

Regular Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Max Miller, Temple Sinai, offered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eva Galambos called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Michael Casey reminded everyone to silence all electronic devices at this time. Additionally, those wishing to provide public comment during either a Public Hearing or the Public Comment segment of the meeting are required to complete a public comment card. The cards are located at the back counter and need to be turned in to the City Clerk.

City Clerk Casey called the roll.

Mayor: Mayor Eva Galambos present

Councilmembers: Councilmember John Paulson, Councilmember Dianne Fries, Councilmember Chip Collins, Councilmember Gabriel Sterling, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, and Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnery present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eva Galambos led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Regular Meeting agenda for June 4, 2013. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Agenda Item No. 13-090)

1. Meeting Minutes:
 - a) May 21, 2013 Regular Meeting
(Michael Casey, City Clerk)

(Agenda Item No. 13-091)

2. Recommendation to enter into Contract Agreement with Blount Construction for Road, Sidewalk, ROW, Drainage Repair and Maintenance Services for the City of Sandy Springs
(Garrin Coleman, Director of Public Works)

(Agenda Item No. 13-092)

3. Recommendation to enter into Contract Agreement with Optech RWM, LLC for Road, Sidewalk, ROW, Drainage Repair, Park and Maintenance Services
(Garrin Coleman, Director of Public Works)

(Agenda Item No. 13-093)

4. Recommendation to enter into Contract Agreement with Republic ITS (Siemens) for Traffic Signal/Sign Maintenance Services for the City of Sandy Springs
(Garrin Coleman, Director of Public Works)

(Agenda Item No. 13-094)

5. Recommendation to enter into Contract Agreement with Georgia Management Agency, d/b/a Roadworx for Traffic Sign Maintenance Services and Emergency Street and Road Services for the City of Sandy Springs
(Garrin Coleman, Director of Public Works)

(Agenda Item No. 13-095)

6. Recommendation to enter into Contract Agreement with Wildcat Striping and Sealing for Striping and Sealing Services for the City of Sandy Springs
(Garrin Coleman, Director of Public Works)

(Agenda Item No. 13-096)

7. Recommendation to enter into Contract Agreement with ProCutters Lawnsapes, Inc. for Interstate Right-of-Way Maintenance Services
(Garrin Coleman, Director of Public Works)

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve the Consent Agenda for June 4, 2013. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation for 20th Anniversary of the Davis Academy – Mayor Galambos

Mayor Eva Galambos asked the Davis Academy students to the front. Mayor Galambos read the proclamation which states, “Twenty years ago, The Alfred & Adele Davis Academy opened its doors to 20 eager Kindergarten and First Grade students whose pioneer families led the way to a brand new school with an important mission grounded in Reform Jewish values. Classrooms were located in the basement of the Junior Achievement Building on Abernathy Road. Today, The Davis Academy has two state-of-the-art campuses in Sandy Springs, achieved triple accreditation, is recognized nationally for its excellence and innovative educational programs, and is the largest K-8 Reform Jewish Day School in the United States. The Davis Academy is not only celebrating two decades of growth and success, but taking the opportunity to honor its founders and all the school’s supporters throughout the years. The City of Sandy Springs is proud of The Davis Academy and its successful 20 years educating young minds in Sandy Springs.” She proclaimed June 4, 2013 as The Davis Academy Day in the City of Sandy Springs.

Amy Shafron, Head of The Davis Academy, introduced five of the 6th and 7th grade student government representatives.

Mayor Galambos congratulated The Davis Academy for their successful 20 years of education.

