

Regular Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Eytan Kenter, B'nai Torah, offered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eva Galambos called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Michael Casey reminded everyone to silence cell phones and pagers at this time. Additionally, those wishing to provide public comment during either a public hearing or the Public Comment section 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

Mayor Eva Galambos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Agenda Item No. 11-101)

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve the Meeting Agenda for May 17, 2011. Councilmember DeJulio seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Agenda Item No. 11-102)

1. Meeting Minutes:
 - a) May 3, 2011 Budget Workshop #1
 - b) May 3, 2011 Regular Meeting
 - c) May 3, 2011 Work Session*(Michael Casey, City Clerk)*

(Agenda Item No. 11-103)

2. Supplemental Agreement to the Contract for Design Services, Morgan Falls Road Improvements, (T-0034)
(Tom Black, Director of Public Works)
Resolution No. 2011-05-44

(Agenda Item No. 11-104)

3. Consideration of the Acceptance of the Permanent Drainage Easements for Storm Water
(Tom Black, Director of Public Works)

Resolution No. 2011-05-45

(Agenda Item No. 11-105)

4. Consideration of the Acceptance of the Permanent Drainage Easements for Mount Vernon Road Sidewalk Project T-6011-9
(Tom Black, Director of Public Works)

Resolution No. 2011-05-46

(Agenda Item No. 11-106)

5. Recreation and Parks Department Capital Improvement Funding Amendment
(Ronnie Young, Director of Recreation and Parks)

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve the Consent Agenda for May 17, 2011. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation - First National Kids to Parks Day

Mayor Eva Galambos called Director of Recreation and Parks Ronnie Young and other participating individuals to the front to receive the proclamation.

Director Recreation and Parks Ronnie Young introduced Patty Wissinger, the National Parks Superintendent at Island Ford Park, and Marina Davidovich, who is part of the Recreation and Parks staff.

Mayor Galambos read the proclamation which states May 21st is the first National Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust. National Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks. It is important to introduce a new generation of our nation's parks because of the decline in Park attendance over the last decade. We should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia. National Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants. National Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors. She urged residents of the City of Sandy Springs to make time May 21st to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, state or national park.

Patty Wissinger, National Parks Superintendent for Island Ford Park, thanked the Mayor. She is excited to join the City in recognizing National Kids to Parks Day, which encourages children to be active outdoors.

Director Recreation and Parks Young stated since the City has been in existence it has acquired twelve parks from Fulton County. There has been over \$10 million invested in improvements and the construction of two new parks. Thousands of residents are using the parks. He salutes the citizens, taxpayers, Mayor and Council, and City employees for contributing to make the park system what it is today.

2. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation from FBI – Special Agent Brett Fear

Police Chief Terry Sult introduced Brian Lamkin, Special Agent in charge of the Atlanta Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Special Agent in Charge, Brian Lamkin, stated it is a great pleasure to recognize some of the Sandy Springs police officers. In February 2011, the FBI had information on a fugitive from Texas involved in several bank robberies for which an arrest warrant was issued. Special Agent Brett Fears tried to identify where the fugitive was located within Sandy Springs. Within one week the fugitive was located with the assistance of Sandy Springs police officers. He read a citation from FBI Director Robert Mueller which stated "ASAC extends its appreciation for your outstanding assistance in a joint investigative effort. Your contributions were immeasurable and congratulations from the FBI for all you did to accomplish the objectives of the investigation. You can be proud of the roll you played and I join my associates with whom you work in congratulating you on a job well done." The partnership the FBI has with Sandy Springs and the leadership with Police Chief Sult is beyond comparison in the Atlanta area.

Special Agent, Brett Fears, called the following individuals to the front: Officer Timothy Snow, Officer Brian Crisp, Officer Christopher Ellis, Officer Keith Sawtell, Sergeant Steven Thompson, Officer Jonathan Castro, Officer Raymond Nable, Officer Ronald Johnson, Officer Michael Dewald, Officer David Huffschtmidt, Officer Jeffery Thomas, Officer Cory Begeal, and Sergeant Robert Stevens.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

(Agenda Item No. 11-107)

1. Budget Amendment to Increase City Budget for FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Award

Director of Finance Amy Davis stated this item is a grant award by FEMA of \$88,000 with a match of \$22,000 from the City for a total amount of \$110,000. This grant is to provide and install sprinkler systems at Fire Stations 1 and 2.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny asked if this would complete the installation of sprinkler systems at all of the City Fire Stations.

Deputy Fire Chief Dennis Ham stated one of the Fire Stations is owned by the City of Atlanta and the other is owned by Fulton County (stations 3 and 4).

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny asked if the Fire Stations not owned by the City require sprinkler systems.

Deputy Fire Chief Ham stated Fire Station 3 has a sprinkler system, but Fire Station 4 does not.

Mayor Eva Galambos asked if installing a sprinkler system at Fire Station 4 would require concurrence from the City of Atlanta.

Deputy Fire Chief Ham stated it would, but that would be a separate grant process.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny stated she would encourage applying for another grant for a sprinkler system to be installed at Fire Station 4. All of the City personnel should have the benefit of fire sprinklers.

Finance Director Davis stated the grant cannot be funded because Sandy Springs does not own the Fire Station.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio asked what it would cost to install a sprinkler system at Fire Station 4.

Deputy Fire Chief Ham stated the cost to install a sprinkler system would be around \$40,000.

Councilmember DeJulio stated installing a sprinkler system at Fire Station 4 may be something to consider when the final budget numbers are determined for next year. There may be the ability to add this project to the budget as a special item. There are many personnel that spend a lot of time at that Fire Station and we want to make sure they are safe.

