

Regular Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

INVOCATION

Reverend Alison Schultz, Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, offered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eva Galambos called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 McEnerny present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Heards Ferry Pack 1050, Den 10, led the Pledge of Allegiance

(Agenda Item No. 12-010)

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Meeting Agenda for January 17, 2012. Councilmember DeJulio seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Agenda Item No. 12-011)

1. Meeting Minutes:
 - a) January 3, 2012 Special Called Meeting
(Michael Casey, City Clerk)

(Agenda Item No. 12-012)

2. Consideration of the Acceptance of the dedication of the Permanent Easement for the Maintenance of Sidewalks as part of the zoning requirements
(Kevin Walter, Director of Public Works)

Resolution No. 2012-01-04

(Agenda Item No. 12-013)

3. Consideration of the Acceptance of the dedication of the Right-of-Way Deed as part of the zoning requirements

(Kevin Walter, Director of Public Works)

Resolution No. 2012-01-05

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Consent Agenda for January 17, 2012. Councilmember DeJulio seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of Retiring Planning Commission Members – Mayor Eva Galambos

Mayor Eva Galambos stated it is a great pleasure to recognize two members of the initial Planning Commission who have helped since the inception of the Commission. She called Roger Rupnow and Wayne Thatcher to the front. She thanked both individuals for their hard work and six years of service.

Wayne Thatcher stated he did not realize he lived in Sandy Springs until he read an article written by Oliver Porter asking for assistance in starting the City. His experience on the Planning Commission has been great.

Roger Rupnow stated in 1974 four individuals signed a petition that went to the state legislature to create a City. The committee consisted of Louise Julian, Ernie Clark, Mayor Galambos, and himself. He thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to serve the City.

Councilmember Chip Collins joined the meeting at this time.

Mayor Eva Galambos stated the order of business for this meeting will be changed to accommodate City Solicitor, Bill Riley, who has another important meeting to attend.

City Solicitor Bill Riley stated there is a resolution on the agenda this evening regarding voter participation. He is on the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections. Sandy Springs is being underrepresented by having citizens not registered to vote. Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections Interim Director Sam Westmoreland and Specialist Julia Beatrice “JB” Reed are in attendance. North of the City of Atlanta there are approximately 40,000 citizens eligible to vote who are not registered. Sandy Springs has approximately 1/3 of the voters in North Fulton County, but also has almost 2/3 of those eligible to vote who are not registered. There is also a huge number of people that are registered to vote, but are inactive. The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections has made a determination that this year they will work to increase the number of people registered to vote in North Fulton County. All the cities in North Fulton will be participating. Sandy Springs City Hall is a location where citizens can register to vote. City events will include the opportunity to register potential voters. Registering voters should be an ongoing effort and not just a one year thing. He does not know how long Fulton County will fund the assistance of registering people to vote and organize these types of events. To ensure North Fulton County is represented, the cities need to take a leadership role to make sure people have the opportunity to register and then motivate the people to exercise their right to vote. He thanked the Council for consideration of the voter participation resolution.

Mayor Galambos thanked City Solicitor Bill Riley. The City currently has several deputy registrars including Mayor Galambos, Councilmember Fries, City Clerk Michael Casey, Community Relations Manager Dan Coffer, and Executive Assistant Raquel Gonzalez.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Clerk Michael Casey read the rules for the Public Hearings section of the meeting.

Alcoholic Beverage License

(Agenda Item No. 12-014)

1. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Blue Moon Pizza at 5610 Glenridge Dr. Ste 110 Sandy Springs, GA 30342. Applicant is Kelvin Slater for Consumption on Premises Wine, Malt Beverage and Distilled Spirits

Revenue Supervisor Brandon Branham stated this item is a new application for consumption on premise of beer, wine, and liquor. The applicant has met all requirements and staff recommends approval.

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

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item No. 12-014, Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Blue Moon Pizza at 5610 Glenridge Dr. Ste 110 Sandy Springs, GA 30342, for Consumption on Premises of Wine, Malt Beverage and Distilled Spirits. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(Agenda Item No. 12-015)

2. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for BP Food Mart located at 5995 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Chintan Devta for Retail/Package of Wine & Malt Beverage

Revenue Supervisor Brandon Branham stated this item is a change of ownership application for retail package beer and wine. The applicant has met all requirements and staff recommends approval.

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

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio asked if the business is located on the corner of Hammond Drive and Roswell Road.

