

Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Invocation - Rabbi Yossi New, Congregation Beth Tefillah

II. Staff Discussion Items

A. 2021-292 Green Infrastructure Policy

Amir Fallahi, Stormwater Services Unit Manager presented the proposed Green Infrastructure Policy. The City currently holds the Phase II permit from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) issued by Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD). The GA EPD implemented a green infrastructure requirement to enhance stormwater management for municipalities. The City's current policy was adopted on March 2, 2021 and requires feasibility analysis and implementation of green infrastructure (GI) for public non-linear projects and public linear projects. It does not require the same for private development, excluding single family plots. Once the policy was prepared and submitted to GA EPD, the City received feedback indicating that private development must be included and considered in the policy. The City's currently policy related to feasibility analysis requirements were presented with the possible adjustment that private developments be required, if feasible, for GI Construction.

Director of Community Development Ginger Sottile presented an overview of the necessary text amendments to comply with GA EPD's requirements. The changes presented seek to amend several sections of the City's Development Code within the section 9.6 Stormwater Management. The proposed amendments are for sections 9.6.3.A.3.d, non-residential lots and subdivisions need to have best management practices that include green infrastructure/low impact development; 9.6.5.C.3, informing the applicant that a feasibility form for all non-residential projects is required; 9.6.7.B.4, the applicant must submit this form with supporting documentation; and 9.6.12.A.1, stormwater runoff generated from a site shall provide runoff reduction of the first 1.2 inches of rainfall or shall be adequately treated for water quality before discharge and shall be accomplished by the use of Green Infrastructure Best Management Practices unless determined to be infeasible. Two feasibility criteria for consideration was presented including the timeframe or length of delay and the percentage of additional cost the implementation of GI/LID will impose on a project. A 90 day timeframe and 10% increase was originally discussed. Local municipalities were presented to compare with the proposed adjustments. Next steps include a presentation of the proposed text amendments at the November 17, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting, followed by request for consideration of adoption at the December 21, 2021 Council Meeting.

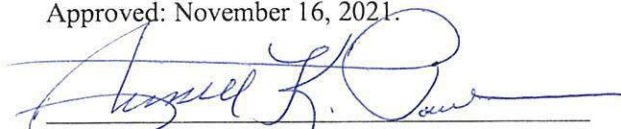
Council Member John Paulson asked will 10% be applied across the board.

Community Development Director Sottile confirmed that 10% will be applied to both public and private.

III. City Council Discussion Items – none.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Approved: November 16, 2021.


Russell K. Paul, Mayor


Raquel D. González, City Clerk