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Barrett Named Peachtree Corners Municipal Court Judge

PEACHTREE CORNERS, Ga. -- Peachtree Corners City Council unanimously approved Judge Charles Lewis Barrett III as the city's first municipal court judge Tuesday.

More than a dozen strong candidates applied for the position but after an extensive review, council felt strongly that Barrett was the right man for this important judgeship.

Councilman Phil Saad said, "He has a strong background serving in this role with other cities. We felt comfortable selecting him as our first judge and look forward to working with him."

A resident of Gwinnett County since 1984, Barrett lives in Berkeley Lake and currently serves as Municipal Court Judge for the cities of Lilburn, Berkeley Lake and Sugar Hill. He is also the Chief Judge and Court Administrator of Duluth's Municipal Court.

Barrett brings an impressive legal and public service background to the position. He is a past president of the Council of Municipal Court Judges of Georgia and currently serves as Chairman of that council's Legislative Committee. From 1986 to '91 he was elected to the Duluth City Council. He served as that city's Mayor Pro Tem from 1989-'91.

He earned his undergraduate degree from Georgia State College and his law degree from Emory University School of Law.

At Tuesday's meeting, Reginald Miller and Francisco Clark were sworn in as code enforcement officers and City Manager Julian Jackson gave council a report on a pending agreement with Comcast to collect franchise fees.

The agreement, would give the city the ability to collect franchise fees from the cable provider. Payments currently being made to Gwinnett County will be redirected once the agreement is approved. Cable subscribers in Peachtree Corners won't see an increase in their bills, only a line item that shows the franchise fee will now be paid to the city instead of the county.

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