Councilmember Gabriel Sterling asked if the City of Atlanta would allow a fire sprinkler system improvement on the station.

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated Sandy Springs would have to obtain permission from the City of Atlanta.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-107, Budget Amendment to Increase City Budget for FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Award. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-05-47

(Agenda Item No. 11-108)

2. Consideration of approval of a contract change order and additional work for the 2011 Capital Paving Program (T-3000)

Director of Public Works Tom Black stated the in-place recycling worked well. The resurfacing project did not work out as well. He would like to go back and edgemill and resurface the streets. This would require the City to pay another \$120,000. He asked Council to fund the \$120,000 for a current contractor to continue the work.

Mayor Eva Galambos asked if the \$120,000 is coming out of savings that is in the paving program.

Director of Public Works Black responded yes.

Councilmember John Paulson asked if the troubles are because of the contractor or because the process does not work here.

Director of Public Works Black stated the main contractor's in-place recycling works fine, if there are not many low hanging trees and the street has a regular curb and gutter section. There are many older streets with small pieces of curb and gutter. The process generates heat up to four hundred degrees and it transfers to the yards, which caused scorching to some of the yards.

Mayor Galambos asked if the City has to pay for the damage to the yards.

Director of Public Works Black stated he is holding enough of the contractor's money to pay for yard damage, if needed.

Councilmember Chip Collins asked if the City has to redo any of the streets.

Director of Public Works Black stated the final road surface has been the problem. The end product was not at a high enough standard. The road will have to be edgemilled to keep from having drainage problems as part of the resurfacing.

Councilmember Gabriel Sterling asked how many roads will need to be repaved.

Director of Public Works Black stated he believes there are twelve roads or more.

Motion and Second: Councilmember Fries moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-108, Approval of a contract change order and additional work for the 2011 Capital Paving Program (T-3000). Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny seconded the motion.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny stated it is outstanding how the Public Works department understood the City's needs and made necessary changes. She is in support of placing another overlay on the road surface. She thanked the Public Works Department.

Councilmember Collins asked if the City has paid the contractor any money at this point.

Director of Public Works Black responded no. The City will pay the contractor for the in-place recycling work they did complete.

Councilmember Collins asked if the City is receiving a benefit from the work the contractor performed.

Director of Public Works Black responded absolutely. In a typical resurfacing project dump trucks and a milling machine traveling back and forth put stress on the streets. With the weather and rain we have had, some of the streets have deteriorated to a point where they have to be resurfaced. He was looking for an option where not so many loaded trucks would have to go in to perform a resurfacing job.

Councilmember Dianne Fries asked if a different contractor might have different equipment. She heard that there may be a new piece of equipment that has a tighter radius for turns.

Director of Public Works Black stated he does not know of any new equipment that makes a shorter radius, but he will verify if there is any available on the market. This is a two stage process. If this work is done with a machine with a short radius, it would probably generate too much heat and set yards on fire.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-05-48

(Agenda Item No. 11-109)

3. Consideration of Approval of a Project Framework Agreement (PFA) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Sandy Springs Circle Phase II/III Project (T-0014/15)

Director of Public Works Tom Black stated last year the City received \$1.8 million for construction on Phase II and III, for T-0014/15. Since that time, staff has received the project framework agreement and was able to get the State to match with \$471,000 in addition to the \$1.8 million. The City will be able to spend the \$2.2 million without any local match. Staff received verbal approval that the City will receive another \$500,000 for the Morgan Falls Road project.

Mayor Eva Galambos asked who approved the additional money for Morgan Falls Road.

Director of Public Works Black stated Brandon Beach approved the additional money. He helped the City with the GDOT Board and will try to help the City receive more money next year.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-109, Approval of a Project Framework Agreement (PFA) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Sandy Springs Circle Phase II/III Project (T-0014/15). Councilmember DeJulio seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-05-49

Mayor Galambos asked about the time schedule.

Director of Public Works Black stated staff is still looking for right-of-way money as donations. There is an approved scope and staff is working on developing the concept.

Mayor Galambos asked the City Manager to work on options on how the City could receive money for the right-of-way acquisition, rather than taking it out of the capital improvement budget. Other options should be explored such as assessments and working with the property owners, since the properties are being improved.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny stated if there are mature trees in the area, we should design a stretch of sidewalk to ensure the trees are protected.

Director of Public Works Black stated that will be part of the discussion in the Work Session tonight.

(Agenda Item No. 11-110)

4. Consider Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation for CM-FY12-01-063, Communications Services for the City of Sandy Springs

City Manager John McDonough stated this item and the next four are all interrelated to the recent procurement for general government services. The process began in July 2010. There was an industry day hosted to generate interest in the business community. At least two open houses were held and there was a pre-proposal submittal day where the City's expectations were discussed. The draft RFP was posted and we solicited industry feedback on that RFP. The feedback received was instrumental in the shaping the final RFP. The procurement was conducted using the performance price trade off procedure. The solicitation set forth the following areas for evaluation: technical capability, performance confidence, and cost/price. An offeror's capabilities and approaches proposal was evaluated for technical acceptability against two criteria, one was general and the other task specific, and then assigned a rating of "acceptable", "reasonably susceptible of being made acceptable" and "unacceptable." An offeror's performance confidence proposal was evaluated based on the following: the description of past and present performance provided by the offeror; questionnaire responses provided by the offeror's references; and data independently obtained from other sources. The offeror's ability to perform the effort described in the solicitation was assessed and the proposal was assigned an overall performance confidence rating of "substantial", "satisfactory", "limited" or "no confidence". An offeror's cost/price proposal was then evaluated for reasonableness and realism and ranked based on the original submission cost/price, and then the final proposal revision cost/price, as applicable. The performance price trade-off procedure, the lowest priced evaluated technically acceptable proposal judged to have a "substantial confidence" performance confidence assessment, represents the best value for the City and it received the SSET's award recommendation. If the lowest priced offer is judged to have a performance confidence assessment of satisfactory or lower, the evaluation team based its recommendation on an integrated best value assessment of performance confidence and cost/price.

