
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs was held November 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

Invocation

Rev. Chris Barbieri, Sandy Springs UMC offered the invocation.

Call to Order

Mayor Galambos called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call and General Announcements

Mayor Galambos requested that the City Clerk call the roll.

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 Dianne Fries, Councilmember Rusty Paul, Councilmember Ashley Jenkins, and Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnery. Councilmember Tibby DeJulio not present due to a family emergency.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Color Guard presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jenkins moved to defer the Executive Session to the November 20, 2007 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Meinzen McEnery seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jenkins moved to defer RC 07-02SS, The Enclave at Jett Ferry to the November 20, 2007 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Meinzen McEnery seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Paul moved to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Approval of the October 9, 2007 Regular and Work Session Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Approval of the October 16, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Paul moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentations

Proclamation-Veterans Day

Mayor Galambos read the Proclamation and presented it to the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in honor of Veterans Day.

Proclamation-Dunwoody Country Club

Mayor Galambos read the Proclamation and presented it to Scott Shetler, Wellness Director of the Dunwoody Country Club.

Lifesaving Awards

City Manager McDonough explained that on July 19, 2007, Sandy Springs Fire Rescue personnel was dispatched to 220 Sandy Springs Place, on a construction worker that was struck by lighting and was in cardiac arrest. Engine #2 arrived on the scene to find co-workers standing around a male patient lying on the ground. The individual's name was Mr. Lopez. Bystanders did not provide any form of life support for the patient. Co-workers stated that Mr. Lopez was on the roof of a construction project when he was struck by lighting. Co-workers removed Mr. Lopez from the roof with a forklift and brought him down to the ground. Engine #2 crew, upon arrival assessed the patient for open airway, pulse and respiration. Mr. Lopez was found to be in full cardiac arrest. Fire Rescue Technician Carl Childree, his Crew Chief, Cam Huynh of Engine #2 began CPR. Shortly thereafter, Rescue #1 arrived on the scene with paramedic David Wilbanks and Fire Rescue Technician Ryan Whittiker as they assisted with oxygen and inserted an airway to provide the patient with breathing. When Engine #1 arrived on the scene the Crew Chief placed the patient on a cardiac monitor. Mr. Lopez was determined to be in pulse less electrical activity. He had no heart activity going on. Personnel then started IV lines on Mr. Lopez to prepare for the administration of cardiac medications. At that point they saw the monitor began to change meaning that his heartbeat had been restored. They stopped compressions, checked for a pulse, there was a pulse present. Mr. Lopez was then loaded into the Rural Metro Ambulance and transported to St. Joseph's Hospital Emergency room and today Mr. Lopez is alive and well.

Lifesaving Awards were presented to: Kevin Harmes, Fire Technician, Carl Childree, Fire Technician, David Wilbanks, Fire Technician, Abishia Warfield, Fire Technician, Ryan Whittiker, Fire Technician, Tim Rohner, Crew Chief, and Cam Huynh, Crew Chief.

Public Hearings

Consideration of approval of the Formal Abandonment of Woodall Ferry Road to Allow the Underlying Property's Ownership Rights to Revert to the Owners in Fee.

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated that this is an item that Council deferred several meetings back. The reason for the deferral is to obtain better clarification of the title in which Woodall Ferry Road was located historically, and out of what parcels this road became a public road. Title work has been completed by the applicant and has been reviewed. This is a road which evolved from a private road and became a public road over a period of time. It is located along a land lot line which is believed to be the original tract also being one tract below the land lot line. This is relevant because if it became a road out of one tract then, upon abandonment of that road as a public road, it would then continue back into that tract as opposed to the acquisition of property which bring about properties from two sides for a public road and when you abandon it, the abandonment would go back again to the properties abutting the road. Everything has not been completed as far as assurances on this and he is waiting on more information to come in from some historical plats. Staff is recommending that Council agree to the abandonment of Woodall Ferry Road. In order to abandon Woodall Ferry, Sandy Springs must find that the road no longer serves a substantial public purpose. Woodall Ferry Road appears to have once been used by Fulton County, as there is a sign on Woodall Ferry stating that it has been closed by Fulton County at a point past the two homes currently owned by Insignia which gain access by the road.

Assertions have made regarding the title and history of the road, as well as the legal effect of abandonment. It is recommended that Council approve the abandonment, and the City Attorney is authorized to apply the Georgia law, which will determine the disposition of the abandoned roadway.

