

Sandy Springs City Council Retreat was held on Wednesday, January 30, 2013, at 10:14 a.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

Mayor Eva Galambos called the meeting to order at 10:14 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.

The City Council participated in a broad ranging discussion of a multitude of items including the topics outlined in the attached retreat materials. There is an audio recording of the proceedings in the City Clerk's office.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnery suggested adding a City priority called "cultural and natural resource enhancement". This would focus on art, historic preservation, and the environment. These items would increase the quality of life for the City residents. They would also enhance tourism. The City has the Miles property, the chimney at Overlook Park, and many other historic resources.

Councilmember Gabriel Sterling asked if these items are already being addressed by the other priorities.

Councilmember Chip Collins stated he agrees with this idea. The City is already doing some of these suggested items.

Mayor Eva Galambos stated the priority "Recreation" could be changed to "Recreation and Cultural Affairs".

Councilmember Sterling stated all of the suggested items are being addressed under the City priorities, except for historical. The priorities list is a broad defining document that shows what the City focuses on.

Councilmember Dianne Fries stated she agrees with the Mayor's suggestion.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated balance in any environment is good. She is willing to compromise on the language. The priority should address recreation, cultural and natural resources.

Councilmember Collins asked if natural resources would be addressed under the priority "Community Appearance".

City Manager John McDonough stated some of the suggestions from Councilmember Meinzen McEnery are addressed in existing priorities, but some of the suggestions may not be. Staff will work with Council in addressing the suggestions and incorporating them into the City priorities.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated she will work with Councilmember Collins and Councilmember Paulson on what is considered cultural and natural resource enhancements.

There was a consensus of Council to adjust the budget to allocate money from the unreserved fund in the amount of \$500,000 based upon the fire services settlement with Fulton County and to increase the transfer of funds to capital project funds for various capital projects.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnery asked if more staff is needed to handle the additional work associated with PermitGo and the City Center Master Plan.

City Manager John McDonough stated staff believes the additional .6 position will be able to handle the work.

There was a consensus of Council to consider the issuance of a task order to The Collaborative for site development inspection services at the next Regular City Council meeting.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnery stated \$200,000 or \$250,000 was added to the 2013 budget to stabilize the building at Lost Corner. There is insufficient money in this year's budget to accomplish the installation of the parking lot, community garden, and to stabilize the building.

Councilmember Dianne Fries stated there are plans to construct the community garden this spring and the parking lot is scheduled for construction this fall.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated another \$100,000 is needed for stabilization of the building, because the rest of the money is being used for the community garden and parking lot.

City Manager McDonough stated there is \$300,000 available to stabilize the structure. There is also trail grant money.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated she believes there is only enough money available for the community garden and parking lot.

Councilmember Chip Collins asked if the parking lot is not constructed in the 2013 fiscal year, can it be built during the next fiscal year.

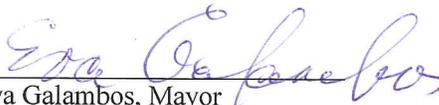
City Manager McDonough responded yes.

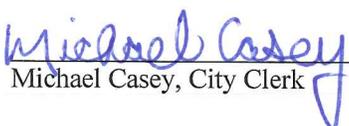
Councilmember Fries stated she is not in favor of moving money from this year's budget to next year's budget for the Lost Corner project.

There was a consensus of Council to consider a resolution adopting the City Center Phase I Implementation Plan at the next Regular City Council meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Date Approved: March 5, 2013


