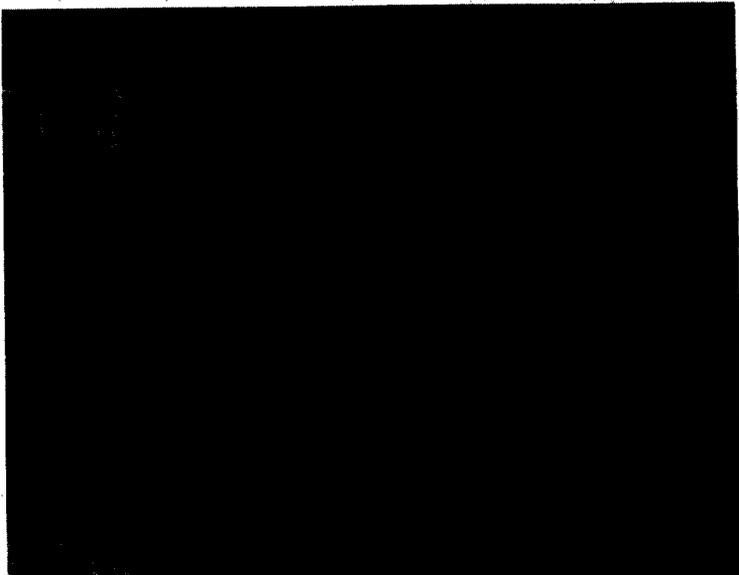
■ **PURCHASING** — Johnny B. Gates Jr. has been appointed new director of purchasing for Fulton County. He began work last Wednesday. Gates comes to Fulton from Newport News, Va. He has 26 years experience as a purchasing director in both the public and private sectors.

■ **AT-RISK** — The Fulton-Atlanta Community Action Authority will receive \$40,832 from the state for Fulton-Atlanta Youth Build, a program that helps people between 16 and 24 obtain their GED, gain leadership skills, learn construction skills by renovating housing and give back to their communities.

■ **FUEL FUNDS** — Fulton County has received a \$50,000 grant from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority that will help the county defray some of the cost of its new Alternative Fuel Vehicles program. In August, the county received 12 such vehicles, designed to reduce polluting car emissions.

■ **NEW** — Maria Munoz-Blanco has been hired as assistant director of the Fulton County Arts Council; April Pessolia is the new program development specialist for the council and John Horne is the facility manager at the newly renovated Warsaw-Ocee Arts Center.

■ **WALKTOBERFEST** — Fulton County's first Walktoberfest for the American Diabetes Association raised almost \$4,000. Fifty walkers raised the money Oct. 4 at Welcome A1J Park.



Displaying some of the protest signs they're using, concerned citizens (L-R) Anita Smith, Toni Thornton and Anna Grandt get ready to march.



(L-R) Chris Allison, Nicholas Allison and Lynda Glaze are among those fighting the opening of New York Video. Opponents of the store met last Thursday night to plan strategies to keep the store out of Union City.

Battle

Landlord suing
 By Bevan Moss
 Neighbor Staff Writer

Opponents of a shop in Union City skirmish in their battle.

New York Video sued by its landlord. Source, on grounds failed to disclose the business when a lease, according to McDaniel of Concor South Fulton, a group the store.

The citizens committee file a civil action shop from opening landlord/tenant suit McDaniel added.

The group met Fulton Annex last plan strategy. Meeting preaching other Union City to get the date in the civil Karen Lorrissa said.

Business owners are being told they are being boycotted and boycotted Citizens of South Fulton.

"This battle is a being over," McDaniel meeting.

Picketing at New will continue, McDaniel he called for the business community together. McDaniel everyone to take a District 35 Sen. Donz College Park, spoke support of their cause.

"Until I see them down, board up and be happy," she said.

She noted Senate prohibits the sale of near schools or church law. Ms. James will try to amend upcoming legislative cover situations like City.

Both Ms. James and Mayor Ralph Moore participated in the picketing.

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 21-3-187 (g) and (h) of the Georgia Election Code, since there is no opposed candidate, and no candidate or issue to be voted in the City of College Park, Georgia, the City Council will hold a special election for that Ward. The unopposed candidate is deemed to himself and won the Council seat for a four-year term for an election. There will be an election for Ward 4 on November 4, 1997.

Jean C. Cress
 City Clerk

ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of College Park to elect a Council member for Ward 4. The location for this election is at the following location:

Ward 4 - Camp Truitt Dining Room
 1500 Herschel Road
 The poles will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 1997.
 Jean C. Cress
 City Clerk

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Union City, Georgia, to elect a Council member for Ward 2. The location for this election is at the following location:

Ward 2 - Community Center, 6110 Dobson Road
 The poles will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 1997.

