

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held June 5, 2007 at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Galambos called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 Dave Greenspan, Councilmember Rusty Paul, Councilmember Ashley Jenkins, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, and Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnergy.

**Invocation** - Rabbi Dr. Analia Bortz, Congregation Of Hadash gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Page Zackery Fischel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

No Consent Items

**Presentations**

**Recognition of Ms. Linda Dixon.**

Mayor Galambos recognized Linda Dixon for her volunteer work in replanting the planters on Roswell Road.

**Proclamation-Atlanta Smicha Program**

Mayor Galambos read the Proclamation for Atlanta Smicha Program.

**Proclamation- Kevin Cherí, Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area Superintendent**

Mayor Galambos read the Proclamation for Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area Superintendent and presented it to Kevin Cheri.

**Burt Manning, Fulton County Chief Appraiser-2007 Assessment Update**

### **Office Locations**

- FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
Suite 1047B  
141 Pryor Street, S.W., Atlanta
  
- North Fulton Service Center  
Suite 234 B  
7741 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs
  
- South Fulton Service Center  
5600 Stonewall Tell Road, College Park
  
- Fulton County Assessors Office  
Suite 175  
3155 Royal Drive, Alpharetta

### **The Board of Assessors**

- Nominated and approved by the Board of Commissioners, but operates Independently.
  
- Consists of five Fulton County Citizens appointed to staggered four year terms.

### **Board of Assessors Members**

Bill G. Huff, Jr., Chair  
E. Gayle Barnett, Vice-Chair  
Salma Ahmed, Member  
Donald Johnson, Member  
Rick Kenny, Member

### **Mission**

- The Board of Assessors primary mission is to prepare a fair and equitable tax digest in accordance with applicable laws and professional standards.

### **County Tax Digest**

- The Tax digest is the total taxable value (fair market value) of ALL Real and Business Personal Property in the County

### **The Board of Assessors**

- Sets policy for the entire department, consisting of a staff trained to keep property values current as mandated by State Law.

### **Fulton County Parcels**

Fulton County's Estimated 2007 Tax Digest consisted of:

324,378 Real Estate parcels

32,000 Personal Property accounts

- A total of 356,378 taxable items with a value of over 136 Billion Dollars

### **Key Players Involved in Georgia's Property Tax Process**

County Commissioners	General Assembly
Board of Assessors	Governor
Tax Commissioner	State Revenue Department
State of Georgia	Board of Equalization

**Other Entities Involved**

Local School Boards  
 Municipalities

**The Tax Commissioner**

- Calculates and mails your tax bill, collects taxes owed
  - Collects taxes for county, schools and cities that levy taxes
  - Compiles the Tax Digest for the Revenue Department's review and approval
  - Is an elected county constitutional officer
- *Note: Taxes are calculated based upon a properties appraised value, as determined by the Board of Assessors.*

**Divisions of the Assessors Department**

- Administration
- Commercial Real Estate
- Residential Real Estate
- Personal Property
- Homestead
- Field Book
- Clerical (Data Entry)
- GIS
- Standards (Quality Control)

**Appraisal**

Property is appraised at 100% of its Fair Market Value  
 Revaluations

**Assessment for billing purposes property is assessed at 40% of the Fair Market Value**  
 $FMV \times 40\% \times \text{Mil rate} = \text{Tax amount}$   
**Before Exemptions**

**Revaluations**

The Board of Assessors are required by Georgia Law to administer revaluations (reappraisal) to maintain the tax digest at fair market value.

**Fulton County 2007 Assessment**

<b><u>Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>Parcels</u></b>	<b><u>Notices</u></b>	<b><u>2007 Value</u></b>
Atlanta	140,810	73,733	59,919,501,790
Alpharetta	18,456	11,870	11,077,582,595
College Park	3,882	2,176	1,317,795,213
East Point	12,400	7,202	2,695,282,225
Fairburn	5,531	3,977	1,270,034,353
Hapeville	2,500	1,978	798,585,953
Johns Creek	24,125	15,478	10,454,100,225
Milton	11,362	9,353	5,418,388,190
Mountain Park	863	22	54,644,658
Palmetto	1,848	1,059	276,996,423
Roswell	28,985	17,382	11,569,445,078
Sandy Springs	26,860	6,716	17,174,646,033
Unincorporated	39,554	24,157	12,605,234,915
Union City	6,627	3,475	1,450,619,218
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>324,378</b>	<b>178,608</b>	<b>136,082,856,865</b>