Proposals were received March 3, 2011, and March 4, 2011 from eight offerors: the Collaborative; Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.; SAFEbuilt / Keck & Wood; URS Corporation; CH2M HILL; Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.; PBS&J; and Clark Patterson Lee. The proposals were examined for compliance with the solicitation submittal instructions and compliance issues were documented. A random selection procedure was used to determine the order in which the proposals were evaluated for technical acceptability. The General government services solicitation permitted offerors to submit proposals for any of five work packages or all of the five work packages. In the area of Communications, a submittal was received from CH2M HILL, the Collaborative, and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. For Municipal Court Services the City received a submittal from CH2M HILL and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. In the area of Public Works, the City received proposals from CH2M HILL, PBS&J, URS Corporation, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., and Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. For Recreation and Parks the City received two submittals, one from CH2M HILL and one from Jacobs Engineering, Group Inc. In the area of Community Development, offers were received from CH2M HILL, the Collaborative, Clark Patterson Lee, SAFEbuilt, and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. The City received two omnibus offers, one from CH2M HILL and the other from Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. He thanked the evaluation team for their hard work in this process. The capabilities and approach panel was chaired by Eden Freeman with Charlie Mote and Michael Brown on that panel. The performance confidence panel was led by Cecil McLendon as the chair with Kathy Williams and Glen Kemp. The cost/price panel was chaired by Amy Davis with Noah Reiter and Tyra Little. He thanked all the members of the panels and City Attorney Wendell Willard. The team members participated on the panels while working full time jobs. He appreciates the countless hours of their efforts.

The capabilities and approaches, performance confidence and cost/price panels completed the initial evaluation of proposals received from all eight offerors and reported their findings on April 13, 2011. Based on an integrated assessment of the panels' findings, the SSET determined that five of the eight proposals had a reasonable expectation of receiving an award. Therefore, these five proposals were included in the competitive range. Offerors included in the competitive range were CH2M HILL, the Collaborative, URS Corporation, SAFEbuilt / Keck & Wood, and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. Each offeror within the competitive range responded to written questions submitted by the evaluation team, participated in oral interviews, and submitted final proposal revisions. The three panels completed the evaluation of final proposal revisions and reported their findings on May 9, 2011. Using the performance/price trade-off procedure described in the solicitation, the evaluation team formed the following source selection recommendations. The recommendations were for CH2M HILL, the Collaborative, URS Corporation, and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. Following is the performance price trade-off analysis that resulted in the selection decision, the phase-in costs associated with each recommended offer, and the evaluation team's recommendations for the award of contracts. There were three offers for Communications. One offer was from the Collaborative, who received a technical acceptability of acceptable at a cost of \$ 594,413, and a substantial performance confidence rating. CH2M HILL received a technical acceptability of acceptable at a cost of \$725,318 and a performance confidence of satisfactory. Jacobs Engineering also received a technical acceptability of acceptable at the price of \$752,939 and a satisfactory performance confidence rating. In the area of municipal court services there were two offers. Jacobs Engineering received an acceptable with a rating at a cost of \$ 794,239 and a confidence rating of satisfactory. CH2M HILL also received an acceptable rating and a performance confidence rating of satisfactory at the cost of \$884,396. For the Public Works Department three companies were rated acceptable for technical acceptability. The performance confidence for URS was rated substantial. CH2M HILL and Jacobs Engineering received a satisfactory rating for performance confidence. The cost for URS was \$3,086,205, Jacobs Engineering \$4,202,536, and CH2M HILL \$4,906,656. In the area of Recreation and Parks, two offers from Jacobs Engineering and CH2M HILL received an acceptable rating for technical acceptability. Both companies received satisfactory in performance confidence. Jacobs Engineering cost is \$ 709,608 and the cost for CH2M HILL is \$965,204. In the area of Community Development, three companies received acceptable for technical acceptability

and a satisfactory performance confidence. The Collaborative had a base year cost of \$2,226,774, CH2M HILL a cost of \$3,334,377, and Jacobs Engineering a cost of \$3,366,406. There were two omnibus offers, one from Jacobs Engineering at a cost of \$8,861,461 and CH2M HILL at \$10,179,965. The phase-in and total base year cost, which would be the base year task order plus the phase-in cost for each of the selected offers. For Communications, the recommended offeror is the Collaborative at a phase-in price of \$14,500 and a total base year cost of \$608,913. For Municipal Court, the recommended offeror is Jacobs Engineering with a phase-in price of \$16,728 and a total base year cost of \$810,968. For Public Works, the URS Corp. is the recommended offeror with a phase-in price of \$98,250 and a total base year cost of \$3,184,455. For Recreation and Parks, the recommended offeror is Jacobs Engineering with a phase-in price of \$33,054 and total base year cost of \$823,662. For Community Development, the Collaborative is recommended with no phase-in cost related to Community Development and a total base year cost of \$2,226,774. Based on the assessment of proposals described herein, it is the Source Selection Evaluation Team's recommendation that the proposals submitted by the Collaborative, URS Corporation, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. and CH2M HILL represent the best value to the City of Sandy Springs for General Government Services. Our recommendations with respect to the award of contracts and base year task orders are as follows: Award the Collaborative a contract to provide Communications (Work Package 3) and Community Development (Work Package 7) services for the City of Sandy Springs and execute the base year task order authorizing the Collaborative to perform these services. Secondly, award URS Corporation a contract to provide Public Works (Work Package 5) services for the City and execute the base year task order authorizing URS Corporation to perform these services. Third, award Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. a contract to provide Communications, Municipal Court, Public Works, Recreation and Parks, and Community Development services for the City of Sandy Springs and execute the base year task orders authorizing Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to perform Municipal Court (Work Package 4) and Recreation and Parks (Work Package 6) services. Fourth, award CH2M HILL a contract to provide Communications, Municipal Court, Public Works, Recreation and Parks, and Community Development services for the City of Sandy Springs and thereby establish the firm's eligibility to compete for future task order awards under the terms of the contract.