UCS: Voting Area: Main Auditorium, 7290 Lester Road
 Said election shall be a General Election to elect two (2) Council members and Mayor.

The last day for residents of Union City to register to vote in a general election is Monday, October 6, 1997, at the close of business.

Chief Administrator
 Election Supervisor

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 770-631-4101

PUBLIC HEARING
 A Public Hearing will be held on November 10, 1997 at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at 56 Malone Street, Fairburn, Georgia before the Fairburn Board of Zoning Appeals to consider the following variance request of Rebek K. Lambert: A variance to Section 4.10.3, "Development Standards" to increase density by 4% from 8 units per acre to 8.3 units per acre. Property fronting on Senoia Road in Land Lot 27 of the 9F District, Fulton County, Fairburn, Georgia.
 Douglas E. Charala, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
 In accordance with GA Law CH 40-1112C, the following described vehicles have been impounded by Raymond's Auto repair and are presently stored at 3724 Forest Park Rd., Atlanta, GA 30354 at 404-363-8082. The owners and/or lienholders of these vehicles should contact Raymond Dawson. If not claimed, these vehicles will be subject to be sold.

Year	Make	Model	VIN
85	Saab	Gle5	Y53AM4319F3012312
68	Oldsmobile	Delta 88	364698M329031
93	Toyota	Corolla	2T1AE09E1P0G028894
87	Ford	Escort	1FAPP2092HT776305
64	Chevrolet		41467S276511

PUBLIC NOTICE
 In accordance with Georgia Law chapter 40-11-2(C), the following described vehicles have been impounded by Glen Robinette and are presently stored at 1565 Davis Avenue, East Point, GA 30344, (404) 766-6103. The owners and/or lienholders of these vehicles are unknown. If not claimed, they will be subject to be sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder.

Yr/Make/Model	VIN	Location
1991 Nissan Sentra	IN4EB31B1NC716028	1565 Davis Avenue East Point, GA 30344

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Douglas E. Chastain, City Clerk

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Delta 88	364698M329031
Corolla	2T1AE09E1PGO28894
Escort	IFAPP2092HT176505 41467S276511

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Georgia Law chapter 40-11-2C), the following described vehicles have been impounded by Glen Robinette and Douglas E. Chastain, 65 Davis Avenue, East Point, GA 30344, owners and/or lienholders of these vehicles. If not claimed, they will be subject to be sold at public auction.

Location

EB31B1NC716028 1565 Davis Avenue
East Point, GA 30344

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held before the Mayor and Council on November 10, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, Fairburn, Georgia to consider the issuance of a variance for a church in an O&I district on property located in the City of Fairburn, Georgia, owned by Douglas E. Chastain.

Interested parties or owning property in the City of Fairburn, Georgia may be heard at the Public Hearing. The issuance of the conditional use permit.

Douglas E. Chastain
City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 21-3-187 (g) and (h) of the Georgia Municipal Election Code, since there is no opposed candidate, and no qualified write-in candidate or issue to be voted in the City of College Park Ward 2 General Election to be held November 4, 1997, no election will be held for that Ward. The unopposed candidate is deemed to have voted for himself and won the Council seat for a four year term without the need for an election. There will be an election for Ward 4.

Jean C. Cress
City Clerk

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Ward 4 - Camp Truitt Dining Room
4300 Herschel Road

The poles will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Jean C. Cress
City Clerk

NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF UNION CITY, GEORGIA

There will be an election held by the City of Union City on November 4, 1997, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Polling places are as follows:

Registered Voters In

UC01 Vote at C.H. Gullat School, 6110 Dodson Road
UC02 Vote at Fred Etris Community Center, Bridges Park, 5285 Lakeside Drive
UC03 Vote at Sparks Manor Auditorium, 7290 Lester Road

Said election shall be a General Election to elect two (2) Council Members and Mayor.

The last day for residents of Union City to register to vote in the November 4 election is Monday, October 6, 1997, at the close of business.

Sonya G. Carter
Chief Administrative Officer
Election Superintendent

00020 INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the COLLEGE PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT of the City of College Park at City Hall, 3667 Main Street, College Park, Georgia, until 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 28, 1997, at which time bids will be opened for contractor services in regard to the following project:

"TRACK AND FIELD", "REPAIR CONCRETE SEATING", "NEW FENCE", AND TENNIS COURTS

The project consists of removing the existing asphalt track and fence, installing new ones, and repairing concrete seating, and new tennis courts.

