

Regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs was held June 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

Invocation

Reverend George Freeman, North Springs United Methodist Church offered the invocation

Call to Order

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

Roll Call and General Announcements

City Clerk Rowland reminded everyone to silence their cell phones and pagers at this time. Additionally, those wishing to provide public comments, either during a public hearing or at the conclusion of the meeting under the public comment section, are required to complete a public comment card. They are located at the back counter and need to be turned in to the Clerk.

City Clerk Rowland called the roll.

Councilmembers Present: Councilmember Doug MacGinnitie, Councilmember Dianne Fries, Councilmember Rusty Paul, Councilmember Ashley Jenkins, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnery.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members of the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Paul moved to amend the meeting agenda by adding the discussion of the millage rate advertisement. Councilmember DeJulio seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Councilmember Meinzen McEnery seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda *(None at this time)*

Presentations

Recognition of the Spalding Garden Club

Mayor Galambos, Councilmember Doug MacGinnitie recognized Ms. Mary Ann Bryant and members of the Spalding Garden Club for their volunteer work at Fire Station No. 1.

Recognition of Battalion Commander Daryl Smith

City Manager McDonough, Fire Chief McElfish and Deputy Fire Chief Ham recognized Battalion Commander Daryl Smith for receiving the professional designation of Chief Fire Officer.

Proclamation for Flag Day

Mayor Galambos read the proclamation for Flag Day and presented it to members of the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Public Hearings

Budget

To receive public comment pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

City Manager McDonough stated that there was previous discussion regarding a partial roll back of the millage rate therefore, the budget book was updated to reflect that. Also, staff advertised a partial roll back based on the digest received. On the revenue side of the budget, this increased the proposed revenue figures from \$97.5 million to \$98.8 million. He stated that a partial roll back equated to approximately \$1.3 million dollars and no roll back would have equated to \$2.7 million. The revised FY2009 budget is now at \$98.822 million dollars. This is balanced on the expenditures side by an increase in stormwater repairs at \$1.3 millions for a total of \$98.22 million.

City Manager McDonough reviewed the corresponding changes to the budget book.

Mayor Galambos stated that she had received a request to make a public comment not related to the budget. She recognized Mr. Lee Duncan.

Lee Duncan, Sandy Springs Planning Commission Chairman, stated that the Planning Commission has been maintaining its attendance records. He stated that the Planning Commission needs direction as to how long the records are to be maintained. There was a consensus that the attendance records be kept on a calendar year basis.

Mayor Galambos opened the public hearing to receive public comment pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2009 budget at 6:25 p.m.

Oliver Porter, 150 Habersham Waters Ct., stated that the City made a promise that they would not increase taxes and the Council has made that happen. Due to efficiency and good leadership, the City has a great budget and is currently recommending a tax cut. That is leading to the second promise that was made that Sandy Springs was going to be a different kind of government. He expressed his concern regarding raising taxes in Sandy Springs. He stated that it is an excellent budget.

Parthy Walker, Westfair II Homeowners Association, stated that she feels there are hard times coming and it will be awhile before there is a reversal. She stated that she would like the surplus be put into a fund for unforeseen capital projects. She stated that the City has exceeded expectations.

Mayor Galambos closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Millage Rate

To receive input as it relates to establishing a millage rate to be levied for the tax year 2008 as required by O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 et seq.

Mayor Galambos opened the public hearing to receive input as it relates to establishing a millage rate to be levied for the tax year 2008 at 6:34 p.m.

Linda Bain, 2370 Kimbrough Ct., Sandy Springs, stated that she would prefer the City keep the millage as it is and use the money for capital projects.

Mayor Galambos closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

New Business

Presentation of the Morgan Falls Master Plan

Recreation & Parks Director Young stated that before City Council tonight is a recommendation to consider and review the Morgan Falls Park Master Plan. This is a combination of six months of work by Lose & Associates, Project Manager Whit Alexander will give a presentation of the Morgan Falls Master Plan.

Whit Alexander, Lose & Associates, Inc. presented Council with a proposed Morgan Falls Master Plan.