**Total of All Fulton County**

▶ Number of Sales	27,221
▶ Median Ratio	92.99
▶ Parcels	324,378
▶ Fair Market Value	\$136,082,856,865

**City of Sandy Springs**

▶ Number of Sales	2,345
▶ Median Ratio	93.70
▶ Parcels	26,860
▶ Fair Market Value	\$17,174,646,033

**What Affects the Appraised Value**

The MARKET VALUE (Sales) of comparable property in your area

**Property Record Card**

- Owner and co-owner name and address
- Property Characteristics including zoning, year built, square footage, number of bedrooms and baths
- Appraised Value of land and building
- Exemption Information
- Tax Summary

**Do Property Taxes Automatically Increase when Assessments Increase? NO**

**It depends on:**

- How much each appraisal increases compared to other property
- Whether or not county, city or school budgets increase

**EXAMPLE:** If the budgets remain in the same, and assessments increase, the millage will decrease and tax collection will remain the same.

**Right to Appeal an Assessment**

Owners may challenge an assessment (appraisal) by appealing to the County Board of Assessors

**To File an Appeal you must first receive a notice.**

- (a) file a property tax return between January 1 through April 1 in the Assessors Office.
- (b) automatically received IF your value is changed

**Reasons for Filing an Appeal**

- Taxability
- Uniformity of Assessment
- Value
- Denials of Homestead Exemption

**Appeal to the Board of Assessors**

- Owners may appeal to the Assessors Office within 45 days from mailing of a Assessment Notice.
- An appeal must be in writing, identify the parcel or account, and state the grounds for the appeal

**Information received from other departments**

- Business License Information
- Building Permits
- Mapping
- Zoning
- Etc....

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- Zoning
- Etc....

### **Other County Departments**

- Tax Commissioner
- County Manager
- Clerk of Court
- Finance

### **Questions?**

Councilmember DeJulio questioned if there were any type of system where appraisals changed automatically when property is sold.

**Burt Manning, Fulton County Chief Appraiser** stated that the sale price is not the market value. It may be a good indication of market value but, it is a market price for that property at that time. Another reason why it would not change automatically is that Fulton County has a lien date of January 1. Someone might buy their property on January 5 or they might buy it on December 5. Fulton County has to look at it there. Also, it could be that the property you are buying could have some factor involved that would keep it from being market value. The appraisal is at an estimate, an opinion of market value. When Fulton County does it from Master Plan purposes, it is very different from what you get from a bank or fee appraisal when you do it for a loan. There is a difference between individual price and the possibilities of market value. A recent sales transaction with no indication of any duress by any buyer or seller is certainly a good indication of the value for that property. Many times when it comes time for an appeal process this is the kind of thing that individuals look at.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated that sometimes folks who get income based exemptions make more money the next year or if someone dies the heirs do not change information she questioned how he monitored that process.

**Burt Manning, Fulton County Chief Appraiser** stated that if an individual who is owner and occupant and has home stead exemption is deceased, while that name is still in the name of the estate it is considered that the homestead would remain. There could be exceptions, they could rent it out and could do things that the county may not know about. When the executor transfers a deed they would then know that the property has changed then they will take the homestead off and a new occupant would apply for it. The income based exemptions are a little more problematic. It is current practice and not just Fulton County but, throughout the state to only request the income information the year that was applied for the exemption. The only time the county would ask for it would be, if someone came back to apply for an increased exemption or some other type of exemption. There have been occasions when people have mistakenly transferred their property, somebody else lost their exemption and would come back in and reapply for it and no longer would be eligible for it. Once you have the senior exemption with the low income it is assumed that you maintain that as long as you stay there that you are still eligible.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery questioned if an older home goes under construction and is torn down, then rebuilt; when in the process do you capture the increased value for the new home.

Mr. Manning explained that it would be the next January 1. If a resident takes multiple years to complete, he is not sure that sometimes they do not miss the changes although, they do flag them and expect to go back. In the normal course of things it is usually only one January 1, that they are under construction and would get a percentage value and the following January 1, they normally finish and get a completed one. There have been large homes and other homes that have taken more than one year. commercial properties would pick up a percentage of completion and therefore, estimate a portion of that value for that given January 1 and then would look at it again the next January 1.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery questioned if it would help the county to have the Sandy Springs Building Inspections staff send a list of where in the construction process the property is. Mr. Manning stated that it would and the county is always updating their characteristics of data.