Councilmember John Paulson stated he has experience with the Davis Academy from when they were first looking to build the school in Sandy Springs. The school worked well with the neighbors regarding

the future plans for the school. He is looking forward to twenty more years of continued success for the school.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Budget

(Agenda Item No. 13-097)

1. First Public Hearing on FY2014 Budget

City Manager John McDonough stated the City had a series of budget workshops that began in February 2013. This resulted in the City Manager's presentation of a proposed budget at the end of May. This is the first public hearing for the FY2014 budget. This budget was developed following the Mayor and Council's established proprieties. The FY2014 general fund budget is balanced at \$87.9 million and provides for the same millage rate of 4.731 mils. There are adequate funds in the fund balance to ensure sound fiscal integrity of the City. The budget includes \$1.6 million for long term facility needs, \$ 13.5 million for City Center Phase I implementation, \$1.25 million for a public safety radio investment, \$750,000 for park projects, \$5.4 million for transportation infrastructure, and \$1.6 million for stormwater infrastructure. The budget also provides for \$13.2 million for general government contracts for City services, \$24.1 million for personnel and related benefits, \$26.8 million for operations and equipment, and \$23.8 million for capital improvement programs. The proposed budget for all operating, capital, and special revenue funds for this year totals \$189.4 million. The other funds, in addition to the general funds include: Anne Frank, innovations, confiscated asset, emergency 911, multiple grant, Community Development Block Grant, donations, hotel/motel, capital project, impact fee, and stormwater management funds. This information, which includes the budget workshop material as well as the proposed budget, is available and has been posted on the City website.

Mayor Eva Galambos called for public comments in support of or opposition to the application. There were no public comments. Mayor Galambos closed the public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

(Agenda Item No. 13-098)

1. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Sign the GDOT Project Framework Agreement (PFA) for the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Plan (PI 0012633)

Director of Public Works Garrin Coleman stated this item is for a grant program that staff submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). GDOT has agreed to fund \$80,000 and the City's local match will be \$20,000.

Mayor Eva Galambos stated she has a letter to sign that will go to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) regarding trails in the PCID area. She asked if those trails are part of this agenda item.

Director of Public Works Coleman stated staff will require the consultant to look at all published studies in the City and make sure those are a part of the development of this plan.

Motion and Second: Councilmember Sterling moved to approve Agenda Item No. 13-098, to authorize the Mayor to Sign the GDOT Project Framework Agreement (PFA) for the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Plan (PI 0012633). Councilmember Fries seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny stated she is supportive of a well thought out design plan for pedestrians, bicycles, and trails. The City had an LCI study done near Glenridge Drive south. At that time, there was a lot of concern that the trails shown would cross onto private property. The City needs to be very careful about identifying public trail systems that solely cross private property, especially in the watershed area. She hopes that Council will not consider placing trail systems in citizen's backyards against their wishes.

Mayor Galambos stated the trail systems that have the greatest need are in the PCID area. The trails in that area do not cross over into neighborhoods.

Director of Public Works Coleman confirmed that is correct.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny stated there is a trail under the Morgan Falls power lines that connects along Pitts Road. That is a great trail location.

Councilmember Gabriel Sterling asked if staff is looking at connectivity to the cities of Dunwoody, Roswell, and Atlanta along with the GA400 bicycle lanes. There are bicycle lanes along Mount Vernon Highway that extend to the City of Dunwoody and then stop.

Director of Public Works Coleman stated one of the deliverables from the consultant is a prioritized list of projects that would be brought to staff for review and then for approval from Council.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny stated connectivity along right-of-ways is part of the criteria.

Mayor Galambos stated the citizen's safety is a priority, because some of the roads are not wide enough for bicycles lanes.

Councilmember Chip Collins asked if the plan includes sidewalks.

Director of Public Works Coleman responded yes.

Councilmember Dianne Fries stated bicycles are still being ridden on the narrow roads. Drivers need to be prepared and know the bicycles are there. Signage is importance on those roads. Northside Drive has heavy bicycle traffic.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny stated she does not recall seeing bicycle riders on Northside Drive. She does see the bicyclists on Mount Vernon and Mount Paran.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2013-06-35

(Agenda Item No. 13-099)

2. Consider Award of Synthetic Turf Installation Contract

Director of Recreation and Parks Ronnie Young stated this item is a recommendation for Council to approve an installation contract for synthetic turf at the Dunwoody Springs Elementary School athletic field. The award is to Shaw Sports Turf at \$487,987. The procurement was done through the public bid process. Four contractors bid for the project. The project is within the City's budgeted amount of \$550,000.