Mayor Eva Galambos thanked the City Manager for the presentation.

Motion and Second: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-110, Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation for CM-FY12-01-063, Communications Services for the City of Sandy Springs. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion.

Mayor Galambos asked if Councilmember DeJulio wanted to make a statement.

Councilmember DeJulio stated he will make a statement at the end.

Mayor Galambos stated there will be statements at the end.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

(Agenda Item No. 11-111)

5. Consider Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation for MC-FY12-01-063, Municipal Court Services for the City of Sandy Springs

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-111, Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation for MC-FY12-01-063, Municipal Court Services for the City of Sandy Springs. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Gabriel Sterling stated these actions are awarding task orders. Where in the agenda items are the second and third year contracts awarded?

City Manager John McDonough answered they are included in the resolutions.

(Agenda Item No. 11-112)

6. Consider Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation for PW-FY12-01-063, Public Works Services for the City of Sandy Springs

Motion and Second: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-112, Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation for PW-FY12-01-063, Public Works Services for the City of Sandy Springs. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Dianne Fries asked if this includes approval of the resolution.

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated the approval should be phrased to include the resolution, which includes the names of all parties to which the City will grant contracts as well as the authorization of the initial first year task order. The previous two agenda items should be amended to include the language and adoption of the resolution.

Restatement of Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-112, Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation and adoption of the Resolution for PW-FY12-01-063, Public Works Services for the City of Sandy Springs. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-05-52

(Agenda Item No. 11-113)

7. Consider Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation for RP-FY12-01-063, Recreations and Parks Services for the City of Sandy Springs

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-113, Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation and adoption of the Resolution for RP-FY12-01-063, Recreations and Parks Services for the City of Sandy Springs. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-05-53

(Agenda Item No. 11-114)

8. Consider Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation for CD-FY12-01-063, Community Development Services for the City of Sandy Springs

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-114, Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation and adoption of the Resolution for CD-FY12-01-063, Community Development Services for the City of Sandy Springs. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-05-54

Motion to Amend and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to amend Agenda Item No. 11-110, Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation for CM-FY12-01-063, Communications Services for the City of Sandy Springs to include the language "and adoption of the Resolution." Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-05-50

Motion to Amend and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to amend Agenda Item No. 11-111, Approval of Source Selection Committee Recommendation for MC-FY12-01-063, Municipal Court Services for the City of Sandy Springs to include the language“ and adoption of the Resolution.” Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-05-51

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio stated it has been a long seventeen months. This process started in October 2009 when he was nominated along with Ashley Jenkins and Rusty Paul to review the contract. The City has had an incredible five and a half years. The staff and CH2M HILL knew nothing about running a City, but it turned out exceptionally well. The thing we have been the most fortunate about is the phenomenal employees that CH2M HILL brought to the City. The job they have done in Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Communications, and in every department has been exemplary. The City Council and the Mayor want the employees of CH2M HILL to realize that the decisions that were made tonight were not reflective of them, but of a process. The employees of CH2M HILL were not judged, the contract was judged. When the City first started it received an exceptional value. After five years we knew what needed to be done. There was exceptional help from those who were on the committee representing the City Council, the leadership of the City Manager John McDonough and the City Attorney Wendell Willard, and Assistant City Attorney Cecil McLendon. Experts were brought in to work on the contracts. The outcome from all the work is expected to be every bit as good as what we have had the last five and a half years. CH2M HILL has set the bar exceptionally high and the outcome should be as good or better. As taxpayers of Sandy Springs, the process cost approximately \$700,000. The citizens of Sandy Springs will save about \$7 million per year, which is \$35 million over five years. Imagine all the improvements that can be made to the City with the extra \$35 million. The employees of CH2M HILL have done a tremendous job and this is no way a bad reflection on the employees. The employees have been exceptional and have done a wonderful job. This was purely a financial decision. The ratings were not reflective of the people, but reflective of the proposal. We could not be happier with the personnel we have had the last five and a half years from CH2M HILL.

Mayor Eva Galambos stated it is not just the personnel, but the company itself which has been a tremendous asset to Sandy Springs. We believe in a public private partnership by involving the private sector. We were convinced the private sector in a competitive world usually does things more efficiently than the government sector. By believing in the private sector, we had to live by that belief, and that meant going back out to the market and letting competition do its thing. The offerors that made the cut were all excellent and CH2M HILL made the cut each time. Each offeror was on a platform to be proud of, but the difference was the price.

Councilmember John Paulson stated he thinks back to five and a half years ago when the City was formed and about the unknowns and the risk involved. The risk in bidding and contracting engineering services results in higher costs. One thing that has happened over the last five years is the uncertainty that was present when this all began has been worked out. The credit for where we are today and the competitive bids received is because uncertainty has been removed and as a result the price goes down. Everyone deserves credit for helping the City get to where it is today, including CH2M HILL.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny stated she agrees with the Mayor, Councilmember DeJulio, and Councilmember Paulson. The free enterprise system, which she is totally committed to, came out with the best price and grouping of companies. It was considered whether or not offerors were going to bring in all of their own staff. We encouraged them to retain existing staff of their choice for that institutional knowledge. What remains to be seen is how many of these wonderful, diligent, and talented employees will remain on board as the City proceeds over the next five years. She hopes to see many of the current staff continue working with the City. She thanked the current staff for their commitment over the last five and a half years.