Mr. Manning stated that the county is making major strides with the commercial evaluation. The commercial property is not appraised at the same level as residential. This year county wide Fulton County appraised the commercial property almost 30% higher than they did residential. In addition to that, the Fulton County Commission has hired a firm to help them do a complete commercial evaluation which will take them to 2008. They are more than halfway through it now and they will report to us in time to include the values in 2008. This will make it more equitable between the different types of owners.

Mayor Galambos stated that some of the increase in the commercial has not yet been reflected in the values because Fulton County is waiting on the study to get finished.

Mr. Manning stated that is true and the county reappraised this year where it felt it needed to be done and the county staff did work commercial property significantly. However, everything they see and everything they anticipate, unless there is a real change in market between now and next January 1, there will be an even larger increase in the commercial properties than there will be residential next year.

The county is talking about ways it can share data back and forth with cities. The biggest thing is building permits and Certificates of Occupancy and fire reports and things of that nature. They are always looking for ways in today's world where we can help each other. He expects that within the next 60 days he may come back before City Council about a new product that the county would like to share with all the cities in Fulton County, on a cost sharing basis but, it's very inexpensive, it is called pictometry. It is a low level of black photography, roughly 60 cents a tax parcel the county will provide the city with current four (4) shots of every property from all sides. It is a tremendous tool for public safety, it is a good tool for business license and building permits. Fulton County finally received the 2007 photographs and now are looking for a server that will hold 800 Giga Bytes of images. When the county breaks it out for the cities it will be a proportionate size based on the 26,000 parcels which will be less than 10% of the entire county when they do it. Most of the cities he has talked to are very excited and ready to see it. This will be something that is coming very soon.

Councilmember Greenspan questioned if the city has funding to allocate to assist Sandy Springs's process within the county.

**City Manager McDonough** explained that anything the city can do get a fast and accurate response of information to Mr. Manning's department. We have had staff discussions about certain things and are in constant communications. We have a very good relationship with this office and Mr. Manning.

## **Public Hearings**

### **Budget**

**To receive public comment pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.**

**David Rubenstein, 6170 old Hickory Point**, spoke on behalf of the Sandy Springs Planning Commission in support of adding additional staff (Land Use Planner) to the Community Development Department.

**City Manager McDonough** requested Mr. Rubenstein to give the Mayor and City Council an update on the Lease Extension of the Police Department.

**Mr. Rubenstein** stated that they have looked at some options with the current landlord on the Barfield Road site and have expressed an interest in helping the City in giving more flexible terms, allowing the Police Department to stay there

a little longer and, to give some flexibility to do some of the things we have talked about doing. We currently have June 30, 2009 expiration after our three automatic renewals. They have agreed to extend this to June 30, 2011.

## **Millage Rate**

### **To receive input as it relates to establishing a millage rate to be levied for the tax year 2007 as required by O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 et seq.**

**Director of Finance Rapson** stated that the city is leaving the millage rate the same because of state law we have to advertise this as a tax increase. Mr. Manning went over a very high level of what the increase would be and the rollback would be equivalent to about 4 ½ %, of about half of that is due to the reassessment and the other half is due to growth.

Mayor Galambos explained that the City is staying at the exactly same millage rate that the City Charter provides for and, this is the limit the City can not go over without going to referendum.

