

**Regular Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.**

**INVOCATION**

Rabbi Josh Heller, B’Nai Torah, offered the invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eva Galambos called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**City Clerk Michael Casey** reminded everyone to silence all electronic devices at this time. Additionally, those wishing to provide public comment during either a public hearing or the Public Comment segment of the meeting are required to complete a public comment card. The cards are located at the back counter and need to be turned in to the City Clerk.

City Clerk Casey called the roll

**Mayor:** Mayor Eva Galambos present.

**Councilmembers:** Councilmember John Paulson, Councilmember Dianne Fries, Councilmember Chip Collins, Councilmember Gabriel Sterling, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, and Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnery present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Eva Galambos led the Pledge of Allegiance

**(Agenda Item No. 12-084)**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Meeting Agenda for April 3, 2012. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(Agenda Item No. 12-085)**

1. Meeting Minutes:
  - a) March 20, 2012 Regular Meeting
  - b) March 20, 2012 Work Session

*(Michael Casey, City Clerk)*

**(Agenda Item No. 12-086)**

2. Consideration of Proposed Submission of Streets to be resurfaced with the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant for FY2012  
*(Kevin Walter, Director of Public Works)*

**Resolution No. 2012-04-27**

**(Agenda Item No. 12-087)**

3. Consideration of the Acceptance of the donation of a Permanent Drainage and Temporary Construction Easement  
(Kevin Walter, Director of Public Works)  
**Resolution No. 2012-04-28**

**(Agenda Item No. 12-088)**

4. Acceptance of a Permanent and Construction, Maintenance and Utility Easement from Teachers Insurance & Annuity Association of America in connection with the Perimeter Community Improvement District's (PCID) Pedestrian Plazas construction project on Peachtree-Dunwoody Road  
(Kevin Walter, Director of Public Works)  
**Resolution No. 2012-04-29**

**(Agenda Item No. 12-089)**

5. Acceptance of the donation of a Right of Way Deed from Costco Wholesale Corporation in connection with the Perimeter Community Improvement District's (PCID) Pedestrian Plazas' construction project on Peachtree-Dunwoody Road  
(Kevin Walter, Director of Public Works)  
**Resolution No. 2012-04-30**

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Consent Agenda for April 3, 2012. Councilmember Meizen McEnery seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Tax Digest Projections for 2012 by the Acting Chief Appraiser of the Fulton County Tax Assessor's Office – David Fitzgibbons

**David Fitzgibbons, Acting Chief Appraiser of the Fulton County Tax Assessor's Office,** stated regarding the real estate market, there is still a large number of foreclosures. There has been positive activity in Class A apartments. Office buildings are still being leased, but at a lower value. The City's commercial/industrial tax digest may decrease by 2-3%. The residential real estate tax digest may decrease 7-10%.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** asked if he is referencing Sandy Springs or the county as a whole.

Mr. Fitzgibbons responded the county as a whole. However, Sandy Springs also seems to be falling in the pattern of the county. There are some areas that are doing better than others. From the 2011 tax digest there may be a 6-10% decrease. The 2011 tax digest for Sandy Springs was \$6.868 billion. At a six percent decrease, the amount would be \$6.6 billion. At an eight percent decrease, the amount would be \$6.5 billion. From those numbers, the value lost would be around \$300 to \$580 million. The total decrease of 8-10% is for Sandy Springs.

**Councilmember Gabriel Sterling** stated those numbers do not match with what occurred in Sandy Springs last year. Last year, there was only a 3.2% decrease in the overall digest in Sandy Springs while there was an 11% decrease in south Fulton County. The overall county decrease was around 8-9%. He asked what has changed from last year to this year that caused the expected decrease to be greater.

Mr. Fitzgibbons stated there have been home sales, but the homes are being sold at a lower value. There was an inventory of homes that the bank has now foreclosed on. It seems there has not been much of a turnaround for overall residential sales in 2011.

Councilmember Sterling asked if the tax digest decrease will double from the previous year.

Mr. Fitzgibbons responded that may occur. In about two weeks, his office should have more accurate figures for the tax digest.

Mayor Galambos asked if new construction is included in the numbers.