Whit Alexander, Lose & Associates, Inc., 220 W. Crogan Street, Lawrenceville, stated that Lose & Associates has been working on the Morgan Falls Master Plan since January with members of the Sandy Springs Youth Sports Association and City staff. Tonight Council will see the next to the last step of their design process. They looked at the two ends of the park; the athletic fields and the road connecting to the dam and the area down below the dam and the areas above the dam where there is a proposed dog park which is just about ready to go and then start construction.

Morgan Falls Athletic Fields:

The Youth Sports Association is very happy with the layout and has put a lot of their effort into improving the drainage. The Association has some parking issues. Lose & Associates and the Youth Association are recommending bringing the streetscape into this area. The Youth Association looked at this area as needing just a few improvements esthetically in order to better host tournaments, reduce some of the maintenance issues that they have to deal with which include a drop off, and some areas for the crowds to gather in the center of the complex. City Staff is already proceeding to include some of the parking, and will be doing that soon.

This is all from a ridge top and very steep slopes all the way around and somewhat limits where they can expand parking. They have tried to pick up some efficiency with some parallel spaces and a few more perpendicular spaces and able to gain about 20 some odd spaces out of the master plan.

On the upper side where the football field is now is an area they see an opportunity to rearrange things to improve the quality. The football fields are a little bit past its prime as far as codes and safety and meeting the needs of the Association. The Youth Association did not mind if that had to go out of play for awhile, they can make do while it is under construction.

One thing they looked at is developing another four-field complex of baseball fields, two smaller tee-ball fields are already there and then there would be two more that will be continued in the rod and reel configuration with a concession/restroom built in the middle. They would slide the football field around slightly so that drafts from the football field do not have to play on anymore in-fields anymore. This would have a new concession/restroom/press box building.

This is the first area the Youth Association wants to concentrate on. A budget figure has been given to Mr. Young for Council's consideration. This would have to do with improving the sidewalks and improving some of the pedestrian flow. They are trying to bring everything up to ADA. Right now, some of the steep slopes prevent good ADA access and this is the main goal here.

Councilmember Fries questioned there will be just one football field upon completion. Mr. Alexander stated that there is one fully dedicated football field. The Youth Association plays football in the overlay of these two fields right now, and can move fences around when they play.

Mayor Galambos stated that when there are big crowds people park on the side of the road on both sides which is terrible for landscaping. The streetscape will prevent that but, it will also prevent some parking. Mr. Alexander

stated that they will pave the places where people are currently pulling off. The streetscape and additional parking will be put in.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery questioned if there would be parking at another location where children are being dropped off. She questioned if there would be a playground.

Mr. Alexander stated that there is a relationship with the church and the Association did not see it being a problem with continuing to do as they are now. There will be a playground. The current playground will stay as is and can be improved as needed.

Lose & Associates had to look at how to connect pedestrians from the play area down to River Park. All along Morgan Falls Road they will continue the streetscape, maybe not as wide as Roswell Road but will have the same lighting features and brick paving accents. There are tight and difficult places along the golf course and would require an agreement with the County to be able to work in a sidewalk where there are trees. In some cases, they may have to do that with a boardwalk or retaining walls to ensure that pedestrians can get through those spots. Closer down to the Georgia Power property, one thing City staff wanted them to look at is the possibility of a turn around.

The Master Plan shows widening Morgan Falls Road and includes pedestrian connection. In some cases, because of the way the mountain lays, they would have the opportunity to put the sidewalk up on the mountain slope and cut into the rock. In some cases, they may have to do that with a retaining wall or may have to put in a typical sidewalk. Lose & Associates has looked at different ways it could work.

The dog park has already been designed and is well underway. The addition to the Master Plan is a kayak storage facility and the plan shows a second one in the future once the demand is finally met and exceeds the building. There is a dock where folks can unload their kayaks. There is parking in this area that connects to a series of trails on the hill top, above the dam. There is an opportunity for a picnic shelter in the woods to give it a natural feel. The plan also shows in the future the potential to have a restroom facility there. Right now, there is not one. They are planning to have a restroom lower down in the park so folks could use that in the interim until it is built. The pedestrian section will come down through the Georgia Power area. Georgia Power does not have a problem with this. The details would have to be worked out more in the engineering phase.