Specifications, plans and bid forms will be available October 24, 1997 from the Consulting office of Associates in Planning and Development Consulting, Inc., P.O. Box 1555, Gainesville, Georgia 30503, telephone (770) 536-4650. A non-refundable fee of \$35.00, plus \$5.00 mailing charge, will be in effect for purchase of plans and specifications.

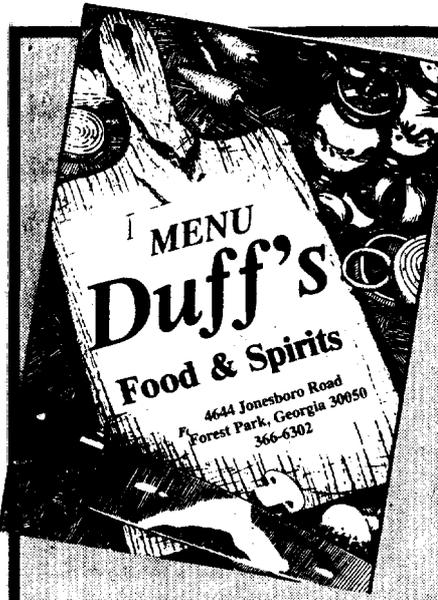
A pre-bid conference is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., November 18, 1997 at the office of Eric W. Stripe, Director, College Park Recreation Department, City Hall, College Park, Georgia. It is mandatory that all Bidders attend.

A Bid Surety in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount will be attached to the Bid. The Surety may be in the form of a certified check, money order, or a bond from a bonding company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia. Bid Surety will be made payable to the City of College Park.

Prospective bidders also should be aware that a Performance Bond for One Hundred Percent (100%) of Contract Amount, will be required of the successful bidder.

The College Park Recreation Department reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive informality in re-awarding, and/or to award the contract in the best interest of the City, and

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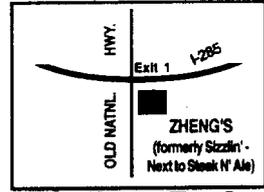
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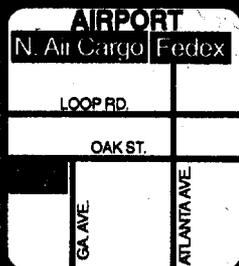
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SCHEDULING POLICIES

MISSION STATEMENT

The Georgia International Convention Center is a regional and national convention, tradeshow, and multi-purpose facility owned and operated by the City of College Park. The primary objective of the Convention Center is to facilitate events which generate economic benefits to the City of College Park. This will be accomplished by following a priority scheduling policy.

SCHEDULING PRIORITIES

Generally speaking, first priority for scheduling facilities and dates in the Georgia International Convention Center is available to regional, national and international tradeshow, conventions, corporate meetings and similar activities which are not normally open to the general public. In addition, these events are identified as utilizing three to five exhibit halls and multiple meeting room space for multiple days with a hotel room requirement in excess of 1,000 rooms per night. First priority events may be contracted eighteen (18) months in advance.

Second priority for scheduling facilities and dates in the Georgia International Convention Center is available for state, regional, national and international tradeshow, conventions, corporate meetings and similar activities which are not normally open to the general public. In addition, these events are identified as utilizing two to three exhibit halls and multiple meeting room space for multiple days with a hotel room requirement in excess of 400 rooms per night. Second priority events may be contracted twelve (12) months in advance.

Third priority for scheduling facilities and dates in the Georgia International Convention Center is available to state, regional, national and international tradeshow, conventions, corporate meetings and similar activities which are not normally open to the general public. In addition, these events are identified as utilizing one or more exhibit halls, little meeting room space for multiple days with a hotel room requirement of 400 or less hotel rooms per night. Third priority events may be contracted six (6) months in advance.

Fourth priority for scheduling facilities and dates in the Georgia International Convention Center is available to consumer or public exhibitions, local corporate meetings, special events, banquets, entertainment events, business meetings and other activities which draw from the general public and do not typically have hotel room requirements. Within the fourth priority category, the Georgia International Convention Center will give preference to long-standing annual consumer shows with a proven record of success, and may offer alternate dates in a given year which may result in termination of other fourth priority scheduling commitments. Shows of this type will be considered on a show to show basis dependent upon available space, nature of show, and compatibility of show with those already booked. Fourth priority events may be contracted three (3) to six (6) months in advance.

subject to the priorities set forth above, the Director of the Center may exercise his/her discretion as to the issuance, modification, or termination of scheduling commitments.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

It is the responsibility of The Georgia International Convention Center management to operate the facility in a sound business manner in an effort to maximize both economic benefit and financial stability of the Center. Consequently, Georgia International Convention Center management reserves the right to promote, solicit, develop and make reservations for any activity deemed appropriate to the Center's objectives and to qualify all activities requesting utilizations of the facility.