Mr. Fitzgibbons responded yes. There are still over 200 neighborhoods that need to be calculated into the figures.

**Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny** stated when Mr. Fitzgibbon's predecessor presented to the Council last year on April 18, 2011; he provided a preliminary statement labeled "Consolidation and Evaluation of Digest". This document lists the final numbers for 2010 and the preliminary numbers for 2011. The combined digest was approximately 40% commercial and 60% residential. The City's numbers decreased 3.5% last year and staff budgeted for a much larger decrease than what the numbers are at now. Seven months into the fiscal year, the City's revenue numbers have exceeded the decrease by a small amount. She asked when Mr. Fitzgibbons can provide Council with a consolidation and evaluation digest for 2012.

Mr. Fitzgibbons stated he spoke to his staff about the digest and the numbers should be available by the middle of next week.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny stated that taking last year's estimated tax digest decrease of 3.5% and increasing that to 6-10% does not seem reflective of what is occurring in the residential market.

Mr. Fitzgibbons stated the appraisal date is January 1st. That is reflective of what happened in the 2011 calendar year. There is a lot of property that was transferred in the first part of last year that did not show up on the previous digest, but is included in the current digest.

Councilmember Sterling asked if the \$380 to \$520 million of the \$6.968 billion is the Sandy Springs tax digest.

Mr. Fitzgibbons responded yes. Fulton County received over 38,000 tax appeals last year. There are still about 22,000 to 23,000 his staff is processing.

Mayor Galambos asked if the number of appeals has increased tremendously compared to previous years.

Mr. Fitzgibbons responded yes. The primary reason is because Senate Bill 346 requires every property to be sent a change of assessment notice. There was a lot of media coverage that portrayed Fulton County as incompetent. When Fulton County calculates the tax digest, it is done on the market research available, which reflects actual sales in the market and trends in commercial property. Statistical studies are also done to ensure compliance with the Department of Revenue. Fulton County did have a computer problem, which showed up on a few tax bills. Corrections have been made to those bills. Updates have been made to the Fulton County website to accept appeals online.

Mayor Galambos stated there was emphasis on the assessments being too high relative to the market value. In previous years, her home assessment was always lower than the amount she knew she could sell her house for. She thought the media went way overboard.

Mr. Fitzgibbons stated the County had a lot of work to accomplish in a short amount of time and a few mistakes were made. Fulton County has a legal appraisal date of January 1<sup>st</sup> that has to be adhered to, which means the data in the digest is from the previous year.

Mayor Galambos thanked Mr. Fitzgibbons.

2. The FY2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) – Karen Ellis

**Finance Director Karen Ellis** stated this item is the fiscal year 2011 final audited financial statements. In management discussion, the City does have a positive balance for 2011. The fund balance was exceeded by over \$500,000 and the assets increased to over \$208 million. The City's auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins is here to present the report.

**Adam Fraley, Partner of Mauldin & Jenkins**, stated audit manager James Bence was also in attendance. Mr. Fraley presented from the Annual Audit Agenda report. On page 1, the audit agenda discusses Mauldin & Jenkins and audits they perform for State and local governments. On page 2, it discusses the audit opinion. Mauldin & Jenkins responsibility is to render an opinion on the financial statements by following government auditing standards. A clean opinion was rendered that the financial statements were fairly presented in all material respects for the year ended June 30, 2011. On page 3, it discusses the financial highlights. The City's net assets for the year increased from about \$195 million to \$209 million. In that equity, approximately \$153,000 is invested in capital assets. That leaves \$55 million that is unrestricted and considered available for operations. From pages 3 to 5 are the summarized version of the footnotes that follow the financial statement. He encouraged Council to review the management discussion and analysis that management is required to write as part of the conclusion. Since the City has been incorporated, it has done the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which is above and beyond what is required by the State of Georgia. The State requires only a year-end financial report. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has another program where a certificate can be obtained for excellence in financial reporting. The City of Sandy Springs has received that certificate for several years and plans to submit for the certificate again this year. Most governments in Georgia do not seek and obtain the certificate from the GFOA. There are items in a CAFR that are not in normal financial reports, like an introductory section and a statistical section that shows the history of financial and nonfinancial information. Page 6 discusses accounting policy changes, management judgments, and difficulties performing the audit. City staff was more than cooperative in working with Mauldin & Jenkins on the audit. The fund balance is looked at to see the health of the general fund. The categories have changed for the fund balance. The GASB 54 has new standards. These standards include new terms such as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. When reviewing the new categories, refer back to the audit agenda for the definitions of each category. There were audit adjustments delivered to management. Those changes have been posted in the financial report. On page 10, there were findings that have been discussed with the finance department. Staff is already in the process of taking steps for corrective action on those items. On page 13, management points are listed that were discussed with management. Page 14 lists items that staff needs to be aware of and stay in compliance with. Page 15 to page 18 list new accounting standards. Some of the new standards will not affect the City and some will. Page 20 lists classes of free continuing education that are offered to clients.