Motion and Second: Councilmember Sterling moved to approve Agenda Item No. 13-099, Award of Synthetic Turf Installation Contract to Shaw Sports Turf. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion.

Councilmember John Paulson asked if this company has previously installed synthetic turf in Sandy Springs parks.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young stated he does not believe the contractor has done previous work within the City. This contractor was awarded the bid for the seven sports fields in the City of Roswell about two months ago. The company has a large synthetic turf installation job with Georgia Tech as well. The City received a good bid price from Shaw Sports Turf for this project. All the bidders are quality companies that have long term experience in and around the southeast.

Councilmember Paulson asked if staff has a plan on how to use the fields after the turf is installed.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young responded yes. The grass fields are currently being used for the City's recreation programs. By adding the synthetic surface, the fields can be used longer hours and in rainy conditions.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio asked how long the City's agreement is with the school.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young stated the IGA is for fifteen years. The agreement has buyout procedures in case anything unexpected happens within the school system.

Councilmember Sterling asked if Shaw Sports Turf is related to Shaw Industries in Dalton, GA.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young responded yes.

Councilmember Sterling asked what brand of synthetic turf will be installed.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young stated he does not know the name of the turf, but will get this information to Councilmember Sterling at a later time.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

1. Mayor and Council Reports

Councilmember Dianne Fries stated she was approached by a citizen regarding the ivy that grows on trees within the City. Ivy can kill a tree. The individual that contacted her owns a tree company. He created a flyer for the Sandy Springs residents regarding trimming the ivy to prevent damage to trees.

There was consensus of Council to include this information in the City's upcoming newsletter.

2. Staff Reports

- a) April Financial Report – Finance Director, Karen Ellis
- b) NF Unified Radio System Project – Director of Public Safety, Terry Sult

Public Safety Director Terry Sult stated one of the key components of the project is the RFP for the project management of the new radio system. The project is a joint venture between the cities of Sandy Springs, Alpharetta, Milton, and Roswell. An RFP was placed out for bid. Three bids were received and

one company, ACD Telecom, later withdrew their bid. Commdex and Kessler Gehman Associates submitted bids to the City. The usual process for an RFP was followed in which an administrative review was completed and all companies were found in compliance. Members from each City evaluated the bid packages. Interviews were conducted on May 15th with the remaining two companies that stayed in the process. The estimated cost of the project management was about \$350,000. The cost is currently \$198,950. As of today, the City Councils of Roswell, Alpharetta, and Milton have all approved the recommendation to use Commdex as the vendor.

City Manager John McDonough stated Sandy Springs is the lead agent and will sign the contract on behalf of all the cities. Procedures are in place to bill the other cities. The Authority bill was signed by the Governor and becomes effective July 1st.

Mayor Eva Galambos asked if the program management will begin on July 1st.

Public Safety Director Sult stated the program management will begin as soon as the City Manager signs the contract on behalf of the City and the contract will then be assigned to the Authority.

Mayor Galambos asked if at this point there is a lot of management needed.

Public Safety Director Sult responded yes. There are issues with the tower site locations. The cities need to have a consultant available to ensure the information being received is accurate.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny asked if Council has to approve the contract and amount.

City Manager McDonough responded no. Council has already authorized the City's participation in the project at a maximum of \$4.8 million. Staff wanted this update read into the public record and acknowledgement that Council was briefed.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to affirm that Council endorses the NF Unified Radio System Project and to authorize the City Manager to sign the program management contract. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV) Legislative Champion Award to City Attorney Wendell Willard - Greg Loughlin, Executive Director

Greg Loughlin, Executive Director for the Georgia Commission on Family Violence, stated a few individuals are in attendance with him to honor Chairman Willard. Those in attendance are here to honor Chairman Willard for his work at the legislature on issues which the Georgia Commission on Family Violence feels are important.