Mr. Willard explained that one of the persons looking to develop this tract of land off of Nesbit Ferry request to move what was going to be a use of Woodall Ferry Road and make their own road into the property and are

agreeable to this and it will bring about a greater use of right-of-way because of the pending right-of-way. With the abandonment, the City will be conveying this back to the property owner or the current owner of that tract.

Mayor Galambos called for public comment. There were no public comments.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny questioned if this was to Mr. Willard's satisfaction that the applicant owns the underlying roadbed and that there are no claims from the adjacent owners mentioned at the last meeting. Mr. Willard stated that he feels that the underlying fee of the property is to the original tract of that roadway up to the right-of-way line is not clear if there is anything that may go over the right-of-way line. If there is anything that may go over the right-of-way line, it would then go to those parcels that back up to that land lot line. The land lot line appears to have been the northern boundary of the Woodall Ferry Road as established over the years.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the formal abandonment of Woodall Ferry Road to allow the underlying property's ownership rights to revert to the owners in fee as this road no longer serves a substantial public purpose based on this is the original tract, and a one hundred year title search was conducted by Insignia The City will convey this back to the property owner of this tract. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

Consideration of approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application (008191) for Mambo Italiano at 227 Sandy Springs Pl Ste 502 Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Angelo Laios for Consumption on premise Wine, Malt Beverage and Distilled Spirits.

Director of Operations Horn stated that the applicant submitted a completed application on September 26, 2007. All required inspections have been completed and proper zoning has been confirmed. The applicant has been issued a Fulton County Food Service Permit. The owner and registered agent have both received acceptable GCIC background checks. The public hearing has been advertised as required by the Ordinance. Staff recommends approval of the application.

Mayor Galambos called for public comment. There were no public comments.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Paul moved to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Mambo Italiano at 227 Sandy Springs Place, Ste 502, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Angelo Laios for Consumption on premises Wine, Malt Beverage and Distilled Spirits. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application (001588) for Pacer Fuels #126 at 8295 Roswell Rd Sandy Springs, GA 30350. Applicant is Paul E. Tomaszewski for Retail Package Wine and Malt Beverage.

Director of Operations Horn stated that the applicant submitted a completed application on September 5, 2007. All required inspections have been completed and proper zoning has been confirmed. The owner and registered agent have both received acceptable GCIC background checks. The public hearing has been advertised as required by the Ordinance. Staff recommends approval of the application.

Mayor Galambos called for public comment. There were no public comments.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Pacer Fuels #126 at 8295 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30350. Applicant is Paul E. Tomaszewski for Retail Package Wine and Malt Beverage. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application (006740) for Ceara SuperMercado at 8540 Roswell Rd Sandy Springs, GA 30350. Applicant is Marcio Silveira Alves for Retail Package Wine and Malt Beverage.

Director of Operations Horn stated that the applicant has submitted a complete application. All required inspections have been completed and proper zoning has been confirmed. The owner and registered agent have both received acceptable GCIC background checks. The public hearing has been advertised as required by the Ordinance. Staff recommends approval of the application.

Mayor Galambos called for public comment. There were no public comments.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Ceara SuperMercado at 8540 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30350. Applicant is Marcio Silveira Alves for Retail Package Wine and Malt Beverage. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application (006935) for Ramon's Mexican Kitchen at 206 B Johnson Ferry Rd Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Rafael A. Mendoza for Consumption on premise Wine and Malt Beverage.

Director of Operations Horn stated that the applicant submitted a completed application on October 1, 2007. All required inspections have been completed and proper zoning has been confirmed. The owner and registered agent have both received acceptable GCIC background checks. The public hearing has been advertised as required by the Ordinance. Staff recommends approval of the application.

Mayor Galambos called for public comment. There were no public comments.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Paul moved to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Ramon's Mexican Kitchen at 206 B Johnson Ferry Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Rafael A. Mendoza for Consumption on premise Wine and Malt Beverage. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

River Corridor Review

RC 07-02SS – The Enclave at Jett Ferry – John Wieland Homes & Neighborhoods

(This item was deferred by motion and vote)

Unfinished Business

Consideration of approval of the Participation Agreement with MARTA for the bus shelters program.

City Attorney Willard stated that this agreement was discussed at a Work Session. It was discussed and a recommendation was made to add language to 2.d. which deals with bus shelters located in the Town Center Overlay District. The City will have complete control over these bus shelters as well as ownership.