Eva Galambos, Mayor


Michael Casey, City Clerk

COUNCIL RETREAT

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RETREAT AGENDA

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Agenda for Today

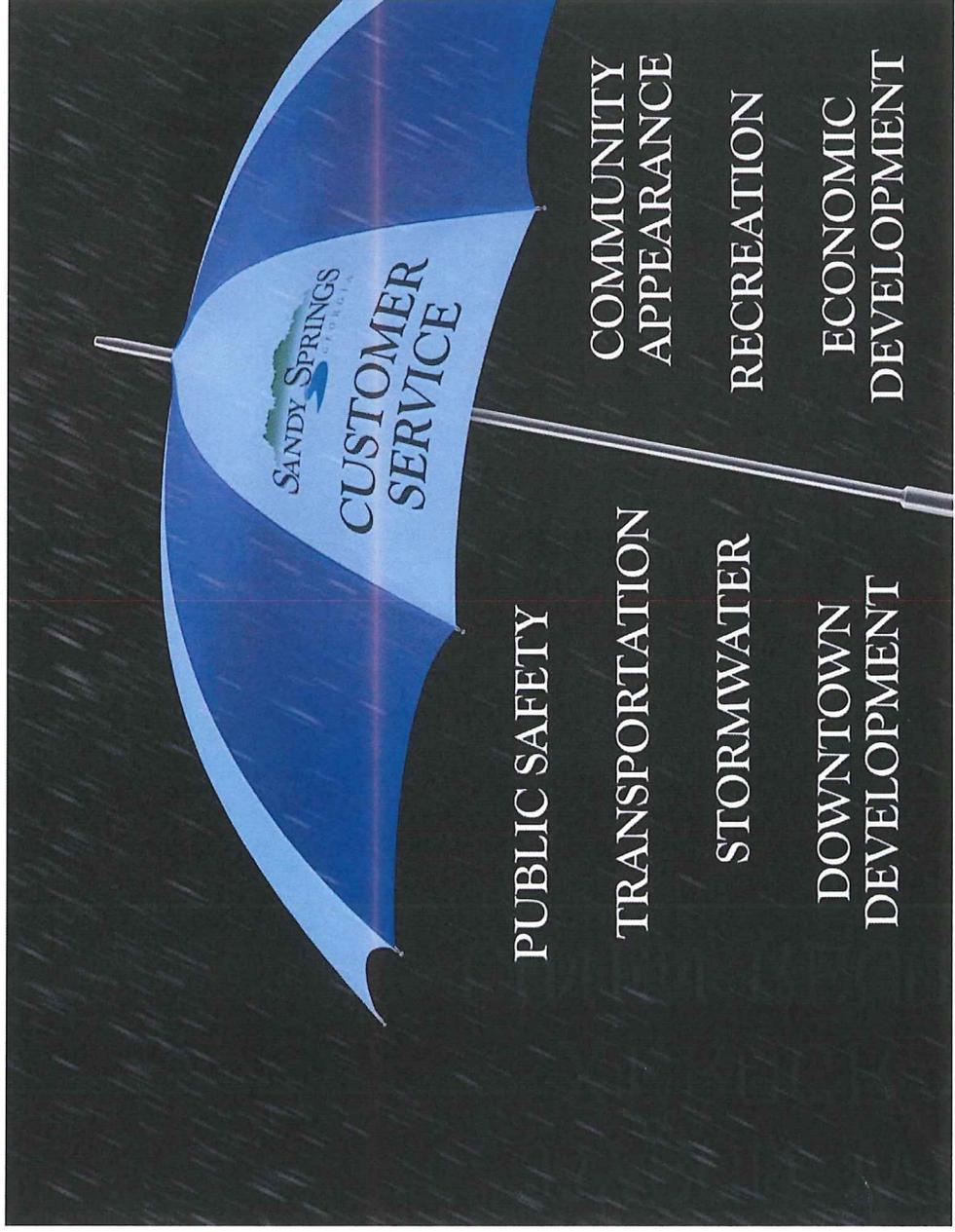
- Welcome and Introduction
- Review of Council-Adopted Priorities
- Mid-Year Budget Review
- Redevelopment and Comprehensive Plan
- City Center Phase 1 Implementation Plan
 - Executive Session/Land Acquisition
- Gateway Beautification
- Other Items

