Regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs was held October 2, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

Invocation

Father Jeff Reichmann from Holy Innocents’ Episcopal School offered the invocation.

Call to Order

Mayor Galambos called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Roll Call and General Announcements

City Clerk Rowland called the roll and introduced Council Page Anais Phillips from Ridgeview Charter Middle School.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Page Anais Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes:

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Paul moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentations

Mayor Galambos read the Proclamation in honor of the Holy Innocents’ Episcopal School Varsity Baseball Team

Public Hearing

Alcoholic Beverages

Consideration of approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application (007859) for La Petite Maison at 6510 Roswell Rd Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Natalie Anne Kempe for Consumption on premise Wine, Malt Beverage and Distilled Spirits.
Director of Operations Matt Horn stated that the application was received on August 2. The building lease is on file; the fire inspection has been completed; 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 Comments. There were no public comments.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the application for Alcoholic Beverage License for La Petite Maison at 6510 Roswell Rd Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Natalie Anne Kempe for Consumption on premise Wine, Malt Beverage and Distilled Spirits. Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

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 Willard stated that the attorney representing the applicant is attempting to get quitclaim deeds from the abutting property owners that were in question. Additionally, they are doing more extensive title work. Mr. Willard recommended the deferral of this to the November 6, 2007 meeting.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to defer the Formal Abandonment of Woodall Ferry Road to Allow the Underlying Property’s Ownership Rights to Revert to the Owners in Fee to the November 6, 2007 Council Meeting. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Consideration of approval of a Resolution to authorize and direct the execution and delivery of certain lease financing and related documents; to provide a statement by legislative findings and intent; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.
Resolution No. 2007-10-53

Assistant City Manager Rapson stated that this is for the equipment approved in the FY08 budget. This will increase the existing lease agreement by $500,000 at a lower interest rate. Staff recommends approval of this Resolution.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the a Resolution to authorize and direct the execution and delivery of certain lease financing and related documents; to provide a statement by legislative findings and intent; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approval of a Resolution to direct the expenditure of Pavement Management Program Funds.
Resolution No. 2007-10-54

City Manager McDonough stated that the bids for the Pavement Management Program came in less than anticipated. Therefore, there is approximately $1.5 million more than expected. Staff is recommending that the City Manager be authorized to work from the approved list of roads with the additional funds. Mr. McDonough reminded Council that the list is only arterial and collector roadways.
Motion and Vote: Councilmember Paul moved to approve a Resolution to direct the expenditure of Pavement Management Program Funds. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager McDonough stated that the list of roads would be sent to Council and posted on the website.

Consideration of approval of a Resolution to approve the award of bid no. 07-102 as part of the 2007-2008 Capital Paving Program for the City of Sandy Springs. Resolution No. 2007-10-55

Public Works Director Parham explained that three bids were received for the paving project. The low bid was from C.W. Matthews. Staff recommends that the contract be awarded to C.W. Matthews in the amount of $3.6 millions. The in-house estimate was $5.2 million.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Paul moved to approve a Resolution to approve the award of bid no. 07-102 as part of the 2007-2008 Capital Paving Program for the City of Sandy Springs. Councilmember DeJulio seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Presentations

Staff Reports

City Manager McDonough congratulated the communications staff for receiving the Golden Flame award from the International Association of Business Communications for the 2006 Annual Report.

City Manager McDonough invited everyone to stop by the Staff Board Room where former Councilmember Dave Greenspan will be honored.

City Manager McDonough explained that the City of Sandy Springs is not the enforcement agency for the water ban. He explained that the City of Atlanta is the enforcement agency. He stated that the City wants to facilitate communications for the homeowners associations and businesses. Information will be placed on the City’s website. Mayor Galambos requested that another form of communication besides the City of Atlanta call center be used.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated that she has requested contact information from the watershed department.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that information has been provided that residents could continue to water for 30 days if their lawn had been professionally seeded. Councilmember Meinzen McEnery added that watering could only be done between midnight and 10:00 a.m.

City Manager McDonough announced that Recreation and Parks Director Brad Chambers has been called for a one year tour of duty in the United States Navy. His anticipated departure is late October.

Deputy Director of Community Development Vann McNeill stated that the City has been approved to be a CDBG Entitlement city. They are requesting a response by October 15, 2007.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve City participation in the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Paul explained some approved uses for these funds. He also explained the 108 program in which the City could borrow funds against future appropriations for larger projects.
City Attorney Willard explained the legal requirements to establish a Sandy Springs Development Authority. This is to assist the PCID with the Hammond half-diamond project. The City of Sandy Springs will not have any credit or revenues pledged for the repayment of this bond.

Mayor Galambos stated that she would be nominating to following people for appointment to this Authority: Councilmember Rusty Paul, Jennifer Steele, Ralph Thurmond, John Willis, Ken Gregor, Nayef Haddad, and Betty Crawford. She stated that it is the City’s intent to only issue bonds for this project.

Public Comment

Mark Thomas, 505 Avignon Ct., Sandy Springs, expressed concerns that some of his campaign signs had been removed. He explained that he had received two different directions from the City on the placement of the signs. He questioned what the candidates should be doing.

Community Development Director Nancy Leathers stated that the Allen Creek re-vegetation will be done with the use of people who are given community service through the court. The new organization, Trees Sandy Springs, will maintain the trees after planting. Ms. Leathers recognized Ms. Nina Cramer who came forward and stated that she is excited to be working with the City.

City Arborist Michael Barnett explained that they were planning to replant the fifty (50) foot undisturbed buffer back to buffer standards.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny reported that the east fork of this stream was selected by the committee to be called Sandy Springs Creek because this emanates at the sandy springs located on the Heritage Sandy Springs site.

Tammi Jenkins, 220 Hampton Drive, Sandy Springs, stated that Sandy Springs has some great things happening. She suggested that the traffic issues be considered during the re-paving process. She also requested that Council consider improving the quality of life through the CDBG program.

Mayor Galambos recognized Council Page Anais Phillips and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Adjournment

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Date Approved: October 16, 2007