Councilmember Fries stated that it was her understanding that the City would be asking MARTA to abandon the bus shelters in the Overlay District and the City would take them over. The agreement as it reads now states that, as the City want to remove them the City would negotiate with MARTA and remove them. Her intention was to have MARTA abandon the eight (8) bus shelters in the Overlay District to the City, take the advertising out, leave shelters and as funds become available start turning them over. She did not intend for MARTA to have any control of the bus shelters in this area.

City Attorney Willard stated that MARTA would not have any control. The question of abandonment has not been presented to MARTA at this time. He will present this to MARTA to see if they would be open to this, as this is MARTA's property and they may or may not agree to this.

Mayor Galambos questioned the difference of the City taking total control over the shelters versus abandoning them.

City Attorney Willard stated that MARTA would put up the type of shelters the City would like to have as well as not have any advertising in them.

Mayor Galambos question if the City could do that with this language. Mr. Willard stated the City could ask them.

Councilmember Fries explained that if MARTA abandons the shelters then the City would not have any responsibility to have advertising at bus shelters. City Attorney Willard stated that he will meet with MARTA to see if they would be open to conveying the title of these bus shelters over to the City.

Councilmember Fries stated that if MARTA is not interested in doing this, her second choice would be for him to discuss with MARTA that no advertising be allowed in this area. There is no language in this agreement stating that MARTA has to take the advertising out in the Overlay District.

Mayor Galambos questioned if the language in this agreement the City would have the right to say, no advertising. Mr. Willard stated that the City has the ability now to say there will be no advertising in the bus shelters in the Overlay District.

Councilmember Fries questioned the Public Works Department if there was an advantage or disadvantage if the City took over ownership of them because of the maintenance issues.

Director of Public Works Parham stated that at this time the City only picks up the trash and that it would be an additional responsibility for the City.

Councilmember Fries stated that the point in this is that the City does not want advertising on shelters in this area.

City Manager McDonough stated that there are only eight shelters in the Overlay District and this can be worked out. MARTA will continue to maintain shelters and the City will have to monitor them. MARTA indicated in a meeting with staff that they would do that.

Councilmember Fries stated that she is not concerned with who owns the shelters as long as MARTA agrees that the City can remove them as we are ready to put in our own.

Councilmember Jenkins questioned if the language in this agreement allows for what Councilmember Fries is asking for.

City Attorney Willard stated that it could and he will discuss with MARTA about abandoning the shelters that are there at some point and time at the City's request and allow the City to have ownership and control.

Councilmember Fries stated that in the agreement under Use of Inventory it states that the City has the right to utilize one-half of any advertising space which seems excessive. She questioned if this is something that MARTA has already agreed to.

City Attorney Willard stated that MARTA has agreed to this contract.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Participation Agreement with MARTA for the bus shelters program with the understanding that changes be made in the agreement stating that there will be no advertising in any bus shelters located in the Town Center Overlay District. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Consideration of approval of a Resolution in support of Governor Perdue's action to protect the health, safety, welfare and quality of life for residents of Georgia by petitioning the Corps to immediately begin operating Georgia's federal reservoirs in a manner that is sustainable through extended drought for both drinking water and endangered species.

Resolution No. 2007-11-62

City Manager McDonough stated that this is a Resolution for the Governor's action. Senior staff met with the Corp of Engineers at Lake Lanier to see what the situation is with the water. He explained there is different information coming out from the state and federal level organizations, by the number of days of supply. There is about 210 to 240 days of supply at the current usage rate. This number is based on the weather prediction that it will continue to be dry over the next several months. It is also based on the current amount of water that is being released from the dam at Lake Lanier. At this time, they are releasing 5,000 cubic feet per second which translates into 37,500 gallons per second at that flow rate. The minimum flow rate that can come out of Lake Lanier's Dam is 750 gallons. This has been going on for about 17 to 18 years, Florida and Alabama have joined in. President Bush met with the governors last week and came to an agreement. The agreement reached was to reduce the flow from 5,000 cubic feet per second to 4,200 cubic feet per second, which saves 6,000 gallons per second coming out of the dam. This certainly helps and may extend the supply for 20 to 30 days but, still will not be enough in the long run. The City needs to exert some leadership locally on the state level to continue to reinforce the fact that the City needs very stringent conservation measures. Staff recommends that Council support Governor Perdue's efforts to bring about conservation and, anything Council can do from a legal standpoint to protect our water supply going forward. This is a very serious situation. Should we find ourselves nine months from now without water, everyone can imagine what the repercussions are going to be, not only in this community but in the whole metro area.

