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Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 7:15 p.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

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

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Works

1. Proposed FY 2014 Resurfacing Roads List

Director of Public Works Garrin Coleman stated this item is the next list of paving projects. Director of Field Services Charlie Roberts has reviewed the PCI data and compiled a list of projects that includes fifteen miles of roads. The value of the road projects is $3 million. If there is consensus of Council, this item will move forward in the bidding process once the current LMIG and FY13 projects are complete.

Councilmember Dianne Fries asked when the paving for this list of roads will be complete.

Director of Field Services Charlie Roberts stated staff anticipates the contract to be brought to Council at the August 20, 2013, City Council meeting. The resurfacing will begin in late September 2013.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerney asked if the paving list is divided up by what can be paved from September until the temperature reaches freezing.

Director of Field Services Roberts stated when a thick course of paving is placed on the road, that allows paving to be done at a lower temperature. If a thinner course of paving was being used, the paving would have to be done in fifty degree temperatures or higher. This paving can be done into December. Last year, Phase II of the paving started in September and was finished in the beginning of November.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerney asked if the LMIG and FY13 paving is currently in progress.

Director of Public Works Coleman stated LMIG paving is underway and FY13 paving is about to begin.

Director of Field Services Roberts stated staff has been dealing with a backlog from the road paving list and that backlog has been worked through.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerney asked if Northside Drive and Mystic Drive will be paved soon.

Director of Field Services Roberts stated Mystic Drive will be resurfaced this month. Staff is working with the City of Atlanta for an IGA to resurface West Garmon Road. Northside Drive, Davis, and Harris Trail are currently being paved.

Councilmember Chip Collins asked if the PCI will be 100 after the road is paved.

Director of Field Services Roberts stated the way the rating system works it is hard to reach 100. The rating number typically reaches 95.

Councilmember Collins asked how long it takes a newly paved road to deteriorate.
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Director of Field Services Roberts stated it will take about 15 to 20 years for a neighborhood street to deteriorate. A highly traveled road will deteriorate at a much faster rate. Patches are already being placed on Riverside Drive.

Councilmember Fries asked if staff looks at how well the roads hold up and which contractor paved which roads.

Director of Field Services Roberts stated staff can look at a trend analysis with the PCI index. However, it is difficult to get a good perspective right now due to the way the PCI process has changed over the past three years. There is a certain amount of subjectivity that goes into the scoring of the roads. Depending on who is rating the roads, the scoring may be somewhat different.

Director of Public Works Coleman stated staff also looks at the roads after the roads are scored.

Director of Field Services Roberts stated the full process of the rating involves scientific instruments, lasers and accelerometers, with three individuals running the instruments and giving their opinions on the roads.

**Councilmember John Paulson** asked if one person grades a road “B” could another person grade the road “F”.

Director of Field Services Roberts responded no.

Councilmember Paulson asked if the City is only repaving roads or reconstructing as well.

Director of Field Services Roberts stated the City is mostly repaving roads. Some of the lower rated roads are being patched, but we are not completely redoing the sub base of the roads at this time.

Mayor Galambos asked how many miles of road the City is paving.

Director of Field Services Roberts stated in this program 15 miles will be repaved. Currently, 13 miles are being repaved, which equals a total of 28 miles that will be repaved this year. The overall total miles of roads paved within the City will be 150.

There was a consensus of Council to move this item forward to a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Galambos stated on July 6, 2013, the City will hold its first annual Stars and Stripes Celebration. The fireworks will begin at 9:45 p.m. and can be viewed from the lawn of the Concourse Corporate Center for free.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Date Approved: June 18, 2013

Eva Galambos, Mayor

Michael Casey, City Clerk