

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 8:24 p.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Attorney

1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 110 of the City of Sandy Springs ("City") Code of Ordinances ("Code") by Adding Water Usage Restrictions as Required by State Law

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated this Ordinance to be adopted by Council is a provision of water conservation that is now a State Law. The watering of lawns and use of sprinkler systems is restricted to the hours between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m.

Mayor Eva Galambos asked about the nature of the restriction.

City Attorney Willard replied the State mandates that local government ordinances reflect the State Law.

Councilmember Dianne Fries stated the City does not own the water system within Sandy Springs. Does the City have the right to adopt this ordinance or do we have to make reference to the City of Atlanta? What if the City of Atlanta decides they want more restrictive rules?

City Attorney Willard stated this Ordinance is on the use of water that is being restricted within the City limits.

Councilmember Fries stated a couple of years ago it was brought before Council that Sandy Springs had to mirror the City of Atlanta rules. What if a drought occurs again and the City of Atlanta tries to enforce more restrictive rules on watering?

City Attorney Willard stated the City of Atlanta cannot restrict what the City is doing within City limits. The City of Atlanta can ask the City of Sandy Springs to implement the same restrictions, but Sandy Springs does not have to adopt those restrictions.

There was a consensus of Council to move forward with this item.

Police Department

1. Background Check Fee for Fulton County Firearm Permit

Police Chief Terry Sult stated this is an item for the convenience of our citizens in obtaining a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Prior to this, a citizen would have to go to Fulton County to obtain a background check. Now the process is a citizen can come to the North Fulton County Annex, pay a \$35 application fee, and bring a self addressed envelope. The Annex staff will take the citizen's information and provide information to the citizen. The citizen will then go to the Sandy Springs Police Department for a live scan permit. A standard background check is done from the live scan of the citizen's fingerprints. The results are returned to the Fulton County Probate Court, which mails the firearm permit to the individual.

There was a consensus of Council to move forward with this item.

Community Development

1. **TA10-019** - An Ordinance to Amend Section 33.12.A; Sign Variance Limitations, of the Sandy Springs Zoning Ordinance

Assistant Director Planning and Zoning Patrice Ruffin stated these two text amendments will be brought to Council for action on December 21, 2010. TA10-019 relates to the sign variance limitations by clarifying what variances the Board of Appeals is not permitted to hear. It will also cover the time frame for variances, which is approximately seventy-five days, not sixty days.

There was a consensus of Council to move forward with this item.

2. **TA10-020** - An Ordinance to Amend Section 28.4.2, Land Use Petition Requirements, and Section 12A.3.1, Approval of Alterations or New Construction, of the Sandy Springs Zoning Ordinance

Assistant Director Planning and Zoning Patrice Ruffin stated this amendment addresses the role of the Design Review Board and the rezoning process for properties in the Main Street Overlay. This would require building elevations and floor plans to be submitted as part of the rezoning application for those properties to be reviewed by the Design Review Board. If the rezoning is approved subject to those documents, staff would not have to take the application back to the Design Review Board at the time the building permit is issued.

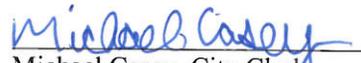
There was a consensus of Council to move forward with this item.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Date Approved: December 21, 2010



Eva Galambos, Mayor



Michael Casey, City Clerk