

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

Council Members present: 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.

INVOCATION

Reverend Brent Yancey, North Springs United Methodist Church, offered the invocation.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **18-018** Changes to the Special Events Policy and Adding New Policies for City Springs Events and the Use of Banners for Special Events

Assistant City Manager Jim Tolbert gave the Special Events Policy Change Recommendations PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member John Paulson stated in some situations it seems like a minimum of 90 to 120 days to submit an application prior to an event is too long. He asked if the minimum has to be 90 days.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated staff would like to have a minimum time for the submission of the application. If the application is submitted too close to the event date, staff will not have time to work out all the details needed. If an applicant submits an application at 80 or 50 days before the event, staff will work with the applicant if it is an event that can be worked out.

Council Member Andy Bauman asked about City sponsored events versus City produced events. City produced events are from the Communications Department or Hospitality and Tourism. He asked if Movies by Moonlight is not located on the property at City Springs, will they be required to pay the fees.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated that event does pay the fees.

Council Member Bauman asked about the fee structure for an event that occurs every year in three parts. For example, Movies by Moonlight is held on three different evenings. He asked if only one permit would be needed.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated that is what staff would like. If they are recurring events, there would be only one permit needed.

Council Member Bauman stated the Farmers Market is held for thirty-five Saturdays with 500 to 2,000 people attending each Saturday. He asked if they will be expected to pay a permit fee of 35 times \$300 or \$300 for the year.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated the fee would be \$300 for the year.

Council Member Bauman asked if that is separate from rental fees.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated the permit fee is to cover the cost of review time and issuance of the permit. If a permit can be issued one time, that would be more efficient.

Council Member Bauman stated there was a project that previous Assistant City Manager Bryant Poole was working on before he left. He asked that staff look into dealing with spotlight beacon lights. There have been issues about private residential locations using them. The Atlanta Jewish Film Festival also uses

them at the old LeFont Theatre, which has been an issue as well. These should be addressed in the City code. Regarding the film permits, the current language discusses quarterly permits. If someone were to hold an event every quarter and then hold an event at the beginning of the next quarter, they could effectively have two back to back events. The discussion that he had was to have rolling periods of at least 90 days. He would advocate in particular for residential neighborhoods to increase that time to four to six months. The film permits being allowed for consecutive fourteen day periods is quite a long time in residential areas. That has only occurred a couple of times, but when it does, it is very disruptive. There was discussion of reducing that number from fourteen to ten days for residential neighborhoods. There is an issue with permitted film events where parking on public streets is more than the normal. There was a cul-de-sac in his district where the question came up on whether they could put out temporary no parking signs. He would like the parking to be managed on those streets.

Council Member Chris Burnett asked about the liability insurance level. He noticed that the base level is \$250,000, and if \$1,000 or more in fees is paid, the insurance increases to \$1 million. That seems high for some of the small groups. He asked if this is consistent with what the City is already doing.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated it is his understanding that it is.

Finance Director Karen Ellis stated staff reached out to our insurance agent to give him scenarios, so that he can properly help align those numbers.

Council Member Burnett asked if the City has had any issues with the nonprofits being able to obtain liability coverage at that level.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated the only issue he is aware of is with a citizen trying to hold an event that had to find a nonprofit in order for them to purchase the insurance.

There was a consensus of Council to move this item forward to a future regular City Council meeting.

2. **18-019** Amendment of Chapter 6, Division 6 of the Sandy Springs Code – Alcohol at City Springs

Assistant City Manager Jim Tolbert stated this item was covered during the discussion of the previous agenda item. This is a simple amendment that will add one sentence to the code that will allow the City to stop people from carrying alcohol out of the restaurants for the duration of a ticketed event.

Council Member Tibby DeJulio asked if the alcohol would not be allowed to be carried out of the restaurant or just prohibited from carrying it to the ticketed event.

Assistant City Manager stated the patron would not be allowed to carry the alcohol to the ticketed event.

There was a consensus of Council to move this item forward to a future regular City Council meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Date Approved: February 6, 2018



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Michael D. Casey, City Clerk