

**Regular Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.**

**INVOCATION**

Rabbi Brad Levenberg, Temple Sinai, offered the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Eva Galambos led the Pledge of Allegiance

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eva Galambos called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Gabriel Sterling, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, and Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny present. Councilmember Chip Collins was absent.

**(Agenda Item No. 11-241)**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Meeting Agenda for November 1, 2011. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(Agenda Item No. 11-242)**

1. Meeting Minutes:
  - a) October 18, 2011 Regular Meeting
  - b) October 18, 2011 Work Session

*(Michael Casey, City Clerk)*

**(Agenda Item No. 11-243)**

2. Approval of 2012 City Council Meeting Schedule  
*(Michael Casey, City Clerk)*

**(Agenda Item No. 11-244)**

3. Transfer of CIP funds from P0006-SSTC in the amount of \$250,000.00 to P0007-Hammond Park  
*(Ronnie Young, Director of Recreation and Parks)*

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve the Consent Agenda for November 1, 2011. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** asked Acting Director of Community Development Ed Shoucair to the front.

**Acting Director of Community Development Ed Shoucair** introduced Angela Parker, the new Director of Community Development. Ms. Parker previously worked at Fulton County for thirty years. While working at Fulton County she held the positions of landscape architect, Director of Public Works, and Director of Community Development.

**Director of Community Development Angela Parker** stated she is excited to begin working with the City. She thanked the Mayor and Council for this opportunity.

### PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

#### **(Agenda Item No. 11-245)**

1. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Exxon Food Mart located at 6180 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Dikul Patel for Retail/Package of Wine & Malt Beverage

**Revenue Supervisor Brandon Branham** stated the applicant has submitted a complete application for retail package beer and wine. Staff recommends approval.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** called for public comments in support of or opposition to this 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. 11-245, Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Exxon Food Mart located at 6180 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Dikul Patel for Retail/Package of Wine & Malt Beverage. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **(Agenda Item No. 11-246)**

1. Consideration of Acceptance of Grant Award under the Southeast Propane Autogas Development Program

**Chief of Police Terry Sult** stated due to time constraints for the grant, it was not possible to place this item on a Work Session agenda first. The grant is an opportunity for the City to save money on a long term basis. The grant is \$232,000 with a fifty percent match of \$116,000. The grant will allow a total of forty police vehicles to be outfitted with LP gas capabilities. LP gas is a dual fuel hybrid system that will allow the vehicles to run on regular gasoline or on LP gas, and switch back and forth as needed. The LP

gas gets one mile per gallon less than regular gasoline, but costs \$1.13 to \$1.53 less per gallon. The LP gas is more efficient and burns much cleaner than regular. The vehicles with LP capability will not require oil changes quite as often. The State of Virginia won this grant for the whole southeast region. Councilmember Meinzen McEnery brought this idea to the forefront by suggesting staff look at the pilot project in Jackson County, GA. Staff has looked at both the Jackson County and Carroll County projects, which have thirty-six vehicles now using LP gas.

**Councilmember John Paulson** stated he recently attended a conference in Louisville, KY. There were two vendors at the conference discussing the gas conversions that stated the average cost is \$5,000 to \$7,000 per vehicle. This grant is a good deal for the City.

Chief of Police Sult stated the conversion cost estimate per City vehicle is \$5,800. The City should recover that amount back within twenty-five to thirty thousand miles of driving due to the fuel cost savings. The LP equipment can also be removed from a car when it is rotated out of the fleet and placed in a new police vehicle.

Councilmember Paulson asked who will do the conversion on the vehicles.

Chief of Police Sult responded Force 911.

**Councilmember Tibby DeJulio** asked how the performance of the vehicles will be affected.

Chief of Police Sult stated the LP gas will improve the performance of the vehicles. The octane is much higher, the engines run cooler, and it increases the horsepower of the vehicles. The Chevrolet Caprice model was chosen as the vehicle for the LP gas conversions because there is enough trunk space for the gas tank and the equipment.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** asked how long it takes a patrol car to accumulate twenty-five to thirty thousand miles.

Chief of Police Sult stated it depends on the assignment of the vehicle. Administrative and investigative cars take more time to accumulate mileage than patrol cars. The patrol cars will probably acquire that mileage in two years.

**Councilmember Dianne Fries** stated she would have expected a patrol car to accumulate the twenty-five thousand miles in one year.

Chief of Police Sult stated the patrol cars are rotated every five years between eighty and one hundred thousand miles. That would equal the patrol cars accumulating about twenty thousand miles per year.

Mayor Galambos asked why the City is taking the matching funds out of the innovation fund instead of the Police Department's budget.

Chief of Police Sult stated the match money for the grant has to be funded and will not be recouped for a year or so. The City is already almost halfway through the fiscal year. By the time the City receives the grant award and the vehicles are cycled for conversion, it will take until June of 2012 for this project to be completed.

Mayor Galambos stated she thinks the grant is a great idea.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-246, Acceptance of Grant Award under the Southeast Propane Autogas Development Program, and to provide the matching funds. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**(Agenda Item No. 11-247)**

2. Approval of Appointment of Members to the Bicycling Advisory Committee

**Councilmember Dianne Fries** stated the proposed members of the committee are Sandy Springs residents or business owners. One of the members, Curtis Hertwig, was involved with starting Bike Sandy Springs. Patrick Barry is involved with RAMBO, a mountain bike organization located in Roswell, GA. Neil Fleming is a level one USA cycling coach and coaches professional cyclists. Kristen Wescott from the Public Works Department will be assisting on the committee.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Fries moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-247, Appointment of Members to the Bicycling Advisory Committee. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2011-11-96**

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Mayor and Council Reports

**Councilmember Tibby DeJulio** stated a few months ago he nominated the Mayor for the National League of Cities Women in Municipal Government Leadership Award. The Mayor is one of five finalists for the award that will be announced on November 11, 2011, in Phoenix, AZ. He congratulated the Mayor for being recognized on a national basis.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** thanked Assistant City Manager Eden Freeman for preparing the nomination paperwork.

2. Staff Reports

**Acting Director of Community Development Ed Shoucair** stated a strength of the Community Development Department is the building inspection group. Typically, the group conducts 800 building inspections in a month. In a desire to help strengthen the group and to provide better services to the community, the deadline for when a business can call in for a next day inspection will be extended. The deadline will be changed from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This gives the contractors almost a full day to get their work completed and still call in for a next day inspection. The contractors that staff members have spoken to stated the time change will help them to be more productive. He introduced the Manager of Building and Development, Johnny Lawler, who was recently appointed as manager of the division. He also introduced the Chief Building Officer, architect Robert Wheeler; the Chief Building Inspector, Alex Shiao; and Building Inspectors John Wright, and Robert Floyd.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** thanked staff for offering even better service to the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**(Agenda Item No. 11-248)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

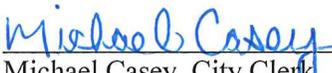
(Agenda Item No. 11-249)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember DeJulio moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Date Approved: November 15, 2011

  
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Eva Galambos, Mayor

  
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Michael Casey, City Clerk