

Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and City Council held Thursday, February 16, 2006, 6:00 PM, Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

Presentations

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Fiscal Year 2006 budgetary Allocation for Projects

Assistant City Manager Al Crace introduced Transportation Engineer Rob Lewis who explained the goals for this presentation. He stated that they would briefly describe current programmed projects that will require the City of Sandy Springs to fund and/or manage the design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, and construction. They would also demonstrate the rationale behind the allocation of \$1.5 million for FY 2006. They would express the City's commitment to support a quality transportation system to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC).

This presentation would not review projects that are not funded by and/or managed by the City. He explained that GDOT is sending project management agreements which will formally establish the City as the local sponsor.

He further explained that the funding allocation in FY06 does not automatically commit the City to the allocation shown in FY07. He stated that Federal and State funds are based on estimates.

The following projects were reviewed:

- Abernathy Road widening-Johnson Ferry Road to Roswell Road
- Johnson Ferry Road widening-Abernathy Road to Chattahoochee River
- Abernathy Road Linear Greenspace Park-Johnson Ferry Road to Roswell Road
- Abernathy Road Linear Greenspace Park-Intergovernmental Agreement with Cobb County
- Roswell Road and Johnson Ferry Pedestrian Link
- Roswell Road Transit Oriented Streetscape-Cliftwood Drive to Hammond Drive
- River Valley Road Sidewalks-Riverside Drive to Johnson Ferry Road
- Pedestrian Enhancements (Phase I)-Sandy Springs Circle and Hammond Drive
- Pedestrian Enhancements (Phase II)-Sandy Springs Circle and Hammond Drive
- Pedestrian Enhancements (Phase III)-Sandy Springs Circle and Hammond Drive
- Sidewalk and Traffic Calming-Mt Vernon Parkway
- US Army Corps of Engineers-National Ecosystem Restoration Plan Feasibility Study
- Intersection Improvement-Roswell Road at Dunwoody Place
- Intersection Improvement-Roswell Road at Northridge Road
- Riverside Drive Sidewalks-Heards Ferry Road to Old Riverside Drive
- Mt. Vernon Highway Sidewalks-Powers Ferry Road to Lake Forest Road
- Roswell Road Sidewalks (Phase I)-I-285 to Mt. Paran Road
- Roswell Road Sidewalks (Phase II)-Mt. Paran Road to Atlanta City Limits
- Windsor Parkway Sidewalks-Roswell Road to High Point Road
- Roswell Road Streetscapes/Sidewalks-Johnson Ferry Road to Abernathy Road
- Intersection Improvement-Johnson Ferry Road at Sandy Springs Circle
- Jett Road Bridge Upgrade at Long Island Creek
- Windsor Parkway Bridge Upgrade at Nancy Creek
- Roswell Road Advanced Traffic Management System-Abernathy Road to Forsyth County Line
- Intersection Improvement-Peachtree Dunwoody Road to Lake Hearn Drive

The following projects were reviewed projects with no Federal and State Funds available:

- Glenridge Drive Improvements-Roswell Road to Glenridge Connector
- Intersection Improvements-Dunwoody Club Drive at Spalding Drive

The following projects were recommended:

- Remove the Glenridge Drive Improvement Project
- Affirm remainder of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented for FY06

- Incorporate comments for Mayor and City Council
- Prepare for PMA's to be brought forward as received from GDOT
- Prepare project list for TIP FY08 for Atlanta Regional Commission

Councilmember Paul stated that \$1.5 million was appropriated for construction. That is appropriation funds, not cash flow. We will do everything we can in this startup of twelve (12) months to protect the cash flow. We need to be able to show long term use of projects because cash flow is very important to us.

Mayor and City Council Discussion Items

Mayor Eva Galambos

Radio/Cell Towers at Morgan Falls

Mayor Galambos reported on a request by a new radio station to erect six cell towers on the Morgan Falls landfill property. It is uncertain whether EPD will grant approval. The County and the City would both be entitled to lease payments and \$150,000/year for each entity has been considered. However, the question of whether the radio station will obtain leases from the golf club operator is totally unanswered, and at this time nothing certain can be said about this project.