For activities which are considered to be competing for specialized and specific local markets, i.e. public boat shows, automobile shows, home product shows, etc., the Georgia International Convention Center management may, at its discretion, maintain a clearance period of thirty (30) days prior to an existing event and any similar event competing for essentially the same special market. But no agreement with any user will be executed requiring such clearance period. The Georgia International Convention Center management may further, at their discretion, maintain a clearance period of

thirty (30) days following an existing event and any similar event, but no agreement with any user will be executed requiring such clearance period. Generally speaking, such special considerations do not normally apply to convention and tradeshow (and other priority events). However, the Georgia International Convention Center management shall have the right to establish a clearance period for highly competitive activities as they deem appropriate to the welfare of the Center.

Additionally, the Georgia International Convention Center management may, at its discretion, deny any activity, convention or tradeshow that would conflict with priority events or the Center's objectives. Georgia International Convention Center management reserves the right to determine conflicts of bookings to other groups in house.

DEFINITION OF TERMINOLOGY

In the process of scheduling facilities and dates, the following terms and definitions shall always apply to the scheduling commitments, i.e., reservations issued by the Center:

TENTATIVE:

Facilities and dates will be temporarily held pending notification to the contrary by either party. In the event a tentative commitment is released by the Georgia International Convention Center, the "tentative" party will be notified the facilities and/or dates have been released.

SECOND OPTION:

Facilities and dates will be reserved tentatively but the tentative reservation will be contingent upon release of a prior reservation which is considered first option.

FIRST OPTION:

Facilities and dates reserved on first option are reserved tentatively but a conflicting commitment for the facilities and dates generally will not be made in favor of a second requesting party within the same scheduling priority without first offering the party holding a first option an opportunity to either execute a lease agreement or release its reservation.

CONFIRMED:

Facilities and dates are considered a confirmed or contractual commitment only upon execution of a Georgia International Convention Center lease agreement by the event sponsor and the Director of the center specifying all details of the commitment. However, facilities and dates may be held as "firm" upon receipt of a letter of confirmation signed by both the event sponsor and Center Director pending the preparation of a lease agreement. In the event such a letter of confirmation is signed by both the sponsor and Center Director, no conflicting scheduling will be made during a reasonable period to permit preparation and execution of a lease agreement.

No variance from the Center's agreement represented in the above terms may be made in any case except upon the prior, express written approval of the Director.

DEPOSIT SCHEDULES

Deposits are required for all activities upon execution of a formal Georgia International Convention Center lease agreement.

A deposit in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the anticipated rental amount is required upon execution of a lease agreement. Special arrangements may be negotiated, at Georgia International Convention Center's option, for a lesser deposit upon lease execution. First-time events, without a history of success, no prior event sponsorship, or a record of slow payment, etc., may be required, at Georgia International Convention Center's option, to remit up to one-hundred percent (100%) of anticipated rental and related expenses upon execution of lease agreement.

Events and circumstances not covered in the above scheduling policies may be subject to special considerations as deemed appropriate by Georgia International Convention Center Director.

THE FACILITY

- 339,000 sq.ft.
- Adjoins 400-room, first-class hotel
- One mile from Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport
- Fully equipped Kitchen
- 10,000 guest rooms within three mile radius
- Ten minutes from downtown

MEETING SPACE

- 35 meeting rooms
- Three Executive Board Rooms

EXHIBIT HALL

- 112,000 sq.ft. - can be divided into five separate exhibit halls
- Accommodates 600 10 ft. x 10 ft. booths
- Nine loading docks
- Drive-in access
- Ceiling height 23 ½ ft. to 25 ft.
- Unlimited floor load capacity
- Light level is 200 ft. candles
- Concession areas
- 3' x 3' columns at 60' and 90' centers

BALLROOMS

- 5,400 sq.ft. ballroom and 13,000 sq.ft. ballroom

ELECTRICAL

Exhibit hall utility services are delivered from columns and through flush mounted floor boxes

- 120/208 volt, 1 phase, Disconnect
- 120/208 volt, 3 phase, Disconnect
- 277/408 volt, 1 phase, Disconnect

TELEPHONE

A telecommunications system is available throughout the facility.