Revenue Supervisor Branham responded the business is located further south on Roswell Road near Carpenter Drive.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve Agenda Item No. 12-015, Alcoholic Beverage License Application for BP Food Mart located at 5995 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30328, for Retail/Package of Wine & Malt Beverage. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(Agenda Item No. 12-016)

3. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Hudson Grille Sandy Springs at 6317 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Jeffrey R. Landau for Consumption on Premises Wine, Malt Beverage and Distilled Spirits

Revenue Supervisor Brandon Branham stated this item is a new application for consumption on premises of beer, wine, and liquor. The applicant has met all requirements and staff recommends approval.

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

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Sterling moved to approve Agenda Item No. 12-016, Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Hudson Grille Sandy Springs at 6317 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30328, for Consumption on Premises of Wine, Malt Beverage and Distilled Spirits. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(Agenda Item No. 12-017)

4. Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Roswell Food Mart located at 5345 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30342. Applicant is Abbas Ali Hirani for Retail/Package of Wine & Malt Beverage

Revenue Supervisor Brandon Branham stated this item is a change of ownership application for retail package beer and wine. The applicant has met all requirements and staff recommends approval.

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

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny moved to approve Agenda Item No. 12-017, Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Roswell Food Mart located at 5345 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA 30342, for Retail/Package of Wine & Malt Beverage. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio stated Blue Moon Pizza is a new business in Sandy Springs and is a very nice restaurant. Hudson Grille is also a new restaurant. He encouraged the citizens to frequent Sandy Springs restaurants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Agenda Item No. 12-018)

1. Discussion of Morgan Falls Road Improvement Project Elements

Deputy Director of Public Works Garrin Coleman stated there are several items to discuss before moving forward with the design and the project going out to bid. These items are for final verification on how Council would like to proceed. The discussion will include the facade type that staff is proposing for the retaining walls as well as vegetation that may cover the facade. There are two different options for stormwater treatment. Staff recommends utilizing a rain garden for that. Another item to be addressed is potentially changing the road cross section to include a ten foot wide multi-use path, instead of the dedicated bike lane plus five foot wide sidewalk. Staff prepared a presentation to illustrate the options available to Council. The first item of discussion is the wall types. Both the mechanical stabilized earth (MSE) and the soil nail wall can be used. If the soil nail wall is used, a facade can be placed on the walls. The first photo shows the landscaping staff is proposing that includes street trees and smaller types of plantings. The proposed wall veneer would be the same wall veneer used in Overlook Park. The wall can be extended down Morgan Falls Road to the apartment complex.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny stated in comparing the two photos, the first is more aesthetically pleasing, because the facade is made of smaller blocks. The second photo is less pleasing, because it has a masonry look. She asked where the brick veneer wall will be installed.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated the wall will be installed beginning at the apartment complex and extending to the entrance of the park.

Mayor Eva Galambos asked if the wall is constructed of actual blocks.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated the MSE wall would be blocks. The soil nail construction would be a different type of reinforced wall, but it would have a veneer facade and look the same.

Councilmember John Paulson stated when Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman references soil nail and MSE, he is referring to the stabilization behind the facing of the wall. The photos on the slideshow are what are being proposed as the façade on the retaining walls.

Councilmember Chip Collins asked why different types of walls are being shown.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated the wall with the larger bricks will not be used. That photo is just a sample of what the vine pit looks like. The vine pit is part of the landscaping that will be installed.

Mayor Galambos asked what vines were used in the sample photo.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman responded he does not know.

Councilmember Paulson stated the photos are to show that the wall will not be just a concrete block face; vegetation will be used to soften it. The question is the continuity of the retaining wall at Morgan Falls Road and how far the wall will extend.

Councilmember Dianne Fries asked about the need for the City to spend money for the nice facade if it will be covered with vines.

Councilmember Paulson stated there are different types of wall facing. This type of facing matches what is at Overlook Park. This type of retaining wall is a three piece system. It utilizes six inch, twelve inch, and eighteen inch wide blocks in the space, which make the wall look more rustic. The wall will not be completely covered by the vines, so the face of the wall will still be seen.

Councilmember Fries stated if a nice facade is used, then maybe the City should not be in a hurry to plant the ivy. Instead, a vine that blooms could be planted along the wall.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated the next element that would be incorporated into the plan is wayfinding signage at Overlook Park. The slideshow presents a rendering of what staff proposes at the entrance of the park. There would be additional plantings with seasonal colors, as well as low retaining walls. For the retaining walls, a low granite split face will be used. This type of element is currently in the park.

Councilmember Gabriel Sterling asked if there could be a safety issue in the event a car loses control coming down the hill. The sign could be offset.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated the sign will be set back from the curb.

Councilmember Fries stated with the lighting in the area people will realize there is a turn at the end of the hill.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio stated the park is a showplace and this signage will make it stand out.