Councilmember Dianne Fries stated she cannot thank CH2M HILL enough for being involved with the process early on, taking a chance and getting the City started with just a hand shake. She appreciates this from the bottom of her heart she and will never forget that CH2M HILL did that for the City. She knows how diligent staff is and how proud the Mayor and Council are. The citizens also appreciate what the staff has done. She thanked the staff members who are on the ground level doing the work for the City. As the Mayor has said, this decision was based on numbers. Do not ever doubt that we appreciate everything staff has done.

Mayor Galambos stated she detects a note of emotion in Councilmember Fries' voice and it is shared by herself and all of Council. She is sure there is emotion on the part of the staff as well. This shows how close we all feel to each other and we hope that as many staff as possible will remain, so we can continue the relationship.

Councilmember Gabriel Sterling stated we could not have started the City without CH2M HILL being there and taking that risk. This process was professional and there was a great staff working on this. Council viewed the numbers and chose the best value for the taxpayers. The overall five year savings, including the escalators, was close to \$41 million. That is not a number that can be ignored, and that is essentially half of the budget for this year. The City has set a standard now that other cities can look to for privatizing and making their systems better to provide the best level of service for their citizens. We have great staff and he hopes that as many as possible will remain with the City as we move on to the next five years. There may be confusion on how the City can award two to three contracts at a time. The reason for this is it keeps competition in our system for the next five years. The companies are pre-selected and can perform the work. If it is decided that one company that was awarded a task order is not working right or costs are not in line, there is another contractor available to perform the work. This will keep the competition there and ensure costs are in line as the City moves forward.

Councilmember Chip Collins stated this decision is not being made tonight; it was made six years ago when the City made the commitment to the public private model. Tonight's decision was inevitable. The City is committed to competition, so this process had to occur. This does not diminish the good work that everyone has done. He thanked everyone who has been running the City for the last six years. He has been impressed with everyone he has dealt with since he has been a Councilmember.

(Agenda Item No. 11-115)

9. Resolution to Authorize and Direct the Acquisition by the City of Sandy Springs of Certain Properties for the Development of a Central Government Complex

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated staff is in the process of discussions with a number of property owners for the acquisition of the property that will complete the total acquisition of all parcels for the Target square. Staff is in the process of trying to acquire eleven parcels through negotiation. Some of the property owners are questioning what the City will be doing with the property. This Resolution is to establish that the City's attempt is to acquire the properties and have them developed for a City government complex. The complex would include a City Hall, Police Department, and Municipal Court. As staff goes into negotiations, we want to ensure that the property being purchased does not have environmental issues. Once the property is inspected, any issues will be noted. This resolution authorizes the City Attorney and the City Manager to proceed with necessary investigations and survey work. The appraisals have already been completed and the proposals have been submitted to the property owners. Staff is now in the process of negotiations.

Councilmember Chip Collins stated the resolution does not authorize condemnation procedures, but authorizes staff to move forward with negotiations.

City Attorney Willard responded correct. If staff does not receive responses or cannot negotiate of an acceptable figure, they will report back to Council for consideration of condemnation, if necessary.

Councilmember John Paulson stated the memo does not include a price.

City Attorney Willard stated there was a change made to the resolution. The change will state that Council authorizes the City Manager and the City Attorney to proceed based upon approved appropriation of funds, which cannot exceed those already approved for this year. It is anticipated in the FY2012 budget there will be additional funds allocated for further acquisitions.

Councilmember Dianne Fries asked if it would be appropriate to have that number included in the resolution.

City Attorney Willard stated the resolution could include the City Manager and City Attorney cannot exceed the funds appropriated by Council for these purposes.

Councilmember Paulson stated there was no reference to money in the resolution. He would prefer there be a reference to a maximum amount of money that can be spent.

City Attorney Willard stated at the direction of Council that wording will be inserted in the resolution.

Councilmember Collins stated staff has received letters from business owners that raise legitimate concerns Council should think about. A concern is making sure that the City does not acquire more property than needed. The new City Hall site can be the beginnings of rejuvenation for downtown Sandy Springs. He is hesitant to acquire properties without seeing preliminary plans of how the property will be used.

Mayor Eva Galambos stated a master plan on how the property will be used will take some time. Currently, staff is negotiating with the owners on obtaining the properties. She does not think that the process should be delayed.

Councilmember Fries stated the plan for the City to move forward with purchasing the whole block of properties was approved by previous Councilmembers.

City Attorney Willard stated once there is an action adopted by Council, it can only be changed by a different resolution of Council.

Councilmember Collins stated it may turn out that the City does not need that much property.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio stated the City does not have to purchase all of the properties.

Councilmember Collins responded that is exactly what he wanted to clarify.