City Attorney Willard stated that he has been involved in these meetings and does not think any other city or county is doing what Sandy Springs is doing in the preparation on the question of water and how to prepare everyone and bring in other supplies. Other measures need to be taken. Mr. McDonough suggested that the cities affected by the potential disaster as well as the counties give support to the governors. He spoke with Georgia Municipal Association and the County Commissioner of Georgia. GMA has put together a model resolution to be used by the cities around Georgia to show support to the Governor for his effort. ACCG is yet to come forward with one, but believes they are considering doing the same thing. The purpose behind it is to show that the cities are ready to step forward, be a participant and ask the Governor to continue his efforts.

City Manager McDonough stated that the Governor is in a very difficult situation politically with the implications and the impacts on the business community with conservation measures from the residents. People are still watering their lawns, washing their cars and doing all of these things. The Governor does not have a lot of political cover out there right now. It takes a strong community to stand up and say "we are willing to do our part in this". From Sandy Springs's prospective the intent of this Resolution is to support any and all measures the Governor will take on the City's behalf to help ensure that there is an adequate water supply going forward.

Motion: Councilmember Paul moved to approve Resolution in support of Governor Perdue's action to protect the health, safety, welfare and quality of life for residents of Georgia by petitioning the Corps to immediately begin operating Georgia's federal reservoirs in a manner that is sustainable through extended drought for both drinking water and endangered species.

Discussion:

Councilmember Paul stated that he had the opportunity to spend time with the Governor yesterday and thanked him for doing a great job, under very difficult circumstances in trying to negotiate this effort. The Governor clearly got Georgia more high ground on this discussion. Georgia needs to be good neighbors with Alabama and Florida but, he has a strong suspicion this has more to do with economic development than water access, trying to choke off Atlanta's growth. There is a little bit of competitiveness and it puts the citizens in a very precarious situation. He fully supports any and all actions designed to strengthen the Governors hand in dealing with this crisis.

Metropolitan Atlanta area is the largest population center with the access to the smallest water supply in the United States. The City needs to do everything possible to protect this community and work with the Governor and legislature to make sure everything is done to protect Georgia's water supply.

Mayor Galambos stated she had met with Mayor Franklin and had asked her about the desalinization proposal that she had put forward two years ago. Mayor Franklin told her that it was totally dead. The City needs to talk with the Governor about the possibility of bringing water up from Savannah. All over the world people are using salt water and our river supply is not sufficient and this is the direction we need to rally for.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that she has received emails about watering the lawn after the over seeding which is allowed under the Level 4 drought restrictions. She questioned if Mayor Franklin was willing to remove that exemption. Mayor Galambos stated that it was not discussed.

City Manager McDonough stated that Level 4 is the highest level of restrictions that currently exist in the state of Georgia. Georgia EPD has forwarded recommendations to the Governor which is on review at this time. This would strengthen the regulations on what you can water and when you can water and those types of issues.

City Attorney Willard stated that the City could adopt an ordinance for water reduction usage and have it as an enforcer. Since the City is not the owner of the water system which currently supplies services to the City. This would give Council appropriate emergency measures and could be enforced.

Councilmember Paul requested that this be put on Council's Work Session Agenda in order to discuss what options are available to the City to help deal with this, rather than abdicate responsibility to the City of Atlanta.

Mayor Galambos explained that she has received a lot of complaints about water pressuring being done and would like to see this included.

City Manager McDonough stated that pressure washing is not allowed unless someone re-paints their home.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated that she would like for Council to consider the City's fire trucks and police vehicles not be washed for awhile.

Second and Vote: Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approval of a Resolution accepting grant award under the 2006 Recreational Trails Program.
Resolution No. 2007-11-63

Director of Public Works Parham stated that this Resolution would allow the City to accept this Grant, in the amount of \$100,000. The total project cost is \$161,315 and would require a \$25,000 matching in kind contribution from the City. The grant funding would be used for the construction of trails at the Island Ferry Park.