Councilmember Dave Greenspan, District 1

ORT Proclamation

Councilmember Greenspan read the ORT Proclamation and explained that this recognizes the three Jewish Day Schools in the City of Sandy Springs. He also requested that three copies of the Proclamation be made available to present to the schools.

Review of Parks Initiative

Councilmember Greenspan also reviewed the parks Initiative and discussion followed regarding the City of Sandy Springs middle school(s), tennis courts, a track, and a football field.

Councilmember Dianne Fries, District 2

Heritage Sandy Springs Festival

Councilmember Fries reminded the Council that the Heritage Sandy Springs Festival planning meets on the February 22nd at 9:00 AM. Reference was made to the Northwood's Festival was coming along.

Staff Discussion Items

Aaron Bovos, Deputy City Manager

Acting City Manager Aaron Bovos stated that the City Charter requires that a monthly financial update be presented to the Mayor and City Council.

Don Howell, Director of Operations

Update Regarding Franchise Fees

Director of Operations Don Howell presented the Mayor and City Council with an update regarding franchise fees. He also updated the Mayor and City Council on the tax collection by Fulton County.

Mayor Galambos requested an update on the revenue from business licenses. Director of Operations Howell explained that they are coming in slowing, but would peak in March.

Councilmember Paul expressed concerns regarding the Fulton County Assessors office. Discussion followed regarding appointments made to the Tax Assessors Board.

Director of Operations Howell reviewed revenues from Hotel/Motel taxes and Motor Vehicle taxes, as well as expenses for the election.

Update on Alcoholic Beverages Licenses

Director of Operations Don Howell gave an update on the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses. He explained that Fulton County's records were inadequate and staff is requesting a ninety (90) day extension. Businesses will be treating as if every business is a new business. Discussion followed regarding pouring permits.

Emergency Notification Plan

Safety/Risk Manager Ruben Burch explained the City's emergency notification plan. Mr. Burch explained Fulton County's protocol for emergency notification to the City. He then reviewed the following City protocol:

1. The Safety Manager will evaluate the incident based upon the nature of the incident and the Agencies involved. The Safety Manager will contact the following:
 - a. Public Safety Services : If public safety is an issue, (Fire or Law Enforcement) Then the appropriate departments will be notified to respond with their response procedures.
 - b. General Government Services : If general government services are affected, (Public Works, Transportation, etc.) Then the appropriate departments will be notified to respond in accordance with their response procedures.
 - c. Outside Agencies Services : If the incident involves outside agency Services, (GDOT, Fulton County, HAZMAT Response Team, GA EPD) or requires outside support (major road closure, major infrastructure involvement, or displacement of Sandy Springs Citizens, etc.) Then the appropriate agencies will be notified and requested to respond in accordance with their response procedures.
 - d. Management Communications : The Safety Manager will contact the Communication Director and the City Manager.
2. Other emergency health and safety issues affecting the citizens of Sandy Springs will be communicated to the City Government via the Communications Director.
3. The City Manager or Deputy City Manager will forward the email or calls to the Mayor and/or Council based on the severity of the incident.
4. The Communications Director will serve as spokesperson for the City as directed by the City Manager/Deputy City Manager and notify the Mayor and Council of the incident as directed by the City manager/Deputy City Manager.

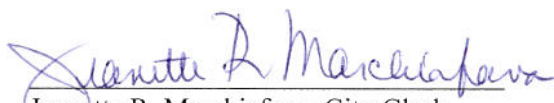
He stated that once the Police Department is in place, some of these items will change.

Update on City Logo Contest

Director of Communications Judy Parker gave an update on the City Logo Contest.

After no further discussion, the work session adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Date Approved March 21, 2006


Jeanette R. Marchiafava, City Clerk


Eva Galambos, Mayor