**Councilmember John Paulson** stated several internal controls were referenced as not being sufficient on page 10. He asked if staff is working to correct the internal controls and if the corrections are made in conjunction with the auditors.

**City Manager John McDonough** responded yes. Staff works quickly to identify what issues there may be and rectifies them.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** stated there may have been confusion during Finance Department staff changes, including a new finance director.

Mr. Fraley responded the changes in finance staff did affect the audit. The final audit reports are usually issued in December.

Mayor Galambos asked Mr. Fraley if any major accounting errors were found.

Mr. Fraley stated the items that are required to be reported are on page 10. The management points are items that are not required to be reported. There were findings this year that probably will not occur going forward.

**Councilmember Gabriel Sterling** asked if in the financial statement material, the \$4.5 million is reflected in the \$195 million from last year or the \$212 million. There was about \$1 million of infrastructure under depreciated. The \$1 million came out of the \$4.5 million.

Mr. Fraley responded the previous year's number was corrected for this change.

**Councilmember Chip Collins** asked about management point number one on page 13.

Mr. Fraley stated he made this item a management letter comment, because the amount should be addressed.

Mayor Galambos thanked Mr. Fraley for the report.

3. Project HOPE Certificate Ceremony – Chief McElfish

**Fire Chief Jack McElfish** asked Senior Deputy Fire Marshall Jeff Scarbrough to the front.

**Senior Deputy Fire Marshall Jeff Scarbrough** stated the Fire Department started an initiative to help make the City high rise buildings safer. The new program is called the High Rise Occupancy Planning and Exercise Program. The program includes the Fire Department staff training the employees on what to do in the event of an emergency, before the Fire Department arrives, to create a better outcome. The first class included twelve students, which represents about twenty percent of the high rises in the City. The students completed the initial training and received packets. The next step is for the students to go back to their buildings and conduct the training internally. Fire Department staff will come back to the buildings at a later time and hold an exercise to evaluate what was learned. He recognized Fire Inspectors Alan Shuman and Doug Brown for helping out with the program.

Fire Chief McElfish stated there are sixty-two high rise buildings in Sandy Springs. Forty-two of these buildings do not have sprinkler systems.

**Councilmember Dianne Fries** asked about the size of the sixty-two high rise buildings.

Fire Chief McElfish stated the sixty-two buildings are all nine stories or more.

Senior Deputy Fire Marshall Scarbrough called the following individuals to the front to receive their certificates: Teresa Taylor, Ray Sheppard, Christine Bazarian, and Art Perini.

4. The 4th Original Cycling Painting for the Sandy Springs Cycling Challenge – Robert Amato

**Mayor Eva Galambos** stated this item is the receipt of the 4<sup>th</sup> original painting for the annual Sandy Springs Cycling Challenge.

**Councilmember Dianne Fries** asked for the Sandy Springs Cycling Challenge advertising video to be played for all in attendance. She asked Mayor Galambos and Robert Amato to the front. Mr. Amato created a cycling painting and has allowed the use of the painting image for advertising for this event. Mr. Amato is also donating the original painting to the City. The Sandy Springs Cycling Challenge and the Food and Wine Classic will be located at City Walk in Sandy Springs.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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**City Clerk Michael Casey** read the rules for the Public Hearings section of the meeting.

