

Special Called Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Wednesday, January 30, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

Mayor Eva Galambos called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Councilmembers and Staff in attendance

Mayor: Mayor Eva Galambos present.

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

Staff and other individuals in attendance: City Manager John McDonough, Assistant City Manager Eden Freeman, Assistant City Manager Bryant Poole, Finance Director Karen Ellis, Police Chief Terry Sult, Fire Chief Jack McElfish, City Attorney Wendell Willard, Assistant City Attorney Cecil McLendon, Director of Community Development Angela Parker, Communications Director Sharon Kraun, and City Clerk Michael Casey.

1. Consider a Resolution adopting a revised North Fulton Radio Infrastructure IGA

City Manager John McDonough stated the City of Johns Creek opted to no longer participate in the IGA. The cities of Sandy Springs, Roswell, Alpharetta, and Milton will continue to be part of the IGA. The other change to the IGA is the reallocation of Johns Creek's percentage of the cost, which had to be absorbed by the remaining four cities. The cost to be absorbed by Sandy Springs is around 2%. The total maximum cost of the system as identified in the previous IGA is \$16 million. The actual cost may be less than that amount. If the cost of the system is more than the \$16 million, all four cities will have to obtain approval for the cost increase from their Mayors and Councils.

Councilmember Gabriel Sterling asked what is Sandy Springs total percentage cost.

Finance Director Karen Ellis responded 24%.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnery asked if the cost increase to Sandy Springs is \$400,000.

Finance Director Ellis stated the cost increase to Sandy Springs is \$800,000.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery asked if the reallocation of the cost was based on the formula that was included in the IGA.

City Manager McDonough responded yes. The remaining four cities have to absorb the cost for the city that opted out.

Councilmember Sterling asked if Johns Creek can participate in the radio system at a later date.

City Manager McDonough responded yes. The IGA does contemplate a subscriber option for other cities to join, if the Board chooses to approve.

Councilmember Sterling asked if there would be a capital buy down cost to join the system at a future time.

City Manager McDonough responded yes. There would be modest cost reductions. At ChatComm there will be a certain number of consoles associated with the new system as well as at the City of Alpharetta communications center and the City of Roswell communication center. There will be about a \$200,000 reduction in the cost for the consoles to be installed. The tower to be installed in Johns Creek will remain in Johns Creek.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery asked if the current terms of the IGA address the criteria if another city were to join the new radio system

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated each City will have an equal vote in regards to other cities becoming participants in the new radio system. If the vote were a tie, then the City with the highest capitalization invested would unlock the tie. To make a change to the IGA would require the vote of all four cities.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery asked if another city joins the IGA, will the financial details be worked out at that time.

City Manager McDonough stated the details will be worked out on a case-by-case basis. The other cities are fine with this agreement. The IGA before Council today was approved on Monday evening by all three cities, including the Phase I contract. The Phase I contract is approximately \$5.1 million. Staff is currently working on the details of what the change order will be. The change order will probably be before Council at the second City Council meeting in February.

Councilmember Sterling stated Sandy Springs set aside \$2 million for this project. He asked what the City's total contribution will be towards the project.

City Manager McDonough stated staff anticipates the cost will be \$3.7 million total for the City. There are still several months of work to be completed in locating the tower sites.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Sterling moved to approve a resolution adopting the revised North Fulton Radio Infrastructure IGA. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Date Approved: March 5, 2013



Eva Galambos, Mayor



Michael Casey, City Clerk