Mayor Galambos asked when the work will begin on Morgan Falls Road.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated the last design element to be discussed could affect the road work schedule. Before that, there are two options to consider for the water quality treatment of the water runoff from the road. The first, and preferred option from staff's standpoint, is a rain garden treatment. The second option is a parallel oil/grit separator that is already in the park. The triangular shaped area on the slide, which is tagged as a biofiltration area, is just east and north of the existing parking lot and south of the boathouses. There is a large Poplar tree in the lower center of the page. The stormwater option would impact the existing tree as well as the wall that would be parallel to the existing road. The area that would house the rain garden would be behind the sidewalk in front of the big slope and south of the boathouse. The rain garden is an infiltration system. The first 1.2 inches of water runoff would go into the infiltrator and then into a smaller pipe. Once the water is treated, the water would be discharged into piping that would go to the river.

Councilmember Sterling asked if the rain garden will look like a regular grassy area.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated the rain garden will be a low swell with plantings which will draw heavy metals out of the water.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated this area is technically already a rain garden, because it is accepting rain water and is pervious. She asked if the area will be designed to take additional water runoff from the road.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman responded yes. The rain garden is an engineer designed system.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated she appreciates the discussion on the potential loss of the tree. She asked that the tree not be removed, but monitored instead, because it could possibly live.

Councilmember Fries stated she would like Chief Environmental Compliance Officer Michael Barnett's opinion on the tree as well.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated Michael Barnett has seen the tree and said it is visibly distressed. He displayed a rendering of what the section of the rain garden would look like. The second option is a parallel oil/grit separator system. The cost estimate for the rain garden is \$115,000 for construction and design. The approximate cost for the parallel system is \$53,000. This option would require the existing islands in the parking lot to be demolished and removed.

Mayor Galambos stated Overlook Park is such a jewel that the rain garden should be installed.

Councilmember Paulson stated he has heard that the EPA is moving towards more low impact development. This includes keeping stormwater onsite, filtering it onsite, and treating it onsite. The rain garden is in keeping with the way the EPA is headed.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated the road schedule could be impacted by the last design element. The current design of Morgan Falls Road has two dedicated asphalt bike lanes that are 3.5 feet wide as well as a five foot wide sidewalk. The proposed design would remove seven feet of width, which would be the bike lanes, and replace the 5 foot wide sidewalk with a ten foot wide multi-use path. The path would address both bicycle and pedestrian access. This change would reduce the pervious footprint by two feet width along the entire length.

Councilmember Fries asked if the ten foot multi-use trail would be a hard surface.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman responded yes. Some people like to roller skate and a pervious surface would not be conducive to that.

Councilmember Sterling asked about the length of the two foot reduction in pervious surface.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated the whole project is between .75 of a mile and a mile.

Councilmember Paulson stated the original design had the sidewalk on the north side of Morgan Falls Road. The new proposed plan will have the trail on the south side of the road. Having the trail on the south side opens up the area and will allow a pleasant view of the golf course.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated the pervious surfaces that are already in certain sections of the parking lot at Overlook Park are hard type surfaces. She believes this type of surface would be adequate for biking and walking. Council should consider how many people are going to roller skate along the path close to the river.

Councilmember Fries stated the City of Alpharetta has a multi-use path. She sees more people on roller blades than on bicycles.

Mayor Galambos asked about the construction schedule of Morgan Falls Road.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman referenced a photo of a section of Morgan Falls road as it currently exists. The next photo conceptualizes the multi-use path on the south side of road. The road would slide over some, which would require the design sheets to be redone. That could impact the schedule of construction.

Councilmember Fries asked about the severe drop off on the south side of the road near the golf course.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated there is enough land in the area for the improvements. A guardrail approximately forty-two inches high will be needed for the path.

Councilmember DeJulio asked if the guardrail is similar to the one at Ridgeview Middle School.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated he has not seen that guardrail. The one to be installed will be more of a fence type installation.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated the monitoring wells for the former landfill are located on the south side of Morgan Falls Road. She asked that the City Attorney be made aware that the City will be acquiring contaminated property.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated the property the City is acquiring is on an upslope, so the migration of the pollutants should go down stream.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnery stated in 2004 the wells were moved closer to the center line on the south side of the street.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated it will take another two months to finish the permitting and the final plans. The City will have to go back to Fulton County for them to review the drawings. Included with the delay is a change to the designer's (SEI) contract at a cost of about \$60,000. Half of that cost would be for plan edits due to the change in the road. A quarter of the cost would be for finalizing the wall footprint.

Mayor Galambos asked how long it would take for bids and construction to begin after the two month delay.