OVERVIEW OF ADOPTED PRIORITIES

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Adopted FY2013 Priorities



Public Safety

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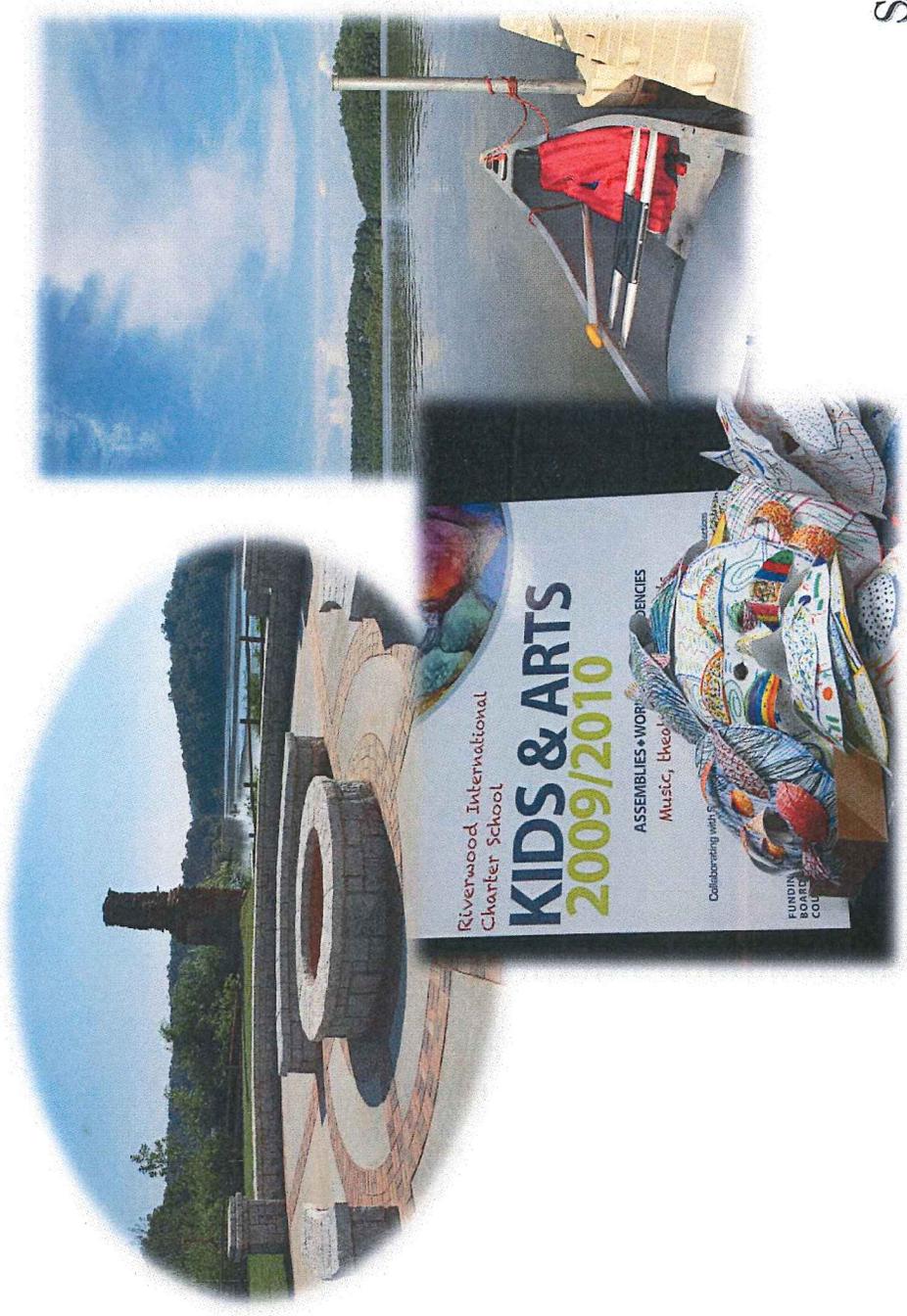
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- E-911
- EMS



