

Regular Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Mayor Galambos presiding.

INVOCATION

Reverend Paul Ferrarone with Apostles Lutheran Church offered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eva Galambos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Michael Casey reminded everyone to silence cell phones and pagers at this time. Additionally, those wishing to provide public comments, either during a public hearing or during the Public Comment section 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 Clerk.

City Clerk Casey called the roll.

Mayor: Mayor Eva Galambos present.

Councilmembers: Councilmember John Paulson, Councilmember Dianne Fries, Councilmember Chip Collins, Councilmember Ashley Jenkins, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, and Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Charlie Goldman and Clayton Parnell from Boy Scout Troop #266 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Agenda Item No. 10-022)

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Meeting Agenda. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Agenda Item No. 10-023)

1. Resolution to Approve the Settlement Agreement in the litigation with Mirant Corporation pending in the Superior Court of Fulton County
(Wendell Willard, City Attorney)

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Agenda Item No. 10-024)

1. Update and Public Hearing for 2010 CDBG Program Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant Manager Vann McNeill stated agenda item 10-024 initiates the 2010 CDBG Planning process that is done each year for HUD and plans how the City will use the 2010 allocation, which is expected to be approximately \$550,000 to \$575,000. Following Council's direction from last year, staff will continue to work in 2010 on the sidewalk program. The draft plan will be available on the March 2, 2010, Council agenda, and will be advertised for public comment. It has to go to HUD by May 14, 2010.

Mayor Eva Galambos called for public comments either for or against this item. There were no comments from the public.

Councilmember Chip Collins asked if the plan area starts at Dalrymple and then goes north.

Community Development Block Grant Manager McNeill stated that was a survey area that Council adopted last year to develop all the existing conditions in preparation for planning the construction documentation that will be used in 2010 to actually build sidewalk improvements.

Councilmember Collins asked if it is possible to expand the area to include the commercially depressed area south of Dalrymple.

Mayor Galambos asked Mr. McNeill to explain how the selection was made for the CDBG.

Community Development Block Grant Manager McNeill stated in 2006 the Council adopted the national criteria that are used to target areas based on census data showing the presence of low income individuals. The area south of Dalrymple is not a target area that meets the area benefit criteria to qualify for public infrastructure improvements.

Mayor Galambos stated it is based on the income of those living in the area.

Councilmember Collins stated he was just curious if it could be extended a half mile.

Councilmember Ashley Jenkins stated the census tracts are very specific, so it can't be extended.

(Agenda Item No. 10-025)

2. 2008 CDBG Action Plan Substantial Amendment to Purchase Pedestrian Lights

Community Development Block Grant Manager Vann McNeill stated agenda item 10-025 proposes to amend the 2008 Action Plan for the Block Grant Program to purchase and install 33 pedestrian lights as part of the 2010 construction phase for the sidewalk project along Roswell Road. The surveying project is underway, the invoicing is on track, and everything is on schedule with the project. More of the 2008 funds need to be spent in order to meet a timeliness test review that HUD will do on the City's program on May 1, 2010. The amount that needs to be spent is about \$92,000. Staff had conversations with GA Power and received estimates on the lights and the cost is well over \$92,000. The cost of thirteen pedestrian lights as part of the first phase of construction, including installation, would be \$176,292.13. If council approves the amendment, the plan change will be advertised, the amendment will be resubmitted for final approval on March 16, 2010, and then it will go to HUD.

Councilmember Ashley Jenkins asked what size the lights will be.

Councilmember Dianne Fries stated the hook lights will be used in the downtown area and the bobble heads will be used for the rest of the areas. In a prior Council meeting it was discussed to move the utility lines underground or to the back of the buildings. Her concern is all the large street lights will be removed and the roads will not be illuminated. She mentioned to Nancy Leathers and John McDonough that the City needs to consider the cost of adding tall lights, like the PCID project has, to illuminate Roswell Road.

Mayor Eva Galambos asked if the large lights were removed on the stretch of Roswell Road where the streetscape has been done, from Hilderbrand Drive down to Hammond.

Director of Community Development Nancy Leathers answered no, but there was discussion that in some areas there are not existing street lights. Staff will make sure pedestrian lights and street lights are part of the examination of the overlay district.

Mayor Galambos asked if the tall lights were eliminated along the stretch of Roswell Road where the poles were moved to the back of the building.

Director of Community Development Leathers answered no.

Councilmember Fries asked if the tall lights were on the big metal poles or wooden poles.

Director of Community Development Leathers stated the lights already existed; and some were wood and some were metal poles.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny stated the City needs to have a consistent look. If the money is spent to put the lines underground, then the lights to illuminate the streets need to be consistent with the bobble head or hook lights.

Director of Community Development Leathers stated staff will be working on those issues.