City Attorney Willard stated staff is proceeding with the previous direction of the Council, which is to have acquisition of all parcels. Appraisals have been completed and proposals have been sent to the property owners for purchase.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny stated studies have been completed on the square footage needed for the Police Department, City Hall, and Municipal Court. The community has indicated a need for green space to be shared downtown.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Fries moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-115, Resolution to Authorize and Direct the Acquisition by the City of Sandy Springs of Certain Properties for the

Development of a Central Government Complex, provided that the City Manager and City Attorney in taking such action shall not exceed the funds appropriated by City Council for this purpose. Councilmember Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-05-55

(Agenda Item No. 11-116)

10. Budget Amendment for Purchase of Vehicles in Support of General Services Contracts

Finance Director Amy Davis stated this item is a budget amendment in the amount of \$350,000 for the purchase of vehicles for the new government contract, which begins July 1, 2011. The amendment includes the purchase of five Ford Rangers, five Ford F-150 4X2s, and five Ford F-150 4X4s. In addition, staff is proposing bringing vehicles that are no longer useful for pursuit vehicles by the Police Department for pool vehicles at City Hall.

Mayor Eva Galambos asked what part of the budget this money would be coming from.

Finance Director Davis stated the money would be coming from the capital contingency budget.

Mayor Galambos asked if the money is from the FY2011 budget.

Finance Director Davis responded correct.

Councilmember Dianne Fries stated she thought the City was purchasing the vehicles from CH2M HILL that are currently being leased. Where are those cars going?

City Manager John McDonough stated he cannot speak on where those cars are going. We did an evaluation of the City's needs, the turnover in the Police Department, and the fact that those vehicles are available to the City at no cost. Staff felt like it made more sense to utilize those vehicles to get the City through FY2012 with the augmentation of the fifteen vehicles.

Councilmember Fries asked if the City is buying the leased vehicles.

City Manager McDonough responded no.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny asked if there is a reason for buying fifteen brand new F150 trucks. She sees the need in upgrading the police cruisers to sedans. Why buy brand new vehicles if there is a feasibility of taking over some of the unused CH2M HILL trucks.

City Manager McDonough stated that was evaluated. The vehicles being discussed tonight would be the best mix for the City.

Councilmember Gabriel Sterling asked if the City is receiving a fleet discount for buying the vehicles.

Finance Director Davis stated the vehicles are all on State contract.

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11-116, Budget Amendment for Purchase of Vehicles in Support of General Services Contracts. Councilmember Sterling seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Fries voting in opposition.

Resolution No. 2011-05-56

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor and Council Reports
2. Staff Reports
 - a) Street Lighting – Community Development / Public Works

Councilmember Dianne Fries asked if this report is regarding decorative street lights or street lights in general.

Director of Public Works Tom Black stated decorative street lights will be discussed first.

Director of Community Development Blake Dettwiler stated this is a continuation of the brief discussion at the Budget Workshop meeting regarding the escalating costs of utilities. Given the current standards for pedestrian lighting, staff wanted Council to be aware of the current standards and decide if this is something to look at moving forward. The Main Street district and the suburban overlay district have about the same lighting standards, which is ninety to one hundred feet of space between each light pole. An example of that is at the rear of the Ison School along Roswell Road. There are other standards currently present within the City. The original SSRI projects have light pole spacing of about forty feet. In the Perimeter Center West area near Dunwoody the light pole spacing is approximately sixty feet. The new light poles will have ninety foot spacing. Would this be appropriate moving forward or should there be a moratorium on installing new lights until another standard is adopted?

Councilmember Dianne Fries stated she prefers placing a moratorium on installing new lights.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny asked if this is a cost issue.

Director of Public Works Black responded yes. The situation falls under the guidance of the Mayor and Council. The upcoming projects T-0006, T-0008, T-0011, T-0014, T-0015, and T-0012 will have decorative lights included in the project every ninety to one hundred and ten feet. This is the general spacing requirements from GA Power. The utility cost of the City has been increasing each month at the rate of \$20,000 as new projects begin. There is a backlog of projects, because the lights have not been approved.

Mayor Eva Galambos asked for the recommendation from staff.

Director of Public Works Black stated staff recommends concentrating on the downtown area. This area is primarily from I-285 up to Abernathy Road, Sandy Springs Circle, Hammond Drive, Mount Vernon, and on Johnson Ferry Road. As you move further away from this area, the decorative lighting will raise the utility cost. It may be better to place cobra head lights on existing poles to receive enough light.

Mayor Galambos asked if the recommendation is to place fewer lights in the downtown area.

Director of Public Works Black stated he recommends proceeding with the current light standards in the downtown area; just do not place the lights on so many streets.

Mayor Galambos asked if the CDBG project includes lighting.

Director of Public Works Black responded yes. The lighting has already been purchased.

Mayor Galambos stated then the lighting decision has already been made.

Director of Public Works Black stated the lighting has been approved for the CDBG project portion of street.

Councilmember Fries asked if the lights are one hundred feet apart.

Director of Public Works Black stated the lights are ninety feet apart.

City Manager John McDonough stated the lights have not been installed yet.

Mayor Galambos asked if the lights can be installed further apart.

City Manager McDonough stated the purpose of the presentation is to let Council know that staff is studying the issue. Staff will bring specific recommendations to Council at a later date.

Mayor Galambos asked if the City has the right to change the lighting standards in the CDBG.

Director of Public Works Black responded yes. The industry standard for pedestrian lights is ninety to one hundred and fifteen feet spacing.

Councilmember Fries stated she would prefer to space the lights further apart within the standards. The City streets that may have higher crime rates already have overhead lights.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio asked about the standards for the lights. Every major corporation is suffering from the same problem, which is the cost of power. He asked if the lights being installed at the new facilities are energy saving. The newer technology uses less power for more lights. Are we still using the same lights we were using five or six years ago?

Director of Community Development Dettwiler stated there are aspects of the City's zoning ordinance that prohibit energy efficient lights.

Councilmember DeJulio stated he just went through this issue with a friend of his that wanted to install energy saving lights and the City would not allow that.