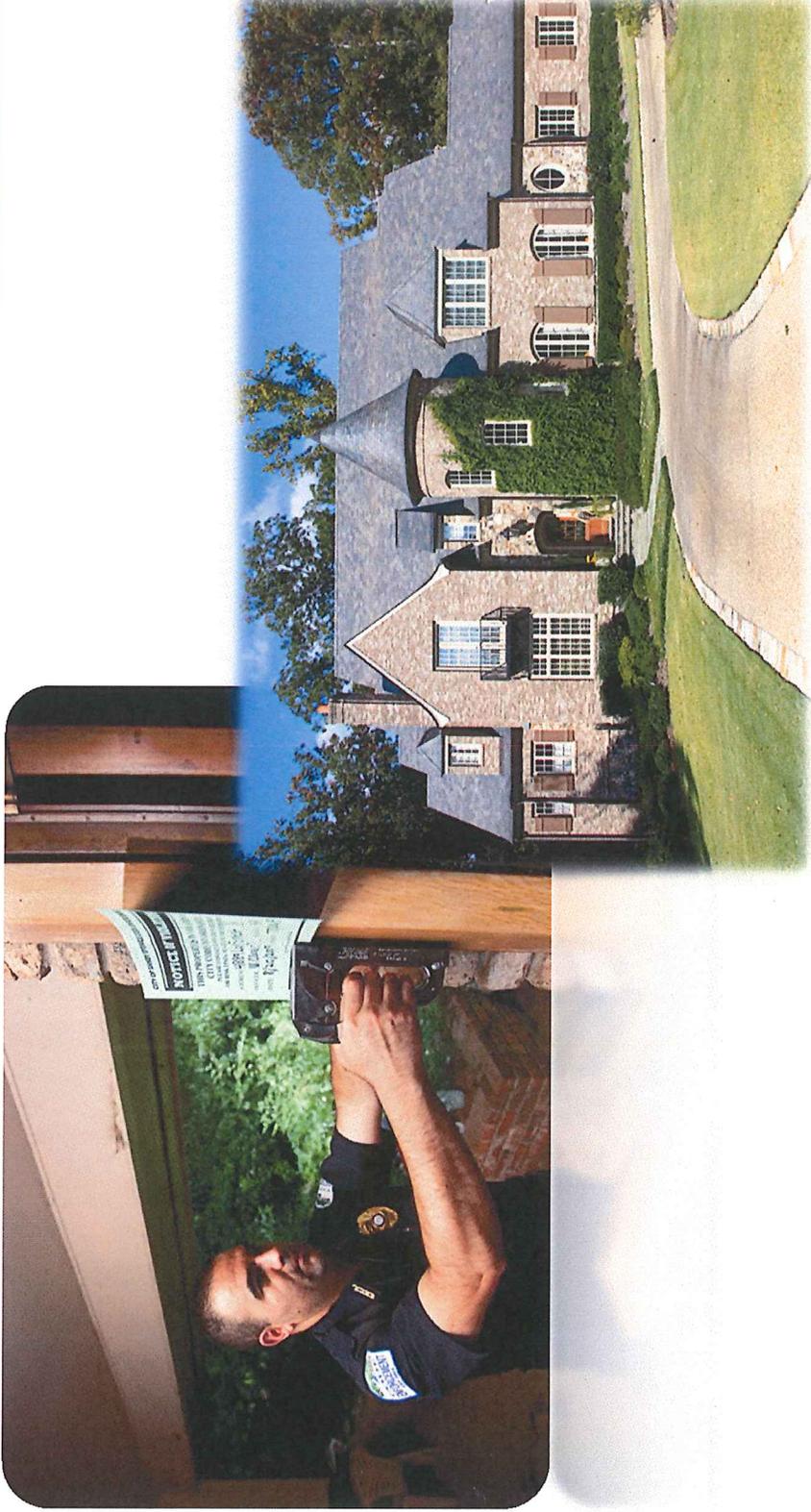
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Recreation and Parks



