Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 6:54 p.m., Mayor pro tempore Tibby DeJulio presiding.

Councilmembers present: Council Member John Paulson, Council Member Ken Dishman, Council Member Graham McDonald, Council Member Gabriel Sterling, and Council Member Andy Bauman.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Works

1. **16-101** Report on Updates to Sandy Springs Capital Sidewalk Scoring Considering Citizen Right of Way Donation Letters Used in the Implementation of the FY 2016 Sidewalk Program

CIP Unit Manager Marty Martin gave a PowerPoint presentation on the FY2016 Capital Sidewalk Scoring Program Update.

Council Member Gabriel Sterling asked if the internal numbers include contingency already or if they are flat numbers.

CIP Unit Manager Martin stated those numbers are historic estimates. Usually within the program there is a contingency for scope change or scope creep.

Council Member Sterling asked how current are the estimates.

CIP Unit Manager Martin stated the estimates are from October 2015.

Council Member Sterling stated on Mount Vernon Highway from Vernon Woods to Hunting Creek there is a section near the home, between the school and Hunting Creek, needing sidewalk. He asked if that portion is included.

CIP Unit Manager Martin stated there are two segments of sidewalk within that area and that includes the Vernon Woods neighborhood frontage.

Council Member Sterling asked if that sidewalk will connect to the house on the corner. The current sidewalk ends at the Mount Vernon Presbyterian school property. He wants to make sure the segment in front of the home is included.

CIP Unit Manager Martin stated the portion on Mount Vernon Highway goes from the school entry west down Mount Vernon Highway and connects into a newer development that has sidewalks. There is another section that connects to Hunting Creek.

Council Member Sterling asked if it will be a continuous sidewalk from Glenridge to Roswell Road once this is completed.

CIP Unit Manager Martin responded yes.

Council Member Andy Bauman stated after a long process, more sidewalks will be built. He asked how the tie was broken with items two, three, and four. He is not arguing the order.

Council Member Sterling stated it looks like cost.

CIP Unit Manager Martin stated all three of those items are in the same score strata and are listed from the lowest cost to the highest cost.

Council Member Bauman stated items one and four are from the northern and southern sections. He requested that item four be a gap fill after item one is completed. The sidewalk will connect into the Chastain Park system. With the City's announcement about the Dudley sidewalk being at the top of the list, Yolanda Adrean, Atlanta City Council Member for the Chastain Park area, apparently told the Conservancy and the Civic Association that if Sandy Springs is building the Dudley sidewalk, then they will finish the route to Chastain Park. The design of the southern portion of the sidewalk will be completed. He would like the City to consider efficiencies to have the northern section also surveyed and designed.

CIP Unit Manager Martin stated the northern section cost will be about $100,000.

Council Member Bauman stated this could be added on to the existing work being done with the southern piece, but create a separate bid package. He asked if there would be efficiency by doing this.

CIP Unit Manager Martin stated statistics have shown that the cost of design is roughly seventeen to twenty-three percent of the cost to construct.

Council Member Bauman stated his suggestion would still be within the numbers. He asked that staff get a price to add on what he suggested. He is not sure if that would make the design easier, but he would like to know if there is consensus from the rest of Council. He would like to know if the City can get a bid for the cost of an add on, and find out the cost of the southern piece doing a contemporaneous design. This project could potentially get done if there are additional dollars, if for some reason the project costs are less and there is money leftover or if there is an allocation in the next fiscal year's budget. Mobilizing and doing this project will be the least disruptive to that community. He hopes that Council will agree to investigate doing a single design, even though only the southern portion will be built. It will be seven to eight months out before any construction would begin. Money could be available for this.

Council Member John Paulson stated the only comment he has is the idea of having an efficient design if both designs are included in the same package. That is something he is interested in exploring.

Council Member Graham McDonald stated he agrees with Council Member Paulson. If there is a chance for improved efficiency, it should be looked into. This is a fluid process, as seen in the ranking process. The new category of right-of-way availability in the analysis can change rankings. There will be more submissions to the City in eight months. He expects this list to change materially eight months from now.

Mayor pro tempore Tibby DeJulio asked to have the funding possibilities reviewed, since we are a little over budget.

Council Member Bauman stated if there is efficiency in starting with the design, then mobilizing to construction in order to complete a major segment of the sidewalk, he prefers that option.

Council Member McDonald stated for some time now we have had a strategy in place where we are cutting up segments as a gamesmanship maneuver. Brandon Mill and Dudley Lane have had this occur. There have been strategic decisions in the past to try and advance sidewalks in those areas by cutting up segments. He wants everyone to think about this.

Council Member Bauman stated he is in favor of sidewalks in all locations.

Council Member Paulson stated item five seems like a small number.

CIP Unit Manager Martin stated in that case, since there is no funding in the under $50k program, this item was kept on the list.

Mayor pro tempore DeJulio asked if he is referring to the gap fill program for projects under $50k.

Council Member Sterling stated that funding was placed in the capital funding budget.

Mayor pro tempore DeJulio asked if staff has an inventory listing of all of the gap fill projects in the City that are 100 to 200 feet in size. One he knows about is between Roswell Road and the hospital. There are four gaps in the sidewalk in this area.

CIP Unit Manager Martin stated staff does not have a comprehensive list, but staff has been trying to identify many of those. Roswell Road along Glenridge to the hospitals is in the gap fill project lists. That project will be out for bid within the next month or so. There is another project on Johnson Ferry just east of the Glenridge Connector that is scored on this list as well. There is another significant gap along Glenridge from Northland to Stonecrest Estates that is the number two project on the list.

Council Member Sterling asked if a query can be performed in the GIS system for sidewalk segments less than 1,000 or 500 feet, so the sidewalks can be inventoried. If the City has the technology available, we should use it.

CIP Unit Manager Martin responded he will have to do that.

There was a consensus of Council to move forward with the top three projects on the list.

City Attorney

2. **16-102** Acceptance of a Contract with the Pickens County Sheriff's Department for the Housing of City Inmates

Assistant City Attorney Cecil McLendon stated the City previously used the services of Pelham for the housing of inmates. That contract ended and then the City entered into a contract with Pickens County. Since that time, the Sheriff in Pickens County told the City he would like a cleanup agreement on the contract. This agreement substantially provides all the same things as the prior agreement. The primary change is this agreement will be with the Sheriff and not the county. The prior agreement referenced an add on jail fee that the City does not collect and that clause was removed. The economics of the new agreement remain the same. This agreement is year to year with a sixty-day termination provision while the prior agreement stated a thirty-day termination provision. If the agreement is coming to the end of the one-year term, either party can state they want to terminate the agreement within sixty days. Jim Fraker with the Police Department has reviewed the contract and states it will work. He recommends executing this agreement and moving forward with it.

Council Member Gabriel Sterling asked what fund is this contract paid from.

Finance Director Karen Ellis responded the Police Department budget.

Council Member John Paulson asked if the current contract with Pickens County has been working well.

Police Chief Ken DeSimone answered the contract has been working well with no problems at all.

Mayor pro tempore Tibby DeJulio asked if the contract price is the same. Since this is an agreement with the Sheriff, does the City pay the Sheriff or pay the county?

Assistant City Attorney McLendon stated he is not sure how the Sheriff's Department does their financials. They are their own constitutional officer and the City is allowed to contract with them. It is more appropriate to contract with the Sheriff, because he runs the jail, and that is what he requested.

There was a consensus of Council to move this item forward to the March 15th City Council meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Date Approved: April 5, 2016

Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Michael D. Casey, City Clerk