Councilmember Fries stated that there is a rowing club that is interested in utilizing the boat dock and they were going to put up one of the boat facilities for their long boats. She questioned if that had been discussed and questioned if there was room for them to get the boats in and out. Mr. Alexander stated that there have been discussions with the club and there is room for this.

Below the dam is an area that is well used to the point where folks have a hard time maintaining it with the amount of erosion and other issues. The challenge here was not only to provide facilities for the public to use. The closer you get to the river in any situation like this there are ARC and EPD issues to contend with. One thing they want to do is protect any further erosion. One of the biggest reasons for so much erosion is that when folks arrive at the parking lot they can pretty much go anywhere they want, so they would like to restrict that if possible. It will keep the cars corralled at a certain area which they have done with pervious pavement, concrete, and asphalts. They have provided two or three access points for the public to walk; the fence is a controlled way, so they are not out walking where ever they want. There are bioswales for stormwater quality issues therefore; people will have to walk around.

Pervious materials will have to be used here because of the EPD conditions. There will be a pervious sidewalk with places for benches so folks can sit and look out at the river. There is a fishing pier to be provided by Georgia Power. Improvements will be made to the existing boat ramp with dedicated parking spaces for boat trailers, and a courtesy dock to pull boats next to the pier in order to prevent blocking of loading dock. There will be an open lawn with a swing set area.

There are ARC vulnerability zones and this one will have to be developed more heavily. There will be buildings, shelters, restrooms, and another playground that will probably be in the first phase of the development. There will be a playground with playground structured swings.

Mayor Galambos questioned if there would be a concession stand for the rafts. Mr. Alexander stated that is possible. Councilmember Paul stated that a bait shop could be put in. Mayor Galambos stated that it is natural for people to want rafts and a place is needed for them. She wants to make sure the City accommodates concessions with that.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery questioned if he sited the protected trees along that area and if accommodations are being made to save the magnificent trees up against the road. Mr. Alexander stated that once in the engineering stage they will be able to locate and pin point, and have the opportunity to snake things around as necessary.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated that the left corner sidewalk section looks hot to walk on. Right now it is a canopied, cool road. Design to keep the canopy would be a plus in a pedestrian environment. She questioned who Lose & Associates have worked with on this project. Mr. Alexander stated that they have worked with the Sandy Springs Conservancy and the steering committee the City put together with representatives of the Youth Association and Georgia Power.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery questioned if the sidewalks he is referring to are pervious and if not, could they design them to be.

Mr. Alexander stated that they could, but there is an expense factor involved in some places that they would want to concentrate and where it was most environmentally sensitive. The closer they get to construction at that end of the park they could if desired. Pervious concrete is more expensive than your typical concrete finishing. The benefits like saving a tree and things like that can be very beneficial.

Councilmember Fries questioned if the amount of money specified in the budget for the Morgan Falls Project for Phase I is for the complete project.

City Manager McDonough stated that it would be Phase I. The estimates come directly from the work that Lose's did by way or recommendation.

Councilmember Fries stated that she thought the amount in budget covered the complete project and would like to know the cost estimates and what is included in Phase I.

City Manager McDonough stated that this is the first presentation of the plan to Council and staff. They would like to get feedback from the City Council. Staff has posted the Master Plan on the website for public review and public comments. Staff would like to come back and have a public hearing on this next week at Council work session. Hopefully, in two weeks we will be in a position to adopt the Master Plan. Once the Master Plan has been adopted then we can move forward with the engineering of the various phases of the improvements and send the plans out to bid and get what the cost is to implement the plans.

Mr. Alexander stated that the \$3,000,000 covers the upper side that the Youth Association wants to concentrate on. This would include the concession stand, four ball fields, press box and all the improvements to the football area.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that right now there are tin covers and she got caught under them in a lighting storm, she questioned if the tin was being replaced with wooden fixtures. Mr. Alexander stated that is correct.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery questioned if the streetscape was included. Mr. Alexander said that the streetscape is not included in Phase Council requested the costs for each Phase and what each includes.