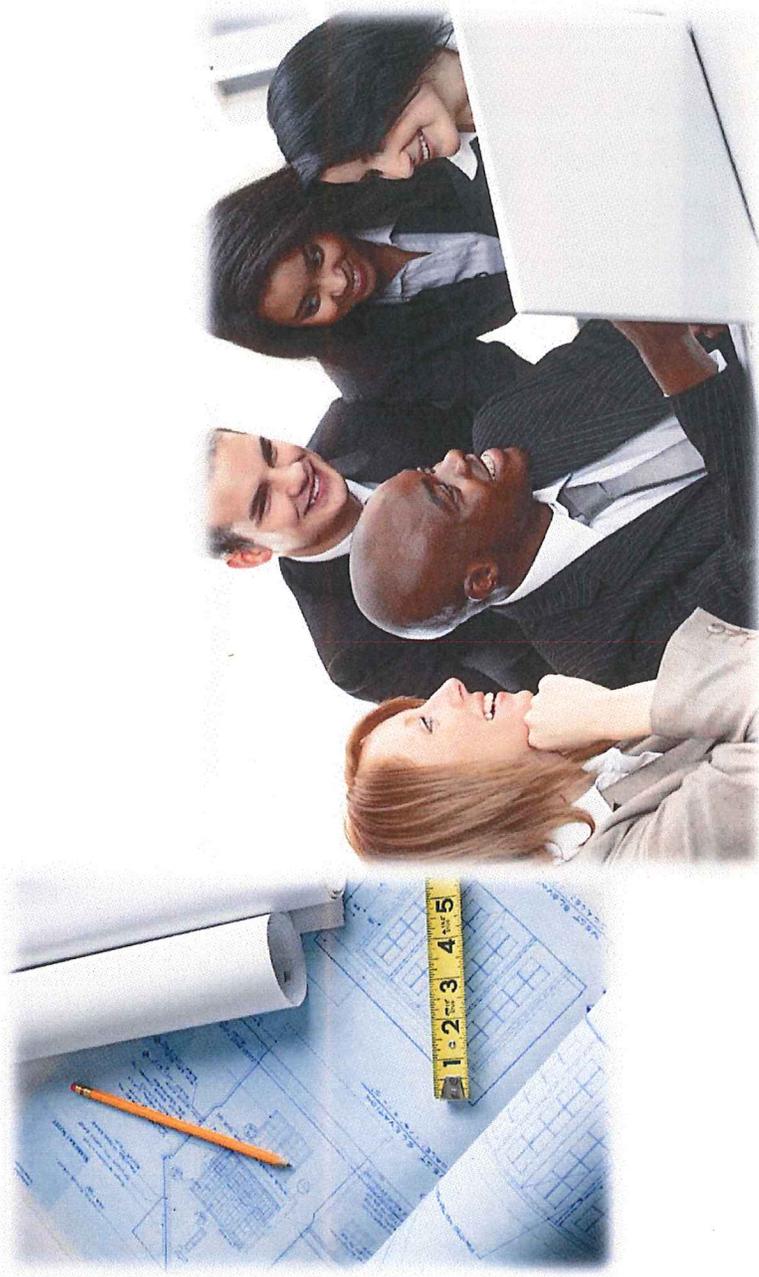
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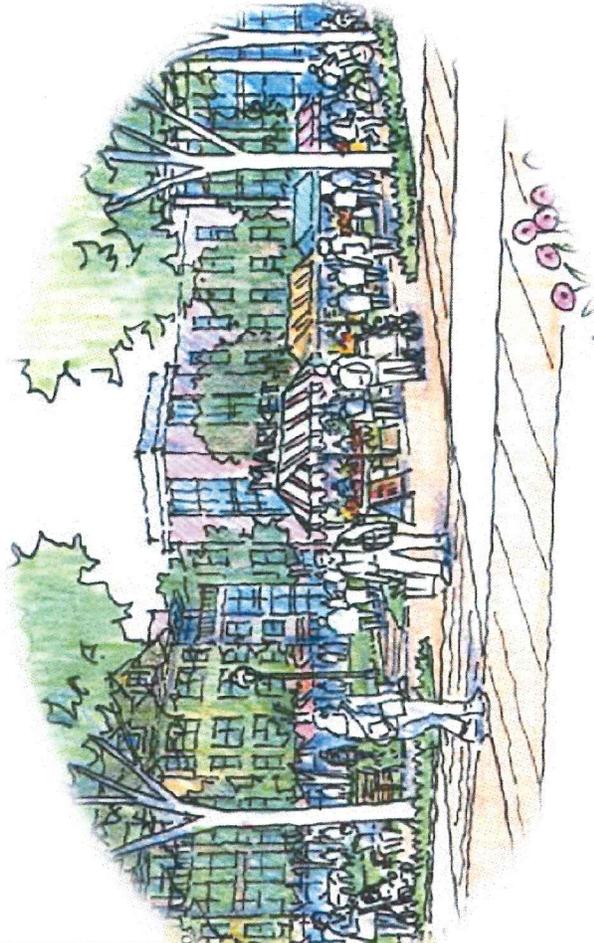
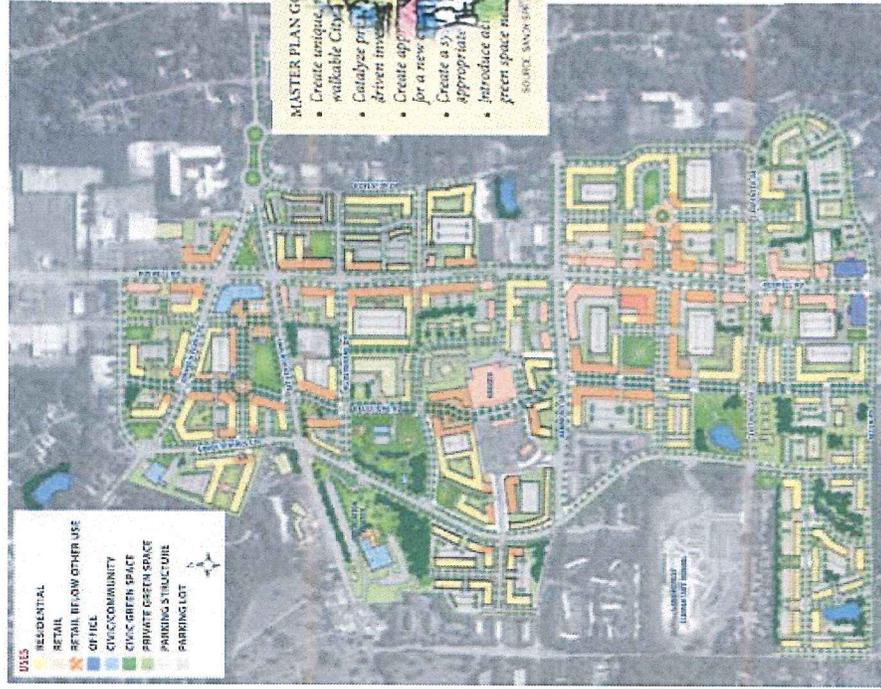