Deputy Director of Public Works Coleman stated he hopes the project would be out to bid by April or May, 2012. The construction would begin in the summer of 2012 and take up to a year. Staff will check to see if there is any way the project can be expedited.

Mayor Galambos stated there is a lot of traffic on Morgan Falls Road and many people ask when the road is going to be repaired.

Councilmember Fries asked if two inches of asphalt can be applied to the road while waiting for the construction to begin.

City Manager John McDonough stated the cost of temporarily repairing the road would have to come out of the budget. Staff will get a cost estimate on repaving the road to see if it makes sense with the current budget.

(The vote on this agenda item takes place later in the meeting.)

NEW BUSINESS

(Agenda Item No. 12-019)

1. A Resolution Appointing Members to the Sandy Springs Board of Appeals
Resolution No. 2012-01-07

Mayor Eva Galambos stated there will be two vacancies on the Board of Appeals. The reason there are two vacancies is due to two people moving from the Board of Appeals to the Planning Commission. The first nomination is to appoint Eric Johnson to the Board of Appeals. He is a project manager who has managed a multitude of construction projects, including government buildings. He has twenty-seven years of professional experience in the field of program management with twenty-four years largely dedicated to government public safety and justice buildings.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to appoint Eric Johnson as a member to the Sandy Springs Board of Appeals. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Galambos stated the second nomination to the Board of Appeals is Alvin Johnson. Mr. Johnson has been a dedicated resident of Sandy Springs from its day of inception. He has a printing company previously used by the City task force. Mr. Johnson has also been involved with all of the City's M.L.K. functions.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to appoint Alvin Johnson as a member to the Sandy Springs Board of Appeals. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Galambos stated Al Pond is currently filling in for Ron Carpinella, who has been on active duty military service.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Sterling moved to reappoint Ron Carpinella as a member to the Sandy Springs Board of Appeals. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(Agenda Item No. 12-020)

2. A Resolution Appointing Members to the Sandy Springs Planning Commission
Resolution No. 2012-01-08

Mayor Eva Galambos stated using the experience gained from serving on the Board of Appeals is a good way for individuals to step up to serving on the Planning Commission. One of the individuals being nominated for the Planning Commission is Lane Frostbaum

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to appoint Lane Frostbaum as a member to the Sandy Springs Planning Commission. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Galambos stated Jim Squire has been very active in the community and is being nominated to be a member of the Planning Commission.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to appoint Jim Squire as a member to the Sandy Springs Planning Commission. Councilmember Meinzen McEnery seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to reappoint Lee Duncan as a member to the Sandy Springs Planning Commission. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(Agenda Item No. 12-021)

3. A Resolution to Educate, Register and Increase Voter Participation in Sandy Springs, Georgia for the year 2012

Mayor Eva Galambos stated in attendance tonight are representatives from the Fulton County Board of Registrations and Elections, Sam Westmoreland and Julie Beatrice "JB" Reed. This resolution states that the City will promote voter registration. Citizens can come to City Hall, for example, if they are interested in registering to vote. She asked about the process for setting up voter registration at sites other than City Hall.

Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections Interim Director, Sam Westmoreland, stated the Fulton County Registration and Elections office has adopted an expedited process to allow various locations to host voter registration drives. Once an individual proposes a venue for a drive, there is a three day turnaround time for the application with the Registration office. This allows time to get the voter registration applications and other information for the drive to the applicant. Fulton County staff can join the drive, if the applicant would like. Ideally, Fulton County would like to see four or five different registration drives on a Saturday, similar to what is being done in Atlanta and southern parts of the county.

Councilmember Dianne Fries stated City Hall is a preapproved voter registration location. She asked if City sponsored events are preapproved voter registration locations as well.

Mr. Westmoreland stated Fulton County recommends the City send information to the County letting them know an event is City sponsored, and then it will be immediately approved.

Councilmember Fries stated if the event is located at City Hall, then it is already approved.

Mr. Westmoreland responded yes.

Mayor Galambos asked City Clerk Casey to coordinate with Fulton County to get the forms so that anyone coming into City Hall can register to vote. She asked what the process would be if a church is interested in hosting a voter registration drive.

Mr. Westmoreland stated the church could act as a third party that has the ability to hold their own registration drive. Churches are specifically set out in the statute as being preapproved locations.

Mayor Galambos stated at the registration training session there was a question on whether the large chain stores would give the City permission to host drives at their locations.

Mr. Westmoreland stated Fulton County is trying to leverage goodwill in North Fulton and elsewhere to convince the corporations that as part of their civic duty they should be willing to participate in this program.

Mayor Galambos asked if there are ongoing discussions.