**Robert J. Proctor, 475 Huntcliff Green**, submitted a handout to the City Clerk for the record. Mr. Proctor stated that it sounds like City Council has already made up their mind on what the millage rate is going to be. This is a defining moment for the City of Sandy Springs, this decision, this year on the millage rate. Last year was the first year the City got the 2007 millage rate. He thinks it is reasonably prudent to set it at the rate Fulton County had. Although, Council should bear in mind that the Fulton County rate the city wrote into the Charter was 10% higher than what Fulton County was charging just in 2003. As Mr. Manning explained, if you leave the millage rate the same you are raising the property taxes by 14% in one year. Sandy Springs will be one of the only governments in this county that is not decreasing the millage rate. He challenged City Council to decrease the millage rate to produce the amount that the city budget requires. According to Sandy Springs budget material on the city's website, the city is anticipating \$24,556 revenue from property taxes, this is the revenue the city collected last year. The digest is going up by 14%. If you leave the millage rate the same, you will produce approximately \$5,000,000 surplus and then you will get into the same line as every other government in this state of playing the game, of producing a large surplus which you can then decide how to spun next year just like the State of Georgia does. Unfortunately, the budgetary process this government and all county government and state governments follow is to follow the myth that even though they know the tax base has grown from the previous year, they are going to budget based on collecting the same dollars they collected the previous year which is what your financial department has done. We know that the tax digest has changed, it is very black and white. If you leave the millage rate the same you are increasing the taxes by 14% and you have broken the pledge that you made. He sees also from the City budget materials that the City is now considering adopting the Stormwater Utility which, he calls the "Rain Tax". Ten years ago he brought the suit that ended the City of Atlanta Rain Tax that resulted in \$35,000,000 in refunds. Now we are talking about Impact Fees and he asked City Council to take a minute and not made the decision today and do what every other government does. He questioned Council if they wondered why he was the only one here. The law requires that you run an advertisement of this hearing. The City of Sandy Springs is the only government in the county that ran it in the Fulton County Daily Report. Everybody else runs it in the Atlanta paper. Lawyers are the only people that regularly read the Daily Report. He is about the only lawyer that cares about property taxes in this city. That is his charge, why be just honest, efficient and responsive, try being frugal and give the citizens back their taxes. Mr. Manning did not tell you that 20% of his neighborhood just got 20% reassessment increases. There are people who are going to pay more taxes and it is wonderful to capture all of this commercial growth but bare in mind that we have a lot of economist and business people on this Council, businesses do not pay taxes. Their employees pay taxes, the owners pay taxes and the customers pay taxes. This is a tax burden. On the website it shows the City having the second lowest millage rate of any of the other cities. He asked Council to look at taxes per person. When you look at taxes per person for last year, Sandy Springs in the middle of the pack and if you leave the millage rate the same you will then become the fifth highest out of the jurisdictions. At \$346 per person, 10% higher than Roswell, Alpharetta and Atlanta is the highest of the big cities. Everyone knows why Atlanta is the highest and Alpharetta has a huge bonded indebtedness they are paying, so does Roswell so just comparing millage rates is not sufficient. Sandy Springs has a very wealthy digest here for capital and that is what Council needs to be looking at. He would like for the City of Sandy Springs to have zero property tax and find all revenue somewhere else. He hopes that Council will give that every consideration and he hopes that Council has not already made up its mind on what the millage rate is going to be before the public is allowed to come and speak about it.

Councilmember Fries asked if in his handout if he ran the 3% cap the city has.

Mr. Proctor stated that the 3% cap is included in the Digest Certification as compiled by the Fulton County Tax Commissioner. The 3% cap means that most homeowners are going to see a 3% increase in their property taxes even if the City leaves the millage rate the same and did not get a reassessment. His house will go up 3% even though he did not get a reassessment because of the effect of that cap.

Mayor Galambos stated that 85,000 is not Sandy Springs current population. The census knew what our population was in 2005 even though we were not a city. Sandy Springs population is around 90,000.

**Director of Finance Rapson** stated that would change the per capital numbers very slightly. The other cities have also grown very dramatically since this 2005 estimate. Some of these numbers are misleading. He would be more than happy to sit down and go over the individual numbers. You can not go digest to digest especially gross to gross which Mr. Proctor is doing here because in 2006, which he is comparing to 2007, they would not actually reflect any of the motor vehicles assessments which is over \$260,000,000. The actual increase would not be 14% but more like 10.4. In addition to that in looking at the residential component you would see the actual increase that we would have to advertise to get a full roll back you have to run the 4.48% of which 2.11% of that is due to the reassessment and the rest of is primary due to the growth associated primarily with commercial as well as residential for folks that sold their house.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny questioned Mr. Proctor if he would be willing to sit down with Mr. Rapson and discuss this matter with him. Mr. Proctor stated that he would. He strongly encouraged City Council to consider their decision carefully because he feels that Council's decision of whether to roll back taxes to an appropriate level is going to be very important to his neighbors.

Councilmember DeJulio stated that the major concern is that we are not receiving any value for the taxes we are paying. The City is in a situation where the infrastructure is crumbling and as a City Council we feel it is most important to try to cure the neglect that has been happening for the last 30 years in Fulton County, for example, our road situation. Fulton County put \$600,000 in to fixing Sandy Springs roads. The estimate to fix our roads and bring it back up to an 80% standard would be between \$45,000,000 and \$50,000,000. You being a person who is concerned about taxpayer money should be concerned that we go ahead and give the taxpayer the value for the money and take that money and put it into the infrastructure because as you know if we don't fix the infrastructure it is only going to get worse. The city could borrow that money but we have chose to go ahead and use the money that has been given us by the taxpayers and what we feel is the most efficient and the most effective for our residents. In addition of just looking at the total numbers, we should be looking at what our taxpayers are getting and what benefits they are getting for the taxes they have paid. As you know, when you started the Taxpayer Association 15 years ago the taxpayers were getting almost nothing for their investment in Fulton County taxes. Here, we are providing the services and the infrastructures and providing for the needs. You talked about the Stormwater and you are educated enough to know that the Stormwater facilities in this town are crumbling underneath our homes and we are having major problems with that. You not only have to look at the dollars but, are the taxpayers of Sandy Springs getting the value for their dollar.

