

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 6:01 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

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

INVOCATION

Rabbi Rachael Miller, Temple Emanu-El, offered the invocation.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Management

1. 18-104 Discussion on Notification for Short Term Rentals

Assistant City Manager Jim Tolbert stated at the last City Council meeting Council adopted changes to the code to regulate short term rentals. One concern brought to his attention is that the staff memo stated the applicant would send notice to every