Linda Newton stated she is a member of the International Federation of Women's Clubs Georgia Chapter.

Judge Peggy Walker stated she is the Juvenile Court Judge in Douglas County and former Chair for the Georgia Commission on Family Violence.

Judge Robert McBurney stated he is a Fulton County Superior Court Judge and he is also a member of the Georgia Commission on Family Violence.

Marla Moore stated she is the Director for the Administrative Office of the Courts of Georgia. She was a member of the Georgia Commission on Family Violence when it was first created in 1992. It is very important to have support from the legislature. She is again a member of the Commission. State Representative Willard has done a lot for the Commission. He is very concerned about the vulnerable in our society and has been helpful with legislation.

Judge Walker stated she is a former resident of Fulton County and a graduate of the Fulton County School system. This award is to honor Chairman Willard. The community is very fortunate to be represented by someone that has such a degree of knowledge, skill, and influence. Without Chairman Willard, there would be no criminal justice reform for the juveniles. His leadership is the key in getting the Commission where it needs to be. She appreciates Chairman Willard's support and leadership throughout her career and looks forward to continuing working with him.

Judge McBurney stated Chairman Willard engineered the passage of a critical piece of legislation that deals with at risk adults. Normally, when people think of the Georgia Commission on Family Violence they think about family violence as spouse on spouse, roommate on roommate, or partner on partner. There is much more to family violence. An increasing problem is family members preying financially, emotionally, and sometimes physically on older members of their family. That area in the criminal code has been underserved and under protected. The legislation that was passed this session was consolidated in one area in the criminal code. Penalties for these crimes have been enhanced. Chairman Willard made it clear that if the bill was "watered down", there would be no bill. The bill has to protect the vulnerable. The passing of this bill, Chairman Willard's work with the Juvenile Justice Act, and a long history of supporting the items the Georgia Commission on Family Violence supports are reasons why he is being awarded the 2013 Legislative Champion Award.

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated Judge Walker is a judge that does a tremendous job. In Sunday's newspaper there was an article about a family that Judge Walker helped. Being a judge is not just sentencing people, but is also about saving people. He thanked Judge Walker for her service to the community.

Mayor Eva Galambos stated the City is privileged to have an exceptional person such as Wendell Willard as the City Attorney and a State Representative.

City Attorney Willard recognized his wife Vicki Willard, who fully supports him in all of his endeavors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation and Real Estate

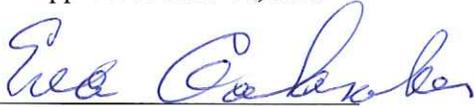
Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation and real estate matters. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with Councilmember Paulson, Councilmember Fries, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember DeJulio, and Councilmember Meinzen McEnery voting in favor of the motion. Executive Session began at 6:42 p.m.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to adjourn Executive Session. Councilmember Meinzen McEnery seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with Councilmember Paulson, Councilmember Fries, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember DeJulio, and Councilmember Meinzen McEnery voting in favor of the motion. Executive session adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

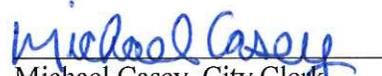
ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Date Approved: June 18, 2013



Eva Galambos, Mayor



Michael Casey, City Clerk

CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GA

STATE OF GEORGIA
FULTON COUNTY

June 4, 2013

AFFIDAVIT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personally comes Eva Galambos, Mayor of the City of Sandy Springs, who on oath says that to the best of her knowledge and belief, on the 4th day of June, 2013, in the city aforesaid, a meeting of the Council was closed to the public for the following reason(s):

Discussion or voting on real estate matters pursuant to O.C.G.A, 50-14-3(b)(1);

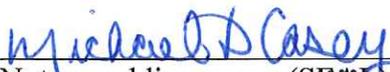
Attorney/client privilege in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1).

and that except for the foregoing, no portion of the closed meeting involved discussion, presentation, or action on any other matter.



Eva Galambos, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 4th day of June, 2013.



Notary public