Mayor Galambos called for public comments either for or against this item. There were no comments from the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

(Agenda Item No. 10-026)

1. Resolution to approve and authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement by and among the Cities of Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Roswell and Sandy Springs for Participation in the U.S. Geological Survey Assistance Award Program in connection with the Aerial Imagery

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated this agreement will allow each of the cities to come together jointly and prepare the entire North Fulton area for the geological survey. Each City will be updated with the materials that will be beneficial for everyone to know; street layout, street numbering, and the whole system. In addition, the City is also applying for a grant that will help take care of part of the cost. The amount of the grant and the total cost of the agreement are currently unknown, as the RFP is still out for bidding.

Mayor Eva Galambos asked if the City enters into this agreement, will it be a commitment regardless of the cost.

City Attorney Willard stated the City can withdraw from the contract once the pricing information comes back.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny asked if the aerial photography will be able to measure tree canopy.

City Attorney Willard stated he is not sure, but he thinks so.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve agenda item no. 10-026, a Resolution to approve and authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement by and among the Cities of Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Roswell and Sandy Springs, for Participation in the U.S. Geological Survey Assistance Award Program in connection with the Aerial Imagery. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a) Mayor and Council Reports
 - i. Board of Ethics

Mayor Eva Galambos announced a vacancy on the Board of Ethics due to the resignation of Glenn Moffett. Mr. Moffett recommends advancing the first alternate, Kevin King, to serve as a Board member; and the second alternate, Ted Sandler, to serve as the first alternate. Mayor Galambos then nominated Stuart Steinmark to take the second alternate position.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the nomination of Kevin King as a Board member, Ted Sandler as first alternate, and Stuart Steinmark as second alternate on the Board of Ethics. Councilmember Meinzen McEnery seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Eva Galambos announced the members of the Lost Corners Committee. They include Eric Ross, Pam Betz, Denny Betz, Lucy Smithhurst, Gail Rippans, Betty Voyles, Linda Bain, Tricia Thompson, Albert Cohen, Buck Hiles, and Jodi Hunter. The Lost Corners Committee will be an advisory committee that will hear input from the community. The Mayor suggested to Council to let the committee members select their chairman and stated that Councilmembers can attend the meetings. The item does not need to be voted on as it is not a standing committee.

Councilmember John Paulson asked if someone from the City staff should be on the committee.

Mayor Galambos stated Director of Recreation and Parks Ronnie Young will be a part of the committee.

Councilmember Dianne Fries announced that the Anne Frank Exhibit will be open on next Tuesday, February 9, 2010, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- b) Staff Reports

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Steele, 4827 Kitty Hawk Drive, stated she is the current President of the Cherokee Park Civic Association. She shared comments received from an annual survey to neighbors asking about crime, concerns about traffic, input in the LCI, how the board is doing, and social events.

1. Crime is an issue for everyone. Unfortunately, there was a daytime break-in that occurred while a mother went to pick up her children and forgot to turn on her alarm. When she returned home, her house had been ransacked. Though this is an awful situation, the Sandy Springs Police have been wonderful and every survey the Association received states this. Without Chief Sult and his men, the neighborhood would not have such a great partnership with the City and the Police Department. Sergeant Levy has been great with the neighborhood watch and attends all the events. Officer Jacobs addresses concerns in a timely manner and is great to work with. The neighborhood is very comfortable right now. Neighbors are very comfortable when the police need to be called and they send out an email blast when something is going on. Without the Sandy Springs Police, the neighborhood would not be this way.

2. The neighborhood traffic issues have not changed. There is speeding on Roswell Road, Mystic, and Long Island. There are still access issues crossing Roswell Road at Long Island, and Long Island crossing over Kitty Hawk to Fountain Oaks. She just spoke with Mark Moore about the issues, because there are some neighbors that are concerned. She will relay to the neighbors that the items are on a list and due to the rough economy, some things have to wait and others may not happen. Staff may hear from some of the neighbors this year, because they come from other cities where there have been problems.

3. The LCI was great to see. Crosswalks on Roswell Road are huge, and it is understood this is a GDOT issue. The neighborhood is very excited to see where the dog park is going to land. They are a dog neighborhood and the two parks that they use now are Chastain Park and Hammond Park, but there is a bigger migration toward Hammond Park due to the programs.

4. In 2008, at the Halloween function there were 96 participants. In October of 2009, it increased to 170 participants. It is not just multigenerational anymore. People are inviting friends and family to come into the neighborhood and participate. The Fire Department came in for one of the functions and brought Quint 4 and the neighbors were able to take pictures.

5. The neighbors are extremely happy with the board and the level of communication they receive about events and City issues in the neighborhood. They are also very happy with the communication from the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

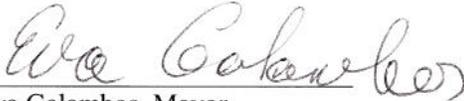
There was no Executive Session.

(Agenda Item No. 10-027)

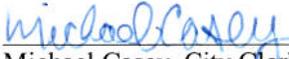
ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Date Approved: May 18, 2010



Eva Galambos, Mayor



Michael Casey, City Clerk