Mr. Proctor stated that taxpayers don't give you taxes, the City takes them. If they do not write you a check then you take their home, it is not donations. The City's budget is quiet ample and you are building the entire 5% rainy day reserve that the Municipal Association recommended in one year. The city has an \$80,000,000 budget and the amount of taxes you need to fund the budget can be raised for 4.2 mills and if you leave it where you are what you are going to generate is an enormous windfall surplus that he is sure the city will find a way to spend. The government never returns the taxes to the taxpayers. The Taxpayers Association is concerned about the overall way of taxation in the state and what it does to the economy and what it does to the people who can not afford it. This is one of the highest property tax rates in the country now in Metro Atlanta. If Council leaves the millage rate where it is the city is going to raise \$29,000,000 in property taxes and your budget says you are going to raise \$24,000,000.

**Director of Finance Rapson** stated that in the 2007 budget, compare line by line for, property tax, motor vehicles and throw in what the city gets back from the state for the homestead. We are talking about a 4.3% increase from 2007 to 2008. We may get the \$29,000,000 but we are not banking on that.

**Unfinished Business:**

No Unfinished Business

**New Business:**

**Consideration of approval to authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a Police Records Management System.**

**Chief of Police Wilson** stated that since July 1, 2006 the Police Department has been doing all of the records management manually. There are a lot of things staff can do once the system is automated. A vendor selection team consisting of staff from the Police Department, Purchasing, City Manager's Office, and Business Systems was formed in January of this year to begin development of a request for proposals for the acquisition and maintenance of a records management system for the Police Department. The team was chaired by Barry Woodward, a consultant with extensive experience in the implementation of such systems. Mr. Woodward was on the team that put the first 800 systems together in the nation. He has helped many departments with both their 911 system and their records management. Mr. Woodward will explain to City Council how we put the evaluation together, how we built the scoring and, how we went through the process to come up with a vendor that we feel comfortable recommending to the City Manager and City Council to proceed with.

Barry Woodward stated that the Police Department needs to get automated not only for the government to look at the records but, the public can look at the records as well because of Open Records and this will assist in doing that. In securing a system there needs to be open competition. There is a lot of stuff out there today in today's market and technology keeps changing almost on a daily basis. Good competition with the vendors means that we get the best price when it comes down to everything else. We want to make sure that we use the latest technology with everything that is out there. Not only do we want to make sure it is functional now but, upgradeable in the future to add additional systems. We want to make sure this is user friendly system so as to make it easy for the user. Sandy Springs court system could easily integrate with this Records Management System and, to make sure it has the proper support, no down time and, if there is a problem that somebody can see to it right away. In February, we developed a RFP and we all reviewed it and made sure that the users that were going to use this system, the City Management and everyone else was happy with it before we put it out. It was then released in March and a pre-bid meeting was held to provide potential bidders the opportunity to ask questions and gain additional information on the City's RMS vision. Six firms submitted proposals packages, two firms were short listed and given the opportunity to provide product demonstrations for the selection team and end users. The basis on the scoring was mostly technical which, was 65% to make sure all the parts and pieces were there that we needed to do everything else. To improvise all the modules not only to function now but function later on down the road if the city decides to expand to other operations. To have it where the users could use it without a lot of training and be able to sit down and go through all of the information that they need. Based on the firm's ability to provide a standardized product for dealing with these critical issues, the selection team evaluated vendors on experience; total number of clients, total number of Georgia clients, average size of Georgia clients and number of years in business. The team also evaluated vendors on, Training and Support; help desk hours, support interface, provision of system design documents, availability of updates, format of updates and training hours included. Last, the team evaluated the vendors on; timeframe for implementations, interface with other software, system security, product standardization and additional hardware required.