Mr. Westmoreland stated Fulton County has talked to Arthur Blank. People within their own communities seem to have the best impact in getting permission from the local chain stores.

Councilmember Fries stated she has spoken to some of the shopping center owners.

Councilmember Chip Collins asked if high schools are preapproved voter registration locations like churches.

Mr. Westmoreland responded yes. There is a statute that states school principals and vice principals are automatically deputy registrars. The Fulton County Registration and Elections department is having a drive in April 2012 to train high school students that are at least 17 ½ years old as registrars. Fulton County is especially focusing on getting the 40,000 unregistered voters registered to vote and the inactive voters active again. He has lived in this part of Fulton County for over ten years and is looking forward to helping the county thrive in registering people to vote.

Mayor Galambos thanked Mr. Westmoreland.

Councilmember Fries stated there is a rumor that anyone registering to vote may be asked to serve on a jury.

Mr. Westmoreland stated he would like to dispel that myth. In the State of Georgia, jury candidates are pulled from the voter registration list, but that is not the only source. More than seventy-five percent of the candidates that end up in a jury pool come from a list of people that have a driver's license.

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated last year new jury pool legislation was passed that brought about a revision. The jury pool list is now being created at the State level through a computer. The names of prospective jurors are acquired from each county in Georgia. This ensures a broad spectrum of the population.

Mayor Galambos stated the City will spread the word to different groups that are interested in holding voter registration drives. Sandy Springs and other cities in North Fulton will have many people trained as deputy registrars who can assist with the drives.

Mr. Westmoreland thanked the City for the work they are putting into increasing voter participation. Between now and November the Fulton County Registration and Elections department will assist the City in any way possible.

Mayor Galambos thanked Mr. Westmoreland.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item No. 12-021, A Resolution to Educate, Register and Increase Voter Participation in Sandy Springs, Georgia for the year 2012. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2012-01-09

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated there is unfinished business from Agenda Item No. 12-018. There is a resolution that needs to be adopted by Council dealing with the authorization for the City Manager to sign a supplemental agreement for additional contract design services and to approve an amount of up to \$60,000 for that work.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve Agenda Item No. 12-018, Morgan Falls Road Improvement Project Elements, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2012-01-06

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor and Council Reports

There were no reports from the Mayor or Council.

2. Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to recess the regular meeting for a short break and to hear one of the Work Session Agenda Items. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting recessed at 7:06 p.m.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to end the recess and resume the regular meeting. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The recess ended at 7:22 p.m.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Meinzen McEnery moved to amend the meeting agenda for the January 17, 2012, Regular Meeting to add a resolution to accept the Children's Playable Art Pieces for the Abernathy Greenway. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve a resolution accepting the donation of a gift of the Children's Playable Art Pieces for Abernathy Greenway as presented during the Work Session recess. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2012-01-10

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don McAdam, 6422 Mount Vernon Wood, requested a sidewalk be installed on Northwood Drive. He and the community made a video that was posted to You Tube regarding the need for a sidewalk. Every day people are walking along Roswell Road to Northwood Drive and they travel a path that does not have a sidewalk. This path is approximately 150 yards long, and the cost of pouring the concrete would be minimal. The right-of-way cost would probably be minimal as well. Northwood Drive is less than a half mile long, with apartment complexes and more than one dozen businesses. He visited many of these businesses and spoke with the owners and managers. The owners and managers signed a petition supporting the installation of a sidewalk on Northwood Drive. He is sure the nearby residents would support the installation of a sidewalk as well. He asked that Council add this project to the list of projects for this year.

Mayor Eva Galambos stated the sidewalk project on Northwood Drive does interest the Council. More projects will be considered during the City's next capital improvement program and the Northwood Drive sidewalk will be considered at that time.

(Agenda Item No. 12-022)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending or potential litigation with Director of Community Development Angela Parker, Attorney Laurel Henderson, and Kelly Hundley included. Councilmember Sterling 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 7:25 p.m.

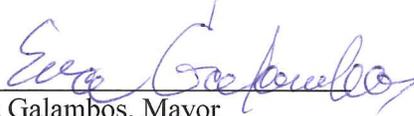
Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to adjourn Executive Session. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with Councilmember Paulson, Councilmember Fries, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Sterling, Councilmember DeJulio, and Councilmember Meinzen McEnery voting in favor of the motion. Executive session adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

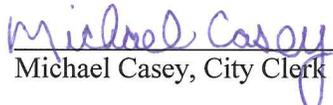
(Agenda Item No. 12-023)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Date Approved: February 7, 2012


Eva Galambos, Mayor


Michael Casey, City Clerk