

**Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 9:25 p.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.**

### **STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **City Attorney**

1. Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Animal Control Services between Fulton County, Georgia and Sandy Springs, Georgia.

**Assistant City Attorney Cecil McLendon** stated Fulton County has submitted the same IGA which the City has been engaging in each year for Animal Control Services. Fulton County has asked the City of Sandy Springs to extend it for another year on the same terms and similar costs, based on a proration of how much service is being used.

**Mayor Eva Galambos** asked for confirmation that Fulton County is not trying to change the service.

**Councilmember Karen Meitzen McEnery** asked if Fulton County required that all of the cities in North Fulton have the same terms.

Mayor Galambos stated they did, but they're not enforcing it.

Councilmember Meitzen McEnery stated the national standard for holding animals that are collected by animal services is five days. That's a more reasonable time in which you can find a home or adoption facilities for these animals. In the contract with Fulton County, it's just a three day hold. A lot of animals are not being adopted out, because the City is only willing to pay for three days. She thinks the three day hold in the contract should be a five day hold.

Mayor Galambos stated the alternative is to have an animal shelter and the City isn't ready for that. We are at the mercy of what the County provides.

Councilmember Meitzen McEnery stated if we paid for five days of food, Fulton County would hold the animals for five days.

Mayor Galambos asked if Fulton County would label certain dogs to stay five days and other dogs to stay three days.

Councilmember Meitzen McEnery stated that's why she asked her question whether or not Sandy Springs has to have the same term as all the other North Fulton cities. It's something for Council to think about. A three day hold is not sufficient in today's world.

**Councilmember Ashley Jenkins** stated the Mayor is right. There would need to be a whole other facility built to hold the animals for five days. She knows it sounds cruel to hold for three days, but the City can't build another facility.

Councilmember Meitzen McEnery stated that holding for five days may occur when a North Fulton facility is built at some future time. When we have Milton County, we need to consciously think of a five day hold.

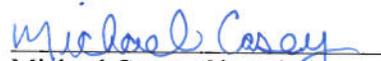
There was a consensus of Council to move forward with this item.

Councilmember Ashley Jenkins stated she would like to read an email compliment she received for Public Works from Susan Bailey. "Ms. Jenkins, traffic management at the intersection of Mount Vernon Highway and Johnson Ferry Road in front of Mount Vernon Towers is better than ever. The Sandy Spring Public Works Department made improvements far better than those that I suggested. Leave it to the professionals. Please forward this email and my thanks to the Public Works Department." The email was forwarded to Director of Public Works Tom Black.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Date Approved: August 17, 2010

  
Eva Galambos, Mayor

  
Michael Casey, City Clerk