Mayor Galambos questioned what the time schedule was for the boat ramps to be operational. Mr. Alexander stated that has not been established with the Parks Department. Mayor Galambos questioned if the dead line would be met.

Assistant City Manager Rapson stated that the Budget Proposal, section "Budget Work Shop I" list items for Phase I, presentation by Ronnie Young, Director of Parks & Recreation.

City Manager McDonough stated that it has been extended to October. He also stated that staff would provide separate reports for each phase.

Mayor Galambos called for public comment.

Pete Fitzpatrick, 6105 Blue Stone Road, expressed several concerns regarding the design of the upper and lower sections of River Park. He stated that the upper portion above the dam is dirty and questioned if there was any plan to clean the edge of the water in the cove area and clean below the dog park close to the dock. He stated that parking spaces takes a large portion of the park and asked Council to reconsider moving it further east to allow for more green space. He also stated that power boats should not be allowed.

City Manager McDonough stated that the parks would be kept clean once the City takes them over. An environmental review has been conducted and Mr. Fitzpatrick is more than welcome to set up an appointment with the Community Department to review the construction plans.

Linda Bain, 2370 Kimbrough Court, stated that she supports the development of the park at Morgan Falls.

Consideration of approval of the List of Roads for the FY2009 Capital Paving Program

Field Services Manager Ron Adderley presented Council with the following proposed list of roads for the FY2009 Capital Paving Program:

Hammond from Roswell Road to GA 400, Riverside Drive from Johnson Ferry Road to Mount Vernon Highway, Barfield Road from Abernathy Road to Hammond Drive, Powers Ferry Road from Northside Drive to Mount Vernon Highway, Nesbit Ferry Road from Spalding Drive to Meadowgate, Jett Ferry Road from Dunwoody Club Drive to Butler Road, Roberts Drive from Northridge Road to Spalding Drive, Glenridge Drive from Abernathy Road to Johnson Ferry Road/Glenridge Road, Mount Vernon Highway from Johnson Ferry Road to Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Mount Vernon Highway from Mount Vernon Parkway to Hearsds Ferry Road, River Valley Road from Johnson Ferry Road to Riverside Drive, Londonberry Road from Powers Ferry Road to Long Island Drive, Spalding Drive from Jett Ferry Road to Wickley Way.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery questioned the rating of these streets. Mr. Adderley stated that they vary but are up to 55. City Manager McDonough stated that this is phase one of this project and is only arterials and collectors. He stated that the City has paved 22 miles of arterials and collectors. This will be an additional 16.3 miles of paving.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the list of Roads for the FY2009 Capital Paving Program. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of the Quarterly Update on the Transportation Capital Improvement Program(CIP-T)

Deputy Director of Public Works Jon Drysdale gave an update on the Capital Improvement Program explaining that staff has quarterly updates with the ARC and have submitted a request to them to transfer funds from the Riverside and Windsor Parkway projects. The ARC has approved this transfer to the Roswell Road Streetscape project. He explained that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Transportation Enhancement Grants are tied up at this time.

Mr. Drysdale stated that the Transportation Master Plan has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and will be on the June Work Session agenda for discussion.

He provided a summary of several projects stating that the Johnson Ferry/Abernathy Widening, Abernathy Greenway, River Valley Road Sidewalks, Sandy Springs Circle Pedestrian Improvements-Phase 1, Roswell Road Streetscape (Cliftwood to Hammond), and Island Ford Trail are under or near construction.

He stated that the Johnson Ferry/Sandy Springs Circle Intersection, Johnson Ferry/Glenridge Connector Improvements, Roswell Road Streetscape (Johnson Ferry north to Abernathy, Roswell Road ATMS, Dunwoody Club at Spalding, Peachtree Dunwoody at Lake Hearn, I-285 Tunnel-Sandy Springs Circle Extension, Hammond Widening, Dunwoody Place Improvements, Peachtree Dunwoody Improvements, Jett Road Bridge, and Hammond Interchange are in the design stages.