Councilmember Fries stated that she wants the City to get the grant and the money to connect these trails. She is concerned with the cost because there are national organizations, like SORBA and RAMBO out there that work at a much reduced cost to help develop trail systems. She wants to be sure the City is utilizing these organizations.

Director of Public Works Parham stated that staff has made contact with some of these organizations since this grant was started, several months ago and has been very slow to move through the system to get to this point.

Mayor Galambos questioned the timeframe on this. Deputy Director Drysdale stated that it would start sometime in the spring.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery questions if the City's Recreation and Parks department involved in this. As she understands the land the City owns has been subject for many years to a trail easement to the government at Island Ferry. The City applied for a grant and received \$100,000 to design and install the trails.

City Manager McDonough stated that the City's Public Works department has the lead and will continue to have the lead on this project. Staff has run into some federal red tape and it was passed down through the Department of Interior and the National Park Service. It required the City to go back and have an additional environmental study done. This was not the staff's doing but was the Federal Agency's requirement. Staff is working through this and once approval is given, staff will move forward and build these trails.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that Leadership Sandy Springs on volunteer's day activity is actually going to be this assuming this once it is worked through. Dunwoody Methodist will be the group laying the trails.

Assistant City Manager Rapson stated that the City has the \$25,000 matched cash funded as well as the \$100,000 already budgeted. The rest of the \$161,000 is an in kind contribution. Recreation and Parks is working with Public Works on this.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve Resolution accepting grant award under the 2006 Recreational Trails Program. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Presentations

Staff Reports

City Manager McDonough recognized the Communications Department of the City for receiving the International Association of Business Communicators Bronze Flame Award for their work on the 2006 Annual Report.

City Manager McDonough announced that the Program Director of Johns Creek, Don Howell will give an update on the Revenue Enhancement Project. The City is moving into the audit phase, letters will be sent out to businesses. Mr. Howell will explain how these various businesses were chosen for audit and what that entails.

Program Director Don Howell, Johns Creek stated that Phase I was identification, notification and collection of non compliant businesses that had not purchased or complied with the business tax ordinance for the City. This phase is near completion. The original target for Phase I was for \$1,000,000, as of today the amount collected is \$2, 263,259, and invoiced and due amount is \$20,561. There are 135 open cases in various stages which have either been issued a citation, have a pending court date, pending tax lien execution. Staff expects that by the time Phase I is actually finished for the 2006 license year book, it will be somewhere in the \$2,400,000 - \$2,500,000 for Phase I.

Phase II begins the audit process. The auditors have been at City Hall and will be back to do some final reviews and go through the selection process that the City Manager mentioned. The selections are made from both the Revenue Enhancement Project, the accounts identified and also the accounts the City inherited from Fulton County when they were issuing business tax certificates on Sandy Springs behalf for the first part of 2006. These selections will be made by several different methodologies. The Revenue Enhancement project is a review of the documents, applications and information the businesses submitted with some intuitive analysis related to that review and then just a random selection from those various business taxes. In terms of the Fulton County list, every 40th name that comes up will be pulled and an audit will be done. Staff coordinated all of the activities with the Legal Department, City Manager's office and with the Finance Director to make sure the City is compliant and has the proper appeal processes, proper notification processes. The City will proceed with the utmost sensitivity and courtesy to the business community. Some audits will involve a little more detail than others. There will be soft audits conducted as well. An example, an application read 141 employees but zero gross receipts. Staff felt this was a little odd how they were paying these employees. By discussing and having conversation with the business without having to look at their books, it resulted in \$28,000 payment for business tax. This is the way the City would prefer to

approach and when this type of cooperation is given this is how the City will proceed. There are a group of auditors that will be visiting the business community.

Mayor Galambos questioned how the City would keep up in the future with people moving out of office buildings and into new ones.

Program Director Don Howell stated that the field work and the first inventory started in August 2006 and now are coming up on a year as far as completion. It would seem that sometime in 2008 it will need to be done again. It should not take as long since the City now has a good clean database. With this database, staff can go out and very quickly identify the businesses that are not listed. The soft audits will continue in 2007 with anyone that files an application that simply is not truthful.

City Manager McDonough announced that Program Director Al Crace will give a brief on what the City is doing in Brad Chambers, absences as far as leadership in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Program Director Crace stated that Brad Chambers, Director of Parks and Recreation received his orders to go to Iraq. Mr. Chambers is expected to be away from the City for about 15 months. The City's plan is to have someone located on site, possibly at Hammond Park. This person will overlook all the facilities and be more involved with programs and development of the programs for the Recreation Department.

