

Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 6:00 PM Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

Councilmember Ashley Jenkins was absent.

Announcement

Mayor Galambos announced that 26 acres at the corner of Brandon Mill and Dalrymple is being willed to Sandy Springs for a park. She will be asking for a \$150,000 contribution for this investment.

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated that a lease has been worked out for the Police Department to be located at the Barfield property. This item will be placed on the Special Called Meeting Agenda for approval.

IGA with Johns Creek

Mayor Galambos also announced that Johns Creek is interested in discussing an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Sandy Springs that would facilitate their organization and relieve them of the process of having to go through Requests for Proposals. She will be holding an initial discussion with Johns Creek. She explained that they have been told that there will be no reduction in services for the City of Sandy Springs. Nothing will be decided without Council approval.

Councilmember Greenspan stated that Johns Creek has expressed interest in forming a Fire Authority with the City.

Mayor Galambos explained that the IGA would encompass the back room operations and processes conducted by CH2M Hill. There would in no way be any sharing of Community Development or Public Works.

Mayor Galambos stated that the Logo Review would be moved to the beginning of the work session.

Staff Discussion Items

Logo Review

Communications Director Judy Parker introduced Jim Polack, J.P. Designs and Marketing, who presented three versions of the top three logo concepts. After some discussion, a logo was chosen by the Mayor and City Council attached hereto.

Right of Access and Entry Agreement from MARTA for Fulton PCID Streetscape project.

Capital Improvement Plan Engineer Rob Lewis explained that this land report is standard operating procedure for PCID prior to annexation for their acquisition process. This is needed before they can record the deed with Fulton County. With the City taking on the responsibility as a sponsor for these projects, this will be a regular occurrence. City staff and the right-of-way specialist have reviewed this and have no issues with it.

Resolution to Accept control of Maintenance of traffic signals on State routes.

Public Works Director Angelia Parham explained that this is a resolution to accept control of maintenance of traffic signals on State routes in Sandy Springs. This allows us to time the signals to benefit the City to help traffic move more quickly and efficiently.

Councilmember DeJulio questioned if this included paying for the maintenance of the lights.

Field Operations Superintendent Tim Romashko stated that the City would incur this cost as it has already been. This exercise is the City officially taking responsibility and telling the State that the City has accepted maintenance responsibility. Currently, Fulton County is the maintaining agency of record and we know they are not going to do anything. The State assists the City with equipment.

Councilmember Paul questioned if this was fairly standard. Field Operations Superintendent Romashko stated that is correct.

This item will be on the June 20, 2006 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda for approval.

GDOT Project Management Agreements (PMA) (group 1)

GDOT Project Management Agreements (PMA) (group 2)

Public Works Director Angelia Parham explained that these agreements allow the City to take over responsibility for these projects from Fulton County. Mayor Galambos stated that this is an administrative step that needs to be taken.

Discussion of 230 and 235 Glen Lake Drive (storm water basin washout)

Public Works Director Angelia Parham explained that this discussion should be directed to all right-of-way drainage concerns and the City's responsibility. The City has received several calls regarding storm water and a new policy needs to be determined. The City is responsible for storm water infrastructure within the right-of-way. Storm water systems that adjoin the right-of-way can be handled on a priority basis. Those within easements need to be handled as funding is available. A storm water policy needs to be developed to handle these issues. Some of them will not be addressed until a storm water utility can be formed. She stated that staff needs a policy to address these issues as they come in.

Mayor Galambos questioned if this particular problem was on private property. Public Works Director Parham stated that this problem is on private property.

Public Works Director Parham stated that staff is requesting direction to develop a policy on storm water issues.

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated that the City cannot go onto private property to do improvements because it amounts to a gratuity. The City can pass an ordinance to ensure proper maintenance of private property infrastructure. He will discuss this matter with Assistant City Manager Al Crace and bring it back for Council's consideration.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery suggested taking ownership of these infrastructures to make improvements.

Mayor Galambos requested that staff bring a policy back for consideration.

Request for Vacuum Truck

Mayor Galambos requested the use of the vacuum truck for the July 4th parade.

GDOT Alternate Signs

Mayor Galambos questioned if the GDOT ever responded to a request for alternate signs indicating an upcoming street. Public Works Director Parham stated that she would forward that information.

Update on Backlog

Deputy Director of Community Development Tom Wilson stated that last week, the City received 23 new permits. They reviewed and sent out 41 permits and the City is now reviewing permits received two weeks ago. There are 140 permits that have been reviewed and rejected and will come back for a second review. The expenditures are being calculated right now.