WATER/COMPRESSED AIR

Water, drainage, compressed air and gas are available.

BUSINESS CENTER/AUDIO VISUAL

Provided by in-house contractor

FOOD SERVICE

Provided by Proof of the Pudding, by MGR

- Full service caterer
- 6 concession stands

PARKING

- 2,200 spaces at no charge

TRANSPORTATION

- Airport area hotels offer complimentary shuttle service
- MARTA-Atlanta's modern rapid rail system. Access at airport.



City of College Park

Recreation Department

Fall

1997/98

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK 1997 OFFICIALS

Mayor Jack P. Longino
 Ward 1 Council Member Russell L. 'Rusty' Slider
 Ward 2 Council Member Johnny Robinson
 Ward 3 Council Member Tom Waller
 Ward 4 Council Member Charles Phillips
 City Manager, J. Scott Miller

Recreation Department Staff

Eric Stipe Director of Recreation
 Keith James Assistant Director
 Arthur Washington Program Coordinator
 Charles Dowdell Center Coordinator
 Morris Spain Athletic Coordinator
 Lance Terry Assist. Athletic Coordinator
 Michelle Johnson Gymnastics Coordinator
 Darlene Washington Recreation Leader
 Terence Bailey Recreation Leader
 Kay Marlowe Administrative Secretary
 Marian Chesnut Registration Clerk
 Edna Weeks Arts Crafts Specialist
 Marty Bryant Night Supervisor

Recreation Facilities

Administrative Office
 City Hall, Box F 669-3767
 Hugh C. Conley Recreation Center
 3636 College Street 669-3773
 Brady Recreation Center
 3571 Brenningham Drive 669-3776
 Senior Adult Activity Center
 2015 Virginia Avenue 768-7690
 College Park Auditorium
 3631 Main Street 669-3773
 Gymnastic Studio
 College Street 669-3773

City Parks

Barrett Park: Rugby Ave. & West Walker
 Bill Evans Field: College Street
 Brannon Memorial Park: Charlestown Drive
 Richard D. Zupp: Temple & Hawthorne Ave.
 Southside Park: West Fayetteville Rd.
 Brady Center Playground: Brenningham Dr.
 Jamestown Park: Riverdale Road
 Badgett Soccer Field: College Street

Registration Procedures

- 1 Registration for classes starts on September 2nd. Registration is taken at the Hugh C. Conley Center on a first come first serve basis.
- 2 All class/program fees are non-refundable. Refunds are made only when programs are cancelled by the Department.
- 3 Pre-registration is necessary and programs may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. All registration is based on receipt of fees.
- 4 For information call 669-3773.

Non-Resident Policy

Any person not living within the corporate limits of the City of College Park is required to pay a nonresident fee per person, per activity, per year. Youth Programs are \$5.00 and adult Programs are \$10.00. Adult athletic Teams will pay a maximum of \$50.00 per team. Families will pay a maximum of \$30.00 per year. Workshops and special events are exempt. The above fee does not cover tennis court usage.

22ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

DECEMBER 13, 1997



Getting back to basics with Christmas and Family Values will be this year's theme for the 22nd Annual Christmas parade. We are encouraging all families to participate with this theme in mind.

The Recreation Department is seeking participants for this special event. The parade is an excellent way for groups to exhibit community spirit and welcome the in the Holiday Season to College Park. There will be floats, bands and characters of all descriptions. Santa Claus will make his official appearance in College Park atop one of the City's fire trucks. Awards include: The Mayor's Cup, The Grand Marshal's Trophy, and Most Beautiful Entry Plaque. Those interested in participating should contact the College park Recreation center at 669-3773.

"LIGHT UP COLLEGE PARK"

Everyone's Invited
Monday, December 1st
7:00 p.m.

The 5th Annual Light Up College Park Ceremony will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday December 1, outside City Hall on Main Street.

There will be refreshments and seasonal music culminating in the "lighting" of the City to begin the Holiday Season.

6th Annual HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATING

Day Friday
 Date December 12th
 Time 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All City of College Park residents may participate. Winners will receive a picture of the door, and a yard sign.

SENIOR CITIZENS THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 20th
12:00 Noon

FREE (Bring a side dish)

This year's entertainment will be provided by: TBA.

The festivities include a traditional turkey dinner along with all the trimmings. RSVP, 669-3773.



SANTA IS CALLING

Tuesday, December 9th

Would your child like to receive a call from Santa? If your child is between the ages of 3 and 5 they may receive a phone call on Tuesday, December 9th. Forms can be picked up at the center.

MUST REGISTER.