He explained that the scopes for Riverside Drive, Roswell Road, Windsor Parkway, and Hammond Widening Concept have been revised. He also stated that T-0014/15, Sandy Springs Circle Phase 2/3 Design has been submitted for LCI funding and are on hold.

Mr. Drysdale provided the following update on the Capital Improvement Projects:

T-0001 JOHNSON FERRY - ABERNATHY WIDENING

Status:

- Letting Delayed – August 2008
- GDOT including streetscape(brick strips) in bid document
- GDOT will not include lighting and signal equipment upgrades

Schedule:

- R/W and Utility certification - June 2008
- Construction – 2009-2011

Recommendation:

- Continue to support GDOT
- Evaluate lighting and signal equipment upgrades in future FYs

T-0002 GREENWAY - ABERNATHY ROAD SECTION

Status:

- Demolition of remaining houses delayed by GDOT
- Arborist working on tree save options for 66" water oak
- Quotes for trimming and tree tasks being reviewed
- Fence to be constructed before GDOT starts

Schedule:

- Phase 1 construction plans – FY 2010
- Award construction contract – FY 2011

Recommendation:

- Continue with tree save actions
- Remaining design on hold for now

T-0003 ROSWELL ROAD AT DUNWOODY PLACE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT

Status:

- Contractor complete
- Reviewing project for acceptance from GDOT
- Continuing talks regarding decorative mast arms

Recommendation:

Continue to work with GDOT to completion

T-0004 ROSWELL RD AT NORTHRIDGE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT

Status:

Contractor complete
Reviewing project for acceptance from GDOT
Continuing talks regarding decorative mast arms

Recommendation:

Continue to work with GDOT to completion

T-0005 RIVER VALLEY ROAD SIDEWALKS

Status:

Received funds authorization from GDOT
Forecast request for bids going out June 10

Schedule:

Forecast bid opening July 1
Award recommendation to City Council in July

Recommendation:

Continue and award construction contract in July
Plan to resurface the road using the FY 2009 resurfacing program after the sidewalk project is complete

T-0006 SANDY SPRINGS CIR AND HAMMOND DR PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS (PHASE I)

Status:

Working contract, right-of-way and utility issues
Now separate from T-0008

Schedule:

Moving CST from FY 2008 to FY 2009 to protect
Preparing for bid and award in fall 2008

Recommendation:

Continue as planned

T-0007 MT. VERNON PKWY SIDEWALK AND TRAFFIC CALMING

Status:

Construction complete

Schedule:

Will review Island at Mt Vernon Highway 60 days after complete

Recommendation:

Continue as planned

T-0008 ROSWELL RD STREETScape (CLIFTWOOD TO HAMMOND)

Status:

Working contract, right-of-way and utility issues
Now separate from T-0008

Schedule:

Moving CST from FY 2008 to FY 2009 to protect
Preparing for bid and award in fall 2008

Recommendation:

Continue as planned

T-0010 JOHNSON FERRY RD AT SANDY SPRINGS CIRCLE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT

Status:

Being designed with T-0011 (Johnson Ferry – Glenridge)
Concept design 80% complete

Schedule:

Next public meeting in July at the Benson Center
Concept report due in July

Recommendation:

Continue design consultant activities as part of T-0011
After concept, finalize funding estimates and sources
Can execute this improvement as phase 1

T-0011 JOHNSON FERRY–GLENRIDGE – EARMARK

Status:

City reimbursed from GDOT via Earmark funds for design
Concept design 80% complete
Looking at phased implementation options

Schedule:

Next public meeting in July at the Benson Center
Concept report due in July

Recommendation:

Continue design consultant activities
After concept, finalize funding estimates and sources
After concept approval, can execute as funds allow

T-0012 ROSWELL ROAD STREETScape (JOHNSON FERRY TO ABERNATHY)

Status:

Concept design underway and initial submittals made

Schedule:

City review underway
GDOT review in early June
Next PIOH to be scheduled

Recommendation:

Continue with design
Continue funding sourcing and TE fund authorization

T-0013 ROSWELL ROAD ADVANCED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ATMS)

Status:

URS is selected consultant
PFA to City Council in June
IGA execution complete
Construction funds programmed in FY 2009; may roll to FY 2010