Councilmember Fries stated that in talking with someone today, she learned that the classes at Hammond are being canceled due to lack of participation and feel the reason is due to a lack of advertising on the City's part on what is actually being offered. The City's website link to the Recreation Departments says to call to find out the specifics on the time. The website needs to be more user-friendly.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery questioned who would be taking over the duties Brad was involved in like the RFP's and the capital improvement projects.

City Manager McDonough stated that with the City's partnership and contract the City has the ability to move resources around and that it will serve the City very well over the next several months.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that she has spoken with citizens who have their own ideas about new programs and would like to see them offered by the City. Mr. Crace stated that until someone is hired for this position, he would be the contact person for this.

Program Director Crace stated that he would be putting a team together from the City's Public Works and Community Development Departments to oversee these types of issues.

Councilmember Paul stated that Sandy Springs has some of the world class La Cross fields in the southeast. He was approached last weekend by someone who would like for Sandy Springs to be the focal point for the southern Women's La Cross Tournament this time next fall. They would like for Sandy Springs to help coordinate this.

Mayor Galambos stated that they should contact Kym Hughes, Hospitality & Tourism for type of event.

Public Comment

Bill Gannon, 505 Taunton Way, Sandy Springs, Representing High Point Civic Association spoke on the redistricting of schools in Sandy Springs. Sandy Springs has a total of five now and will be adding two more. This is going in the right direction but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. The City needs better public schools. The second meeting is November 13, 2007, and will be held at North Springs High School. For there to be any relief to certain school districts, the homeowners and the taxpayers will have a chance to participate. If the input from the Sandy Springs neighbors is ignored, it will be business as usual and Sandy Springs will have seven schools instead of five but, there will be no overall improvement. It is critical for the school board to give some relief and have two new schools added. New additional schools are needed. The fifth district funds the Fulton

County School system. SPLOST receives \$120,000,000 every year and about half of that is spent in Sandy Springs. He introduced Brittany Charron from High Point who is helping network getting redistricting relief and to discuss issues on Roswell Road.

Brittany Charron, 390 Forrest Hills, Sandy Springs stated that she would like to share the High Point Civic Association Committee, for better schools position. She explained that she is a public school graduate, from first grade to her Masters Degree and a former Fulton County school teacher. Her oldest daughter will go to High Point Elementary next year as a kindergartner. She is very committed to the public schools in Sandy Springs. Their position is that they would like for High Point Elementary to return to a neighborhood school. They want it smaller and decrease enrollment from 820 kids to 500. The school is overcrowded and has a great deal of trailers which hopefully will be removed when the new schools are built. The lunch schedule is from 10:35 a.m. to 1:05 p.m. and that is because the cafeteria is too small for the amount of children attending. They proposed to do all this by setting some very specific boundaries. The most critical is the western boundary and would like it to be the eastern side of Roswell Road because it is safer. A tragedy occurred seven years ago when an elementary student was killed crossing Roswell Road to get on the bus. Everyone knows how busy Roswell Road is and how congested it is. They hope to keep students from having to cross Roswell Road. Roswell Road is their natural boundary for the High Point area. Their play groups and organizations are on the eastern side of Roswell Road. They want to respect the integrity of their neighborhood and keep Roswell Road as their natural boundary on the western side. The school board does not consider the traffic flow as a major consideration and High Point would like Council's support in helping impress upon them the importance of traffic flow especially on Roswell Road, helping them understand that they do need to pay attention to that when drawing borders. High Point would appreciate Council's support in anyway, shape or form to help them create a neighborhood school.

Mayor Galambos explained that their neighborhood is so justified in the proposal she has brought forth. It is a matter of safety, a matter of equity and it is high time that the school board recognize High Point's needs. As a Council we do not get involved and vote school redistricting, she would like to say personally and on Councilmember DeJulio behalf, she totally supports their position.

Mayor Galambos recognized the City Page, Anais Phillips at this time.

Executive Session - Personnel

(This item was deferred by motion and vote)

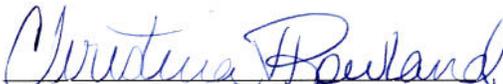
Adjournment

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Paul moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Date Approved: November 20, 2007



Eva Galambos, Mayor



Christina V. Rowland, City Clerk