Mayor Galambos asked to have a change to the ordinance pertaining to energy efficient lights brought before Council at the next City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Fries stated she is not ready to make a decision on this item. She asked if a moratorium on installing more pedestrian lights could be enacted. She asked to have the light issue brought before Council at a Work Session.

Councilmember DeJulio asked to have an agenda item in the Work Session on how to move forward with the energy saving lights.

Councilmember John Paulson stated he agrees with both issues. The ordinance should be changed to allow use of the energy efficient lights. He asked to have staff come back to Council with how many street lights will be on each street.

Director of Public Works Black stated staff is doing that now. Staff will come before Council with the existing approved ordinance and energy saving light options.

Councilmember Fries stated she would like to see staff recommendations for cost savings and light spacing.

Councilmember Karen Meinzen McEnerny asked if the pedestrian light poles can accept the environmentally friendly light bulbs.

Director of Public Works Black stated the light poles can accept those light bulbs.

Mayor Galambos asked for ideas from the Main Street Alliance to be included in the Work Session.

Councilmember Gabriel Sterling stated he would like backlit signage brought before Council. Council approved that LED lights cannot be used within the City limits.

Mayor Galambos stated she would like all of the items before Council relating to pedestrian and street lights, including the location of the lights and the spacing. The Main Street Alliance stated the City does not have the right ordinance for mixed use in the downtown area. Could the changes that need to be made to that ordinance be brought before Council at a Work Session?

Director of Community Development Dettwiler responded yes, staff will bring this before Council.

Councilmember Fries stated at a previous City Council Meeting there was discussion that the Main Street Alliance recommended making the concrete shorter and planting bushes.

Director of Public Works Black stated all these items will come before Council on the overlay standards, which will help staff regarding utility relocations.

b) Upcoming Events – Community Information

May 17, City Council meeting, City Hall, 6 pm

May 18, Wind Down Wednesdays, Heritage Green, 6110 Bluestone Road, 5:30 – 8pm

May 21, Sandy Springs Park Day, Hammond & Overlook Parks

May 21, Sandy Springs Farmers Market, 235 Sandy Springs Circle NW, 8:30am – 12pm

May 21, Grassroots BBQ Festival Supporting Wounded Warriors, 227 Sandy Springs Place, 11am – 11pm

May 22, CARS 2 (DisneyPixar) "Agents on a Mission" Tour, Perimeter Mall, 4400 Ashford-Dunwoody Road, 12 – 6pm

May 24, Design Review Board, City Hall, 9 am

May 24, Charter Commission Meeting, City Hall, 4 pm

May 24, City Council Receives Proposed Budget, City Hall, 5 pm

May 25, Georgia Teens Ride with P.R.I.D.E., ChatComm, 859 Mt Vernon Hwy, 6 – 8pm

May 26, Golden Games Awards, Benson Multipurpose Complex, 10 am

May 26, Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber's Networking @ Noon, 4969 Roswell Rd, Suite 200, 11:15am – 1pm

May 28, Sandy Springs Farmers Market, 235 Sandy Springs Circle NW, 8:30am – 12pm

May 30, Memorial Day Holiday, City Hall closed

June 2, Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber's Business After Hours, Locations vary, 5:30 – 7pm

June 4, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - Summer Training - Class 1 of 4, Sandy Springs Fire Station 4, 4697 Wieuca Road, 8am – 12pm

June 4, Sandy Springs Farmers Market, 235 Sandy Springs Circle NW, 8:30am – 12pm

June 5, Concerts by the Springs - Banks & Shane, Heritage Green 6110 Bluestone Road, 7 – 8:30pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Demit, Representative of CH2M HILL, 1000 Abernathy Road, thanked the Mayor and Council for their comments earlier regarding the general government services contracts. On behalf of the approximately one hundred and ten professional employees that comprise the Sandy Springs team of CH2M HILL, he thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the City of Sandy Springs. In September 2005, the City selected CH2M HILL for a public private partnership to provide municipal services while reducing the cumbersome administration of traditional government models and sharpening the City's attentiveness and responsiveness to the citizens' needs. In less than three months CH2M HILL put in place a structure and a team of proven experts to deliver Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, Planning and Zoning, and Community Development services. They transitioned those services from Fulton County, hired and trained staff, implemented telephone and data communications, created customized data management software for tracking services, and made key purchases and acquisitions necessary to launch Georgia's seventh largest City on December 1, 2005. In the six years since, the Sandy Springs model has garnered significant national and international recognition from media outlets such as USA Today, The New York Times, Forbes Magazine, CNBC, and the Fox News Channel, as well as stations in Ireland and Japan. The City has received numerous national and international awards for leadership, vision, innovation, and service delivery performing that was achieved together. The results of the national citizen survey conducted last fall show seventy-four percent of respondents rated the quality of the City services provided as either excellent or good, while seventy-nine percent ranked employees at the same level. He acknowledged the dedicated professionals from CH2M HILL and Lowe's Engineers. For many, working for Sandy Springs is not viewed as a job, but as an avocation, and in the process the City became like family. There are many instances over the past several years where this manifested itself in concreted terms, but none more clear than the severe winter storm in January 2011. Staff and Public Works were working around the clock for several days without going home and getting short periods of rest at a hotel down the street to ensure City streets were safe for travel and putting the City's needs over their own personal and family needs. To the diligent efforts of the Sandy Springs team and their aggressive advocacy of City needs, we garnered nearly \$44 million in Federal and State grants over the last three and a half years alone to fund critical infrastructure and other facility improvements to the City's roadways, bridges, sidewalks, parks and stormwater systems, and other key City aspects, while keeping substantial cost savings for the taxpayers. Given the exemplary record of the staff and the highly successful partnership between the City of Sandy Springs and CH2M HILL, he is deeply disappointed in the Council's actions to end the partnership. He is saddened to see that the Source Selection Committee only rated the Sandy Springs team as satisfactory in a performance confidence evaluation. One of the unintended consequences of the City's procurement process is that it disenfranchised the dedicated professionals who have done nothing but provide the City with outstanding services. For those individuals who may have the opportunity to remain working at Sandy Springs with one of the new contractors, he encouraged Council to recognize what this procurement process has done to them and provide a period of healing and team building with them. CH2M HILL continues to be committed to provide the same level of quality service to the City and its citizens during the transition period and wants to make it seamless as possible. The company thanks the Mayor, City Council, and the citizens of Sandy Springs for the opportunity to serve the community for the past five and a half years and wishes the City the best for the future.