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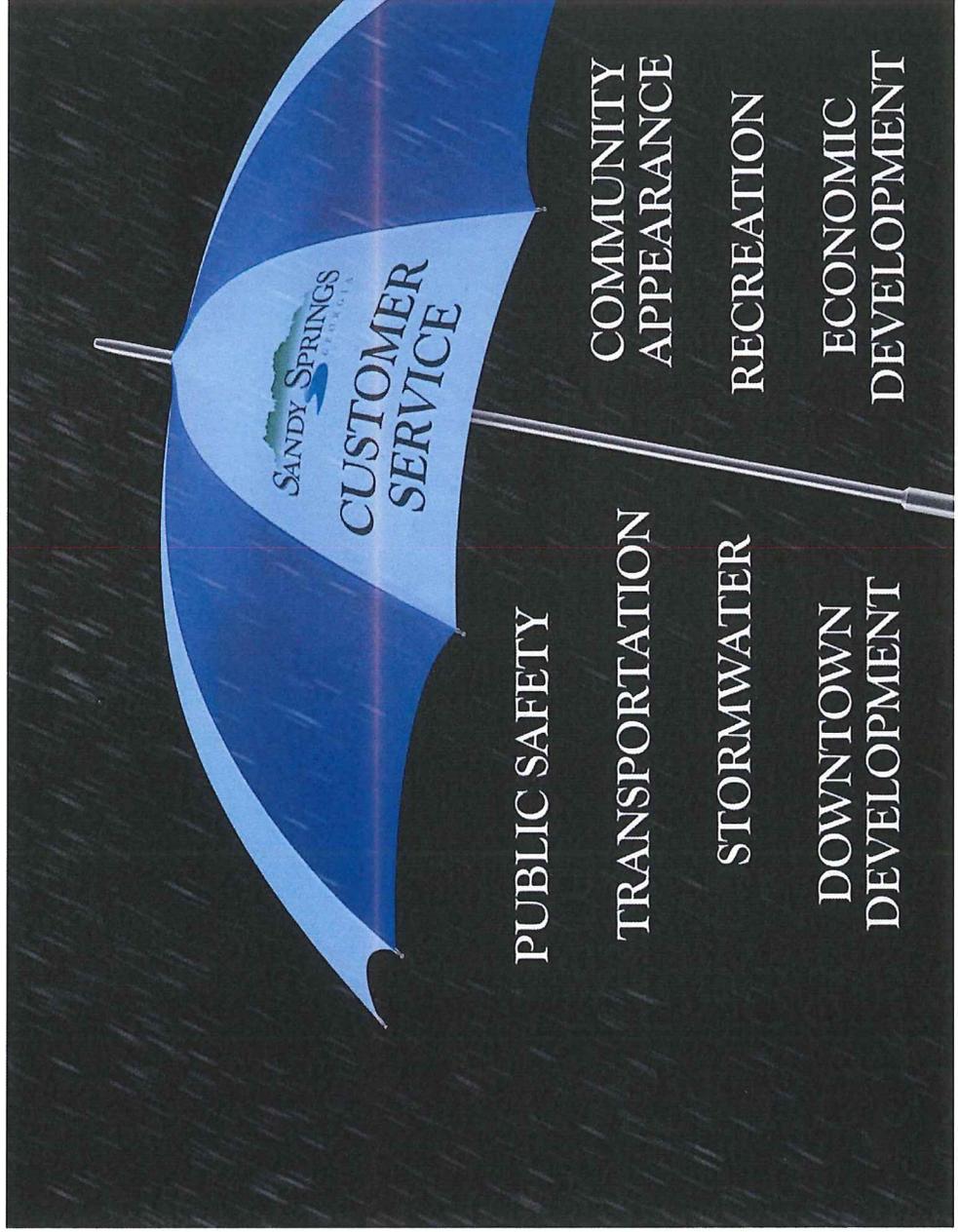
Economic Development



Downtown Redevelopment



FY2014 Priorities



DISCUSSION