Discussion on Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Plan, and Recreation and Parks Plan.

Comprehensive Plan Project Manager Larry Fonts stated that he will be building a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Sandy Springs to achieve qualified status with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. That qualified status affords the City a lot of funding sources. This is a requirement of State law. The City Charter provides

twenty-four (24) months to accomplish this task. He explained some of the process governed by State law including the formation of an advisory committee.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery questioned the proposed completion date. Comprehensive Plan Project Manager Fonts stated November 2007. Discussion followed regarding who should be on the Advisory Committee.

Green Tour Special Event

Deputy Director of Community Development Tom Wilson stated that the Sandy Springs Revitalization and Green Cycle Works seek permission to conduct the Sandy Springs Green Bicycle Tour on the streets of Sandy Springs. He introduced Bill Cleveland who gave a short presentation regarding the staging of the Green Tour and an associated event the Sandy Springs Classic. This would promote Sandy Springs as a destination point.

Councilmember Fries questioned who the request for funding is going to. Mayor Galambos explained that the Council would need to approve a permit for road closure. The funding question will come before the Hospitality Board.

Construction Board of Appeals

Community Development Director Nancy Leathers explained that the Code provides for this Board, but no appointments have been made. She expressed the need for members who have experience in Civil Engineering, Architecture, Building Contractor, and Technical Inspection. She would like to have the appointments on the June 20, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda.

Councilmember Fries clarified that there would be five members on this Board. Director Leathers explained that this Board would not meet monthly, but would only meet when there are appeals.

Mayor Galambos requested that the Council submit nominees to her.

Review of Proposed Citizens Deputy Program

Assistant Director of Code Enforcement Troy Smith stated that the participants of the Citizens Deputy Program would assist in property maintenance, zoning, parking, construction noise and signs. The program will include thorough training. The participants will be an extra set of eyes and ears.

Update the current Sandy Springs Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Protection Ordinance to the latest Model Ordinance recently adopted by the State and which complies with FEMA terminology.

Development Plan Review Manager Bennett White explained that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Floodplain office has responded to Sandy Springs application to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Their comments included the need for a Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Protection Ordinance which incorporates FEMA terminology. Staff has edited this ordinance and would like to place it on the June 20, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda.

Other Discussion

Mayor Galambos explained that Attorney Jim Freidewald is going to review some proposed ordinance changes. Mr. Freidewald explained the difference between obscenity and adult entertainment. The Supreme Court has stated that it is a free speech right or a form of expression to do adult entertainment. When further interest is aroused, then it becomes obscene. You can control adult entertainment, but you can outlaw obscenity.

Councilmember Paul questioned what would happen if the City waited for the State to do something.

City Attorney Willard explained that there would be a period of six or seven months without any standard prohibiting these things.

Attorney Jim Freidewald stated that the City loses nothing by having this ordinance, but will gain a lot by having it.

Recess

Mayor Galambos called a recess at 7:15 PM to call the Special Called Meeting to order.

Reconvene

The Work Session reconvened at 8:46 PM.

Mayor and City Council Discussion Items

Review of Roswell Road corridor overlay requirements.

Councilmember Paul stated that this may be in the Livable Communities or the Land Use Plan. He stated that he is requesting Council's approval of a review of the overlay requirements.

Community Development Director Nancy Leathers stated that the Livable Communities Coalition is reviewing the overlay districts.

Councilmember Paul stated that he would hold this in abeyance until the review from the Livable Communities Coalition is completed.

Finch Forest Trail

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery presented a proposal to fully fund the improvements requested by the citizens in this area. She provided a stopping distance chart for review. She stated that she would be bringing this to a vote on the June 20, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda as this a safety issue.

Councilmember Fries stated that the average speed will never exceed 43 miles per hour because of the hairpin turn at the bottom of the hill.

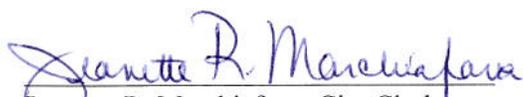
Public Works Director Angelia Parham stated that some right-of-way clearance has been done in this area.

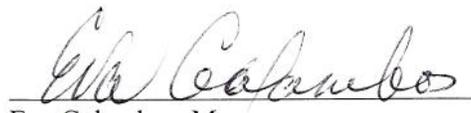
Adjournment

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to adjourn the Work Session. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

After no further discussion, the Work Session adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Date Approved: July 5, 2006


Jeanette R. Marchiafava, City Clerk


Eva Galambos, Mayor