Jim Garrison, 6535 Wright Road, stated he would like to express concern regarding traffic calming in his neighborhood. He does not see any effort to control drivers cutting through his neighborhood at a high rate of speed. He lives on Wright Road and the Abernathy Road and Johnson Ferry exit have been disturbed for the past year with all the construction work. There were efforts for traffic calming on Wright Road near Abernathy Road, which are no longer there. The areas of Cromwell and Chaseland have become the preferred exits for drivers coming from Roswell Road. This area needs traffic calming. It is the taxpayers of Sandy Springs versus the Cobb County residents, who seem to get all the emphasis moving the traffic through the area. He feels the Sandy Springs taxpayers deserve support and help.

Richard Goetz, 165 Chaseland Road, stated he is in support of traffic calming measures. He lives in the Whispering Pines neighborhood on Chaseland Road. There are about eleven children that reside in the neighborhood. This area is a major cut through to get to Roswell Road, Abernathy Road, and Johnson Ferry. The residents sit in their front yards and see cars coming down the hill speeding through the neighborhood.

Councilmember Dianne Fries asked what street does Chaseland Road connect to from Roswell Road. Is there currently traffic calming on Chaseland Road?

Mr. Goetz responded no. Chaseland and Cromwell do not have traffic calming, but North Hampton to Wright Circle have traffic calming measures.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio asked if during the construction of Abernathy Road traffic calming was removed.

Councilmember Chip Collins stated there were brick pavers on the entrance to Wright Road that were removed. He sent an email to Public Works this week to have these pavers reinstalled.

Councilmember DeJulio stated he was under the impression that any traffic calming that was disturbed was going to be replaced.

Director of Public Works Tom Black stated this is a GDOT project, so the City will have to reinstall the pavers.

Councilmember DeJulio asked if it was made a City policy that if traffic calming devices were disturbed, they would be replaced.

Director of Public Works stated there is a City policy to replace the pavers, but GDOT will not replace them.

Mr. Goetz stated this issue is on Wright Road. There are a lot of non neighbors speeding through the neighborhood.

Bill Cleveland, 6441 Wright Road, stated he is a resident of Whispering Pines neighborhood. He has had a positive experience with traffic calming measures. Transportation Planner Mark Moore completed a study in the 1999 to 2001 time frame on the traffic in the area. The study showed that there were traffic speeds ranging from forty to seventy M.P.H. on Wright Road at that time. A number of alternatives were tried included narrowing the road and speed bumps. The speed bumps did work and they protect the neighborhood. If you protect the neighborhood, you are protecting the children and property. He suggested an inventory of the entire City for traffic calming measures.

Alan Andrew, 6530 Wright Circle, stated he is the President of the Whispering Pines neighborhood. He supports traffic calming for his neighborhood and others as well. Whispering Pines is located between Johnson Ferry, Roswell Road, and Abernathy. His neighborhood has a high impact from cut through traffic. He thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to bring this issue before them. He also thanked Councilmember Collins for his assistance. There has been traffic calming on Wright Road and Wright Circle, so it has worked. The streets of concern at this time are Chaseland and Cromwell. Over the past year they have worked with staff to come up with solutions. Some of the neighbors have resorted to calling the police to try to enforce traffic laws. There is a discrepancy of issuing traffic tickets due to the length of the street. The neighbors brought petition to staff to look at traffic calming solutions. He asked Council to please consider traffic calming measures.

Barbara Malone, 240 Colewood Way, thanked the staff of CH2M HILL for being professional and diligent and for their ability to work with the community. In April 2010, she and a neighbor filed property tax appeals with Fulton County. In March 2011, they appeared before the Board of Equalization. The appeals were based on excessive traffic, a majority of which is generated by a private school in the neighborhood. There are in excess of 14,000 trips per month in the neighborhood. After looking at photographs, traffic studies, and the issues the neighbors face, the Board of Equalization granted their appeals and urged other residents in the neighborhood to submit appeals too. Two streets affected by this excessive traffic are Colewood Way and Bridgewood Valley Road. On March 31, 2010, she delivered thirty-eight property tax appeals to Fulton County. Last week residents received their new assessments and their appeals were successful. Three years ago this private school wanted to expand and the neighborhood was opposed, mostly because of the traffic. The school withdrew their application to expand. Had the school continued with the application, she is not sure how the City Council would have voted on this. She does not believe Council would have protected the neighborhood as they have vowed to do in their campaigns. Where does this leave us now? The City now has reduced tax revenue. She asked Council not to underestimate the power of the people and to live up to their promises of protecting the neighborhoods and listen to the residents when they say no.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

(Agenda Item No. 11-117)

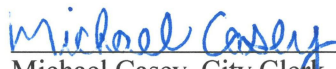
ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Councilmember DeJulio moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Date Approved: June 7, 2011



Eva Galambos, Mayor



Michael Casey, City Clerk

