

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 6:01 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

Council Members present: Council Member John Paulson, Council Member Chris Burnett, Council Member Jody Reichel, and Council Member Andy Bauman

INVOCATION

Rabbi Ellen Nemhauser - Union for Reform Judaism offered the invocation.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Development

1. **19-252** Street Connectivity

Assistant City Manager Jim Tolbert provided an overview of a PowerPoint presentation regarding Street Connectivity. The presentation is a result of a discussion at a previous Council meeting concerning a rezoning just off Dalrymple Road. The PowerPoint presentation is incorporated and made a part of these Minutes herein.

Mayor Rusty Paul confirmed that for example, Dalrymple and Riverside Drive are collectors. That we would not want to have cut-through that would tie into the collectors, i.e., Dalrymple or Riverside.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert confirmed that the property could be developed off Dalrymple but could not tie into another street that would make it a through street.

Council Member Burnett discussed that some connectivity is a positive thing in an urban setting, but forcing roads through neighborhoods and with the prevalence of Waze, it has created a whole new set of obstacles. Staff's presentation is a good compromise, as it includes some connectivity for bikers and walkers, but still has connectivity in a downtown urban setting.

Council Member Paulson concurred with the recommendations shown.

CONCENSUS OF COUNCIL is to go forward and present to the Planning Committee.

Public Works

2. **19-253** Stream Walk

Director of Public Works Marty Martin introduced consultants Amanda Lester, PE, and Austin Brown, a scientist from River 2 Tap (R2T) to provide a brief overview of the City's Stormwater Management Plan. The presentation will be incorporated and be made a part of these Minutes.

Assistant City Manager Jim Tolbert reported that the City has also been doing some work regarding 'Improving Impaired Streams' and evaluating potential improvements. Staff hopes to bring forward recommendations by October. Recently, the City restructured the Community Development Department to transition Catherine Mercier-Baggett to focus on sustainability and green infrastructure. She's putting a plan together to renovate the Greenway Stream and to look into the City creating a pilot program with publicly owned properties to provide people with examples of green infrastructure, sustainability and even stream renovation efforts.

Council Member Paulson questioned how often should we do these streams walks to be able to measure year to year. He indicated he was quite impressed with the information provided.

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Council Member Reichel questioned if there was something that could be done on private property.

Austin Brown replied there are links regarding Back Yard Stream Renovation.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated that there needs to be more education about the 75' stream buffer so that people know not to carry the lawn right down to the creek bank or it will not be there for very long. The Mayor stated that with all the discussion that we have a sense of the direction in which we need to go forward.

Director of Communications Sharon Kraun reported that the Communications Department had just finished updating brochures on stream buffers.

Council Member DeJulio inquired whether there would be an Action Plan developed as there's been a lot of flooding, especially from Nancy Creek.

CONCENSUS OF COUNCIL is to go forward with a more focused education to the citizenry.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at: 6:26 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Coty Thigpen, City Clerk