The two vendors selected are OSSI/Sunguard and New World Systems. In the total criteria of everything else OSSI scored higher on every category that the team had with an overall score of 665.5 verses New World at 16.9. The team felt that the technical scoring on OSSI was much higher and was able to deliver many more features and options that were usable to the city without a lot of customization. The cost from OSSI was lower at a cost of \$663,045 and the annual maintenance cost of \$83,711 which is comparable to today's technology.

**Chief of Police Wilson** stated that staff recommends entering into a contract with Sunguard/OSSI for the acquisition and maintenance of a records management system for the Police Department.

Right now the police department is answering about 900 false alarm calls a month. Fulton County's policy is that they will not keep records on false alarm calls. Once we get this system up in operation we can start to determine what particular residents are giving us this problem and then come back to City Council with a strong Alarm Ordinance to help reduce the number the department is responding to false alarms. We want to be absolutely be fair to the people who put the alarms in but, at the same time we have got to have some accountability. This system will help us do that.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated that she would like to know a little more about the software and what it is going to do for the Police Department.

**Chief of Police Wilson** stated that with this program staff will be able to see, when we are having issues, where those issues are, what time of day and, is there a pattern. It will save a lot of time, take away some of the paper and will make us a lot more effective with reports, 90% of what we do on enforcement is driven by those numbers. The more accurate the numbers are and the more up to date they are the better the department will be.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated that she is in support of this system but, it is a lot of money and would like to know more about it. Chief of Police Wilson explained the process in which staff does now without this system.

**City Manager McDonough** stated that it is very similar to our financial reporting system. Our financial reporting system is all integrated and we try to make sure all our systems are integrated not only in the finance department but, as much as we can across departments. Right now the police are doing everything manually, they have some things automated but, they are all separate and none of it is tied together. This program allows all this information to be integrated so it is easily accessible so that we can make decisions based on facts, easily retrievable data. We do not have that capability and this will allow us to improve our level of customer service in the area of police and law enforcement significantly because we will have quick access to this type of information that we do not have today. This also has the capability to tie in to the court system which will reduce one step. It will help streamline our operations.

Councilmember Greenspan questions if this would integrate in to the vehicles immediately where they can download their data into the systems and will it integrate with fire. Mr. Woodward stated that it would.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Fries moved to approve the authorization for the City Manager to enter into negotiations for a Police Records Management System. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of approval of a Resolution appointing Van Westmorland to the Design Review Board to fill the unexpired term of Bruce Alterman.**

**Resolution No. 2007-06-26**

Mayor Galambos stated that this is a very difficult position to be replaced because this person has to be a resident and a property owner within the overlay district. We are very fortunate that Van Westmoreland has agreed to serve in that capacity.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Fries moved to approve a Resolution appointing Van Westmoreland to the Design Review Board to fill the unexpired term of Bruce Alterman. There was no Council discussion. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of approval of an Ordinance amending Section 10(a) of Article 1 of Chapter 11, Business Occupation tax, licenses, and regulations of the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances.**

**Ordinance No. 2007-06-36**

**City Attorney Willard** stated that this is an amendment to Chapter 11, Business Occupation Tax. This amendment is for business owners in the City of Sandy Springs who move from one location to another in the city. Businesses must provide the city in writing their new address and will have thirty (30) days prior to the date that the business moves to new location. There will be a \$25 fee for this transfer.

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember Paul moved to approve an Ordinance amending Section 10(a) of Article 1 of Chapter 11, Business Occupation tax, licenses, and regulations of the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances and amend the fee schedule to include a charge of \$25.00 for such transfer. There was no Council discussion. Councilmember DeJulio seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports and Presentations:**

**Mayor and Council Reports**

Mayor Galambos reported that China is looking for a sister city and believes that this would be a great opportunity for the City of Sandy Springs to pursue. There was a consensus for the City to pursue this.

**Staff Reports**

Chief of Police Wilson report on the incredible job Chief McElfish and his staff did in making arrangements for the funeral services for Firefighter Felix Roberts.

Councilmember Fries stated that she attended the funeral services for Felix Roberts. The Fire Department did a spectacular job. She has heard from many people of how impressed they were with Sandy Springs Police and Fire Departments being so close.

**Public Comments:**

**Alvin S. Johnson, 607 Masons Creek Circle**, thanked City Council for including Roberts Drive and Dunwoody Place in the initial resurfacing project.

Mayor Galambos presented a certificate of appreciation to tonight's Council Page, Zackery Fischel.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion and Vote:** Councilmember DeJulio moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**Date Approved: June 19, 2007**



Eva Galambos, Mayor



Christina V. Rowland, City Clerk