

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at 7:15 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

Councilmembers present: Councilmember John Paulson, Councilmember Ken Dishman, Councilmember Graham McDonald, Councilmember Gabriel Sterling, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, and Councilmember Andy Bauman.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Attorney

1. Proposed amendments to Section 6-60 and Section 6-163 of the City of Sandy Springs (“City”) Code of Ordinances relating to alcoholic beverages (“Ordinance”)

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated this item is a revision to the current ordinance dealing with alcohol pouring licenses and permitting. There was a previous change to the ordinance that recognizes an applicant could have a prior conviction of a misdemeanor violation of either DUI or a small possession of marijuana. There was no corresponding change to the pouring permit requirements and this was brought to staff’s attention. The recommendation is to change the ordinance requirement, so that the license holder and the permit holder have the same standards.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated under the City’s current ordinance the alcohol pouring permit license requirement has a higher threshold of qualification than the licensee.

There was a consensus of Council to move this item forward to the April 15, 2014 City Council Regular meeting.

Public Works

1. Update on Capital Improvement Project (CIP) T-0041 Riverside Drive, Road Realignment Project

Director of Public Works Garrin Coleman stated this information was recently included in Council’s quarterly CIP update. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on the T-0041 Riverside Drive, Road Realignment Project.

Councilman Tibby DeJulio asked if the project will be able to be completed during the summer while school is not in session.

Director of Public Works Coleman stated that is the intent.

Councilman Graham McDonald asked if the section of Riverside Drive that will be closed will be from the intersection of Johnson Ferry to River Valley.

Director of Public Works Coleman responded no. The only part of the street that will be closed will be the small area where the construction will take place. There will be minimal impact to local residents.

Councilman McDonald asked if the section of the street south of Riverside Drive will still be open.

Director of Public Works Coleman responded yes.

Councilman McDonald asked what the City can do to protect North Harbor Drive from taking a significant portion of the 19,000 commuters that will be displaced during this project.

Director of Public Works Coleman stated the preferred detour route will go to River Valley.

City Manager John McDonough stated staff can ensure signs are placed in this area stating the roads are closed other than to local traffic.

Councilman John Paulson stated the slope near the river was unstable. By Council completing this work, he asked if the City will be required to stabilize the slope or abandon it.

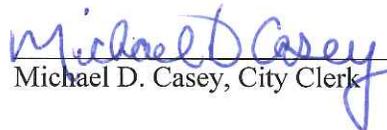
Director of Public Works Coleman stated the City's plan is to abandon it. Based on the information the City received from the design engineer, the City should be fine regarding the stability of the slope.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Date Approved: April 15, 2014



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Michael D. Casey, City Clerk