

Budget Workshop #2 of the Sandy Springs City Council was held Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

Councilmembers and Staff in attendance

Mayor: Mayor Rusty Paul

Councilmembers: Council Member John Paulson, Council Member Steve Soteres, Council Member Chris Burnett, Council Member Jody Reichel, Council Member Tibby DeJulio, and Council Member Andy Bauman were present.

Staff in attendance: City Manager John McDonough, Assistant City Manager Doug Edwards, Assistant City Manager Jim Tolbert, Assistant to the City Manager Kristin Byars, Finance Director Karen Ellis, Deputy Police Chief Keith Zgnoc, Fire Chief Keith Sanders, Director of Recreation and Parks Michael Perry, Acting Director of Public Works Marty Martin, Economic Development Director Andrea Worthy, Communications Director Sharon Kraun, Director of IT Jonathan Crowe, Facilities Manager Dave Wells, City Attorney Dan Lee, City Clerk Michael Casey, and Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner.

The City Council received presentations from staff and participated in broad ranging discussions on many subjects including the topics in the attached Budget Workshop #2 materials. An audio recording of the meeting is part of the records maintained by the City Clerk. Following are some of the topics that were discussed.

General Funds Revenues FY18 vs. Proposed FY19

Council Member Chris Burnett asked if the 2019 revenue numbers are at the highest level since incorporation. (ref. page 6)

Finance Director Karen Ellis responded that including the fund balance, she does not think so.

City Manager John McDonough stated it took us seven to eight years to recover from the recession. Last year, or the fiscal year before, we just got back up to that level.

Council Member John Paulson stated there was discussion about other revenue of \$1.4 million. He asked if that is exclusive of the money we are paying for the older fire trucks.

Finance Director Ellis responded yes. You will see those numbers in the expenditures. The net from that deal will be about \$900,000.

Council Member Tibby DeJulio asked if staff is seeing an increase in the interest rate for the fire truck purchases. (ref. page 8)

Finance Director Ellis stated the interest rates are much higher than what we had for the existing trucks due to the general increase in interest rates.

Council Member DeJulio asked if this is the last year for the debt service for Fire Station #3.

Finance Director Ellis stated 2020 is the last year for that debt service.

Council Member DeJulio asked what the debt service cost is per year.

Finance Director Ellis responded about \$400,000.

FY 2019 Capital Budget Assumptions

Council Member DeJulio asked if \$4.5 million will be enough to purchase the last three properties surrounding City Springs. (ref. page 12)

City Manager McDonough stated the numbers will be close.

Council Member DeJulio asked why the playground replacement number is not zeroed out.

City Manager McDonough stated another Council Member suggested we should rank all of the playgrounds or put them all on the assumption list. Staff decided to remove this item and place it on the ballot.

Council Member Jody Reichel asked about the properties the City is purchasing on Hammond Drive.

City Manager McDonough stated we have \$16 million in the TSPLOST program to purchase property on Hammond Drive. We are in the process of hiring a consultant to lead the development of a master plan for the potential widening of Hammond Drive. We have seen some different scenarios that may push the project to the north or the south.

Council Member DeJulio asked if the City has to purchase the property on both sides of Hammond, rather than just on one side.

City Manager McDonough stated we want to move forward on this as quickly as possible. We do not want to buy property we do not need. There are two properties that staff is engaged in possibly purchasing.

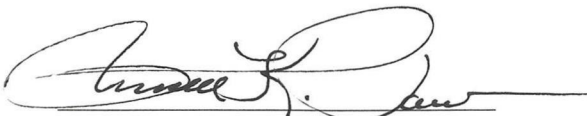
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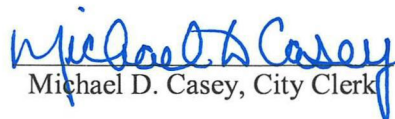
Council Member Paulson stated we are at the one year anniversary of the beginning of collecting TSPLOST money. He would like staff to prepare a one year overview of where we are today. (ref. page 15)

Finance Director Ellis stated that will be included at the next budget meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Date Approved: June 5, 2018


Russell K. Paul, Mayor


Michael D. Casey, City Clerk