**Alcoholic Beverage License**

**(Agenda Item No. 12-090)**

1. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Northridge Chevron at 8295 Roswell Rd Sandy Springs, Georgia 30350. Applicant is Azeem Amir Ali for Retail/Package Wine & Malt Beverage

**Revenue Supervisor Brandon Branham** stated this item is a change of ownership application for retail/package beer and wine. The applicant has met all requirements and staff recommends approval.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** called for public comments in support of or opposition to the application. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Galambos closed the public hearing.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Fries moved to approve Agenda Item No. 12-090, Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Northridge Chevron at 8295 Roswell Rd Sandy Springs, Georgia 30350, for Retail/Package Wine & Malt Beverage. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**(Agenda Item No. 12-091)**

2. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Sips N Strokes at 227 Sandy Springs Pl Ste 402, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328. Applicant is Sandra Lewis for a BYOB Consumption on Premises Wine License

**Revenue Supervisor Brandon Branham** stated this item is a new application for BYOB wine consumption on premise. The applicant has met all requirements and staff recommends approval.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** called for public comments in support of or opposition to the application. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Galambos closed the public hearing.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Sterling moved to approve Agenda Item No. 12-091, Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Sips N Strokes at 227 Sandy Springs Pl Ste 402, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328, for a BYOB Consumption on Premises Wine License. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**(Agenda Item No. 12-092)**

3. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Sushi Nami Too at 5610 Glenridge Dr Ste 101 Sandy Springs, Georgia 30342. Applicant is Scott Jeon for Consumption on Premises Wine, Malt Beverage, and Distilled Spirits

**Revenue Supervisor Brandon Branham** stated this item is a new application for consumption on premises of beer, wine, and liquor. The applicant has met all requirements and staff recommends approval.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** called for public comments in support of or opposition to the application. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Galambos closed the public hearing.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Sterling moved to approve Agenda Item No. 12-092, Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Sushi Nami Too at 5610 Glenridge Dr Ste 101 Sandy Springs, Georgia 30342, for Consumption on Premises of Wine, Malt Beverage, and Distilled Spirits. Councilmember DeJulio seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Zoning Modification**

### **(Agenda Item No. 12-093)**

4. **ZM11-004** - 20 Glenlake Parkway, *Applicant: Kaiser Foundation*, To modify condition 1 & condition 2.a. of application Z88-160/U88-118/U88-119/U11-120/U88-121

**Manager of Planning and Zoning Patrice Dickerson** stated at this time the Kaiser Foundation is asking for a deferral of this item to the June 5, 2012, City Council meeting in order to continue working with the neighboring property owner.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** called for public comments in support of or opposition to the application. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Galambos closed the public hearing.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Sterling moved to defer Agenda Item No. 12-093, **ZM11-004** - 20 Glenlake Parkway, *Applicant: Kaiser Foundation*, To modify condition 1 & condition 2.a. of application Z88-160/U88-118/U88-119/U11-120/U88-121, to the June 5, 2012, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **(Agenda Item No. 12-094)**

1. Reconsideration of Site Development Inspection Staffing Enhancement pursuant to Section 2.15 of the Sandy Springs Charter

**Mayor Eva Galambos** stated "I hereby veto Council's action to expend \$17,146 to add part-time arborist/landscape architect positions to the Community Development work staff for the purpose of doing pre-inspections. I am taking this action as chief executive officer of the City of Sandy Springs in order to safeguard the taxpayers. The amount for the remainder of this fiscal year is \$17,146, which would translate to \$68,584 for the next fiscal year. Although Council discussed doing this on a trial basis, it is common knowledge that once a personnel expense is embedded in a payroll it is extremely difficult to extract it. In the work session it was suggested that this initiative be evaluated at the May budget sessions. Since there will have been at most a month and a half of experience, it is not reasonable to expect that an evaluation could be meaningful. This Council action represents "personnel creep" which I do not find necessary for the reasons presented below. While the amount that is requested for this fiscal year is available in "Contingency," any funds remaining in "Contingency" at the end of the fiscal year represent additional revenue that can be used to improve the City's infrastructure, with lasting effects for the citizens of this City.

1. The added personnel does not emanate from a request by the Department. Neither the Department, nor the City Manager, has indicated to the Council their inability to perform its work in the absence of more personnel. This action is purely an initiative by Council to determine staffing levels, which is not the function of the Council. In fact, the Director of Community Development reported to Council that the permitting process is moving to a system whereby all the parties including the developers meet together before submitting plans. This is to forestall problems before they happen.

