

Special Called Meeting of the Sandy Springs Mayor and City Council was held Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 7:00 PM, Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

Call to Order

Mayor Galambos called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call and General Announcements

Mayor Galambos requested that the City Clerk call the roll.

City Clerk Jeanette Marchiafava called the roll.

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

Councilmember Absent: Councilmember Ashley Jenkins

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Mayor Galambos asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to add the consideration of a lease agreement for Police Department Space to the agenda. Councilmember Meinzen McEnery seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Unfinished Business

Budget and Millage Rate Public Hearing

Second Budget Workshop – City of Sandy Springs Budget pertaining to Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007).

City Manager John McDonough explained that staff has focused on the feedback received from Council over the past week in preparation for this work session. The focus has been primarily on Public Safety funding, staffing, equipment, and facilities. Police Chief Wilson will review some unfunded items.

Police Chief Gene Wilson reviewed the following misconceptions for the Police Department:

- No neighborhood patrols
- Detective caseloads from Fulton County
- No traffic enforcement
- Staffing analysis comparison
- Less officers on patrol than Fulton County

Police Chief Wilson provided the following Police Department process guide:

- 2006 Budget contained 92 officers
- Retreat preliminary budget reflected 96 officers
- Discussed adding 8 officers per month to reach a stated goal of 135 officers
- Given target of \$8 million budget based on Fulton County's cost of providing police services in Sandy Springs
- 2007 Budget is \$10.9 million and includes 94 positions (86 sworn officers)

Police Chief Wilson gave the following staffing analysis comparison:
75% more patrol hours during the day shift

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- 61% more patrol hours during the evening shift
- 45% more patrol hours during the morning shift
- 61% more police patrol hours on average not counting special officers

Police Chief Wilson presented a directed Patrol model approach:

- 10 hours per shift versus 8 hours per shift
- 3 days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) we will have 2 shifts on duty at the same time
- Staffing overlap of police shifts
- Staffing of police shifts based on call activity and calls for service
- After 3-4 months of operations we will evaluate the call activity and provide a report to Council

Police Chief Wilson reviewed the calls fro service analysis and accident calls. He then presented the patrol staffing

City Manager John McDonough reviewed the proposed budget for the Fire Department.

Description	2007 Budget	Percent
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,419,054	39.1%
Fire Contract-Fulton Co.	\$3,930,405	44.9%
Fire Leases	\$463,370	5.3%
COPS Lease Payment	\$283,216	3.2%
All other	\$655,140	7.5%
 Grand Total	 \$8,751,185	 100%

City Manager McDonough reviewed the proposed staffing for the Fire Department.

Finance Director Steve Rapson presented to the Mayor and City Council the unknown or unfunded items as follows:

- T.I.P. Road Program \$3.8 million
- Abernathy Road Land Acquisition 43-5 million
- Roswell Road sidewalks \$2.5 million
- Police staffing \$5 million
- Police Building \$1.5 million (debt service)
- Police start-up (IT, FFA, etc) \$750,000
- Fire Stations \$3-4 million/per station
- E-911 \$250,000
- Capital Program \$4-5 million
- Road Maintenance Program \$4-5 million
- Parks Land Acquisition \$ millions
- Drainage repairs \$ millions
- School IGAs for Parks (partnerships)

He also presented the following budget discretionary sources:

Professional Services:	Budgeted
Impact Fee Study	\$100,000
Stormwater Management Study	\$100,000
Comprehensive Plan Update	\$300,000
 Contingency Items:	
Ch2M Hill contract	\$750,000
Fire Department	\$300,000
Police Department	\$300,000
Salary Adjustment	\$215,000
City Manager Contingency	\$150,000

Professional Services-Other IGA:	
Smyrna Library Contract	\$45,335
Operating Transfer Out:	
2007 Road Program	\$1,700,000
2007 Capital Improvement Plan	\$1,581,000
Machinery & Equipment:	
Pick-up Truck	\$20,000
Discretionary Funding	\$5,561,335

Discussion followed regarding the various projects within the transportation improvement program.

Approval of an Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year 2007 for each fund of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia. First Reading held on June 6, 2006. (Second Public Hearing)

Mayor Galambos requested public comment.

Roger Blichfeldt, 5855 Garber Drive, Sandy Springs, questioned how additional money will be raised for the unfunded projects.

Mayor Galambos stated that at this time we are not sure what our revenues will be. She stated that there is a cap on the millage rate and they intend to live with it.

Councilmember DeJulio explained the Tax Anticipation Note.

City Clerk Marchiafava conducted a Second Reading of an Ordinance to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2007, for each fund for the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia pursuant to HB 37, Section 5 of the Charter of the City and the financial management program established by Ordinance beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures, adopting the item of anticipated funding sources, prohibiting expenditures to exceed appropriations, and prohibiting expenditures from exceeding actual funding sources.

Approval of an Ordinance to fix the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of the City of Sandy Springs for Fiscal Year 2007. First Reading held on June 6, 2006. (Second Public Hearing)

Finance Director Steve Rapson explained the process of adopting the millage rate and the public hearings that must be held.

Mayor Galambos requested public comment. There was no public comment.

City Clerk Marchiafava conducted the Second Reading of an ordinance to fix the ad valorem tax rate of the City of Sandy Springs for Fiscal Year 2007, and for other purposes.

New Business

Approval of a Resolution approving the lease for Police space with the condition that the City Manager and City Attorney accept the terms. (Added by motion and vote)

City Attorney Wendell Willard explained that a lease had been negotiated for the Police Department. He further explained the terms of the lease and stated that the lease will be with the City.

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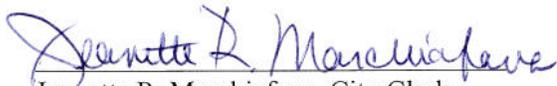
Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Resolution approving the lease for Police space with the condition that the City Manager and City Attorney accept the terms. Councilmember Paul seconded the motion. There was no Council discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

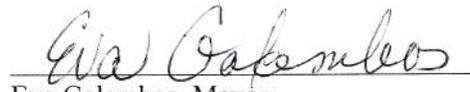
Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Date Approved: July 5, 2006


Jeanette R. Marchiafava, City Clerk


Eva Galambos, Mayor