Schedule:

Consultant notice to proceed – June 2008

Recommendation:

Continue project execution with GDOT
Proceed with design consultant activities
After concept design, finalize funding estimates and sources

T-0014/15 SANDY SPRINGS CIRCLE PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS (PHASE II/III)

Status:

- Project approved by ARC as qualified for LCI funding
- Project not selected for concept funding last submittal

Schedule:

On hold

Recommendation:

- Hold on design
- Resubmit for concept funding – next project call

T-0016 DUNWOODY CLUB AT SPALDING DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT

Status:

- Concept design nearly complete
- Initial implementation proposed for FY 2009

Schedule:

- Initial implementation \$500,000
- Includes final engineering, ROW, and CST

Recommendation:

- With FY 2009 budget approval, move to final design and construction

T-0017 RIVERSIDE DRIVE SIDEWALKS (OLD RIVERSIDE TO HEARDS FERRY)

Status :

- Now local project
- \$1,000,000 estimate (includes revised engineering)

Recommendation

- Hold for funding

T-0019 ROSWELL ROAD STREETSCAPE (I-285 TO ATLANTA CITY LIMITS)

Status:

- Project broken into 3 Phases

Schedule:

- Phase I construction FY 2010
- Phase II construction FY 2011
- Phase III construction FY 2012

Recommendation:

- Consider Phase I for design and construction in late FY 2009 or early FY 2010
- Submit Phase II and III for LCI prequalification June 13 call

T-0020 WINDSOR PARKWAY SIDEWALKS (ROSWELL TO HIGH POINT)

Status :

- Now local project \$1,750,000
- Revised scope

Recommendation

- Prepare RFP for selected consultant
- Award design and construction in FY 2009

T-0021 PEACHTREE DUNWOODY RD AT LAKE HEARN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT

Status:

Concept design underway with Arcadis via PCID
Construction programmed in TIP for FY 2010

Schedule:

Concept meeting in June

Recommendation:

Continue coordination as needed with PCID and GDOT
Once concept is approved, investigate funding
Program funds for FY 2010

T-0023 I-285 TUNNEL – SANDY SPRINGS CIRCLE UNDERPASS

Status:

Concept design 20% complete

Schedule:

Executing City review of concepts
Next public meeting planned for July
Concept report due after concept meetings

Recommendation:

Prepare concepts for funding
After concept, finalize funding estimates and sources

T-0024 HAMMOND WIDENING (ROSWELL TO GLENRIDGE) (EXPANDING SCOPE WITH FY 09 FUNDS)

Status:

Working with PCID and Dekalb on section to the east
PCID funded intersection study complete
Finalizing final scope and fee with Gresham Smith

Schedule:

Initiate concept design in July

Recommendation:

Move forward with concepts (discuss funding with PCID)
Prepare concepts
After concept, finalize funding estimates and sources

T-0025 DUNWOODY PLACE IMPROVEMENTS

Status:

Concept design 90% complete
Initial review of concepts complete

Schedule:

Completing concept report

Recommendation:

Finalize concept and discuss funding with SRTA and GDOT
Consider local project (\$1,000,000)

T-0026 PEACHTREE-DUNWOODY RD IMPROVEMENTS (ABERNATHY TO SPALDING)

Status:

Concept design 90% complete
Initial review of concepts complete
Reviewing alternate for local project

Schedule:

Completing concept report

Recommendation:

Finalize concept and discuss funding with SRTA and GDOT
Consider local project (estimate being prepared)

T-0027 JETT ROAD BRIDGE UPGRADE AT LONG ISLAND CREEK

Status:

GDOT design activities on hold
GDOT re-evaluating bridge program and funding

Schedule:

ROW and CST Long Range

Recommendation:

Request GDOT reactivate project activities

T-0028 HAMMOND INTERCHANGE

Status:

PFA from GDOT executed by City and delivered to GDOT
ROW underway by GDOT
30% Design underway by PCID
GDOT put out RFP for construction management

Schedule:

Award design/build construction - Summer 2008
Estimate two year construction period

Recommendation:

Continue to support GDOT and PCID

T-0029 ISLAND FORD TRAIL EXTENSION

Status:

NTP received from DNR
Finalizing consultant contracts

Schedule:

Issue NTP in June
Completion date is not later than December 31, 2009

Recommendation:

Continue as planned

Discussion of Millage Rate (*Added by motion and vote*)

Councilmember Paul stated that he has never voted for a tax increase but plans to do so now. He explained that he had done some research and found that most folks would prefer that the City use the money for additional infrastructure needs. He stated that the citizens are comfortable with the way taxes are being handled.