As noted in the March 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting minutes, the Director of Community Development described the recent practice of instituting Thursday meetings "that now include discussing projects that are being proposed, before the design has been done. The meetings have become popular in getting everyone together to discuss what staff is looking for on each particular site

plan. There is a growing desire of applicants wanting to meet with the City prior to submitting plans.”

Thus, the Department is already addressing the problems about which the Council has voiced concerns, and the Department is doing so with current employees, and has not asked for additional employees. We should allow this process to proceed before we add employees and spend taxpayer money.

2. There has been some perception that Sandy Springs permitting is cumbersome and not business friendly. This is not the time to add another step to the permitting process that would lengthen the process. None of the surrounding municipalities requires a pre-inspection before the permit is issued. Thus imposing this on Sandy Springs may make us less competitive.
3. Adding personnel by Council initiative supersedes the normal process whereby the City Manager, who is supposed to be closest to the administrative and day to day activities of the Departments, would initiate a request for more staffing.
4. The normal process of processing permits that involve land disturbance requires the submission of a tree survey, and a site plan that includes grading to be done. A site visit to confirm this information implies that the submissions are not correct. It implies that the developers who come to us are not honest. I am not willing to make this assumption. If the submission is incomplete, staff has the authority to require corrected submissions before a land disturbance permit is granted. Staff has the authority to define the necessary information to be submitted before the issuance of a permit, and to hold a conference with the developer when he comes in for the permit.

While occasionally you do have bulldozer operators who violate what was permitted, a pre-inspection would not prevent them.

5. We have no history of recent violations of our tree ordinance as a result of land disturbance. At the beginning of our history as a City we did experience egregious violations that resulted in severe fines. As a result of this firm enforcement, Sandy Springs has become known as a jurisdiction where we take the tree ordinance seriously.
6. I have seen no evidence to suggest that our beautiful tree canopy has diminished. Indeed as part of my duty of Mayor I often escort visitors around our fair City. Their constant amazement is expressed to me at the forests that cover our area. We are truly blessed.
7. Council has described its action as a “policy change.” However, this is not a policy change. Our policies are expressed in ordinances, such as the tree ordinance, and the development rules. How these ordinances are carried out is procedure and implementation by staff. The effort by Council to call its action to require a pre-inspection as a “policy change” is semantics that masquerades a change in procedure as a policy. I cannot accept that.”

**City Attorney Wendell Willard** asked the City Clerk to state when the written formal veto to this approved agenda item was received.

**City Clerk Michael Casey** stated the written formal veto was provided to the City Clerk’s office on Thursday, March 29, 2012.

**Councilmember Dianne Fries** stated she fully respects the Mayor. Council has done a wonderful job on respecting each other when they do not agree on an item. She respects the Mayor's opportunity to veto this item. "The Mayor states that pre-inspection would make the permit procedure cumbersome. The permit procedure is already cumbersome. With the recent increase in permit applications, having the first two meetings held in the office might be why the process is cumbersome. Onsite meetings may uncover items that can cause delays down the road. The additional inspections may actually speed up the process. The Mayor states that policies are ordinances, which is not totally correct. Policies develop ordinances and some ordinances include policy components. Policies are made such as protocol and procedures and level of service. This item specifically was a policy decision made by a majority of the Council, which was a level of service policy. The City Manager brought the recommendation back to Council."

**Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny** stated "Sandy Springs residential development is characterized as infill. We have no great swathes of undeveloped land surrounded by more undeveloped land. Instead every new home constructed or addition to an existing home on a lot in Sandy Springs is completely surrounded by other lots whose owners are directly impacted by the new development through their shared buffers, streams, and tree canopy. That is the primary reason that additional staff is needed. To protect all property rights, the developers and the adjacent citizens before a building permit is issued and afterwards to ensure site plan compliance. Without pre-development site inspections to review the accuracy of tree surveys, the grading plans, stream buffer locations and other site conditions, major mistakes have and will continue to be made. This is a bulldozer sized hole we need to close as residential re-development activity is picking up in Sandy Springs. It is also reasonable to expect that the pre-development site inspections will actually save dollars for property owners in the long run as site design changes can be made earlier before costly mistakes are made and have to be corrected. The Mayor has indicated in her written veto that she has seen no evidence that our tree canopy has been diminished. I totally disagree with that assessment basing my observations on tree canopy loss on West Belle Isle, Rebel Trail, Londonberry, and Mystic Place to name a few. Let's explore the Mayor's reference to "personnel creep". On Oct 4 the City Council approved a \$212,877 increase in staff resources specifically to the department of Community Development, which received at the time both the Mayor's and my support. These additional resources were added in the areas of plan review engineers, building inspectors and arborist hours to address an increase in permit activity in our City and totaled 2.81 FTE's. As mentioned the mayor and I joined the Council in supporting those increases and there was no mention at that time by the Mayor or from Council of personnel creep. Again in early 2012 we added a full time Economic Development director and a 1/2 IT specialist which was unanimously approved by Council and Mayor as needed and beneficial and again no mention of "personnel creep". That totaled less than \$175,000 on annual basis. Finally, Staff has recommended and demonstrated to my satisfaction that these pre and post site development inspections are needed to protect the property rights of all adjacent citizens and safeguard the environmental integrity of our community. The Council did not micromanage this process, instead worked through the City Manager and his Director of Community Development to get their recommendation to add this needed position. Thank you."

**Councilmember Tibby DeJulio** stated he completely supports the Mayor's veto of this item and it is not because of the item. Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny referenced additional resources for Community Development at a cost of \$250,000, but that was requested by the department to complete their job. It was mentioned how the Council approved an economic development officer, but that was the creation of a new position. He is not opposed to pre-inspections, tree canopy, or people following the rules. He is opposed to Council micromanaging the process. Council did not tell Community Development to require pre-inspections. Council told the department they wanted an additional arborist and an additional inspector for pre-inspections. If Community Development could not get the job done with the additional staff requested last year, they would have asked again for more staff. At that time it would have been the duty of Council to determine if the funds were available for that request. For Council to tell Community Development they cannot do their job unless they have more staff is micromanaging the City. It was determined from the beginning, this City would be run like a business. Sandy Springs is a \$90 million

business that should operate as any other business would. The City hired professional management who are experts in their field. Council tells staff the job they want completed, not how to do the job. Council telling staff how to do their job is not the way the City of Sandy Springs operates. That is what other municipalities around the county and State do.

**Councilmember Chip Collins** stated his recollection is there was a consensus of Council in favor of exploring the concept of pre-inspections. Council asked staff if it is something that can be done with existing staffing levels or if additional staff is needed. He recalls that staff let Council know additional staff would be needed. He recalls being assured by Director of Community Development Angela Parker that the additional step of pre-inspection could be done without undue delay in the permitting process. He does not want to do anything that could delay the permitting process. He hopes that the site inspections can be done in a streamlined process. If this item is approved, the City is not forever bound to it. He is sure this process will be reviewed at the midyear budget review to see if it is working.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Sterling moved to override the Mayor's veto of the Site Development Inspection Staffing Enhancement (Agenda Item No. 12-075). Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnergy seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1, with Councilmember DeJulio voting in opposition.

Mayor Galambos stated there is confusion in Council's mind as to what is procedure and what is policy.

Councilmember Fries asked if policy and procedure can be discussed at a future Work Session.

Mayor Galambos stated when staff tells Council how staff wants to perform a job, that is procedure.

Councilmember Fries stated there are times when Council tells staff what they prefer the level of service to be.

Mayor Galambos stated Council directs staff regarding the level of service, including maintaining trees and stormwater management control. How staff gets those jobs done is staff's decision.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Mayor and Council Reports
2. Staff Reports

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

(Agenda Item No. 12-095)

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation**

There was no Executive Session.

(Agenda Item No. 12-096)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

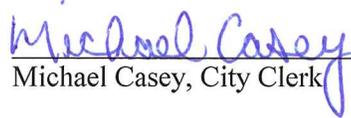
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**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember DeJulio moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Date Approved: April 17, 2012



Eva Galambos, Mayor



Michael Casey, City Clerk