



Candidate Questions and Answers

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1. How do you envision The City of Peachtree Corners in 20 years?

I envision Peachtree Corners having the same theme in 20 years that it has had for the past 40 years: a great place to live, work, and play. I believe it is, and will continue to be, one of the most desired cities to live in within the Atlanta area. The new City government will have an influence in preserving this theme, as dictated by its residents who have a strong love for family and community.

2. What is the biggest problem we have to solve to get there?

As a community, we've grown a lot over the past 40 years. There has been a strong desire for maintaining a quality environment without compromising family values. The biggest problem will be making sure we preserve those values and continue investing in our communities in the way we have in the past. Growth must be a priority, but not at the expense of our quality of life.

3. What changes in zoning from the current County regulations would you propose? How do you propose to manage and enforce them?

As a new city, I propose that we adopt the current County regulations. Once in place, the City Council should evaluate where the regulations are inadequate, solicit input from our residents who've experienced issues and implement improvements where necessary.

4. What changes in permits and fees from the current County fee structure would you propose? How do you propose to manage and enforce them?

My answer is the same as the question above. I propose that we adopt the current County permits and fees. Once in place, the City Council should evaluate where the structure is inadequate, solicit input from our residents who've experienced issues and implement improvements where necessary.

5. What changes in the garbage plan from the current County service would you propose? How do you propose to manage and enforce them?

In making a change to the current garbage plan, I propose we evaluate the market for the services and fees offered by different vendors. This would include reviewing the plans offered by neighboring cities and the satisfaction level of their citizens with the services offered. Our citizens should have an opportunity for input. I believe one of the main objectives our citizens desire is lower fees, and I would pursue a plan that reduced fees without compromising service.



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6. What office space do you think is appropriate for the City government?

As a start-up City government, I propose we establish a temporary office as soon as possible. Many inexpensive options exist for short term office space in Peachtree Corners. Given today's economic conditions, many tenants have unused office space that could serve the City government's initial needs. This will allow us to begin operations very quickly without making a significant commitment. Once the City operations are underway, we will be able to determine our office needs and space requirements and then pursue a more permanent location.

7. What do you think is the best use of the land across from the Forum?

I think the best use of the land across from the Forum would be mixed use development such as housing, shopping, restaurants, etc. The Forum has been successful not only as a business venture, but also a positive environment for the community. This is a good model for the land across from it, with the addition of upscale housing/condos.

8. How many full time employees do you foresee needing to manage city operations, Zoning, Permits, Fees, Enforcement, Fines, etc.?

I foresee having 3 full time employees: a City Manager, a Clerk and an Administrator. Many of the other required services would be outsourced. This is the recommendation by the City's feasibility study and I agree with it.

9. What is your position on taxes?

The City Charter calls for an increase in taxes of 1 mil. This amount is a cap. I would like to manage our budget so that the increase in taxes is less than 1 mil. Based on the established requirements in the City Charter and Feasibility Study, the estimated expenses for the City will be sufficiently covered within the budgeted revenue. If the Council adheres to the City charter, overspending and debt will be avoided and so will the need for unnecessary tax increases. I am confident that our city, if managed properly, will produce a surplus, avoid debt caused by overspending and avoid the need for tax increases beyond the City Charter allowance.

10. How would you propose the issuance of City Bonds? When would you find it appropriate?

I would not propose the issuance of City bonds as there is no need for it based on our City government objectives. The City government will have limited services, none of which will require the issuance of City Bonds.

11. How will you incorporate the views of the disparate communities that now make up Peachtree Corners? In particular, the communities that are very skeptical of the value a city government can bring?

I would incorporate the views of citizens by providing an environment where views can be openly communicated. Transparent communication is key to maintaining unity in our community. I will support initiatives that community involvement, open communication and active participation by our citizens.