Motion and Second: Councilmember Paul moved to re-advertise the millage rate for no rollback for the coming fiscal year. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion: Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated that she had conducted a survey and found that there is a two to one split not to roll the millage back and allocate the funds to capital items such as stormwater issues. She stated that she was shocked by this. She was going to support no rollback.

Councilmember DeJulio stated that he held a town hall meeting and out of 60 people, only two wanted a full rollback and four wanted a partial rollback. A majority wanted no rollback and the money to be spent on capital projects. He stated that he originally wanted a full rollback.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that she was in favor of no rollback also. Her research has found that a majority of citizens want no rollback and the money put into infrastructure. She stated that citizens trust this Council. She stated that without a rollback, taxes are flat on 98% of residential property.

Councilmember Fries stated that she has not received any responses from constituents requesting a rollback.

Councilmember MacGinnitie stated that he disagrees with Council. The responses he has received have been quite different than everyone else's. He stated that this is a small step that could add up over time. He stated that it is most important to keep operating costs down so that there is money for capital projects.

Mayor Galambos stated that she would prefer a partial rollback. She stated that the school board is going to do a partial rollback and Fulton County is going to have a rollback. Sandy Springs will be the only one on the tax bill without a rollback. She stated that the commercial tax base is going to have a substantial tax increase. This does not help economic development. She stated that the surveys Council conducted are not random surveys but people the Council has been communicating with for some time. She stated that with a partial rollback, the City will continue to fix things.

Mayor Galambos stated that the stormwater utility will be a discussion for next year.

Vote: The motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember MacGinnitie voting in opposition.

Assistant City Manager Rapson stated that staff will re-advertise and meetings will be held on June 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and June 25, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Reports and Presentations

Mayor Galambos announced that CH2M Hill donated \$5,000 for the Deyang, China situation. She received a note from the people of Deyang thanking the City for its help. She asked everyone to consider making a donation.

Mayor Galambos stated that the Fulton County Development Authority issued tax abatement to CompuCredit. She stated that there are some issues with this and staff is reviewing the situation.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that the agreement to use the Hitson Center has been worked out.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Executive Session-Real Estate Acquisition

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Acquisition. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember MacGinnitie, Councilmember Fries, Councilmember Paul, Councilmember Jenkins, Councilmember DeJulio, and Councilmember Meinzen McEnery voting in favor of the motion. Executive session began at 8:35 p.m.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Paul moved to adjourn Executive Session. Councilmember DeJulio seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember MacGinnitie, Councilmember Fries, Councilmember Paul, Councilmember Jenkins, Councilmember DeJulio, and Councilmember Meinzen McEnergy voting in favor of the motion. Executive session adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Date Approved: June 17, 2008



Eva Galambos, Mayor



Christina V. Rowland, City Clerk

CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GA

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June 3, 2008

AFFIDAVIT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personally comes Eva Galambos, Mayor of the City of Sandy Springs, who on oath says that to the best of her knowledge and belief, on the 3rd day of June, 2008 in the city aforesaid, a meeting of the Council was closed to the public for the following reasons:

Future acquisition of real estate pursuant to O.C.G.A, 50-14-3(4);

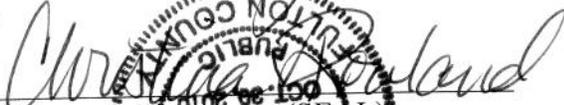
and that except for the foregoing, no portion of the closed meeting involved discussion, presentation, or action on any other matter.



Eva Galambos, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

this 3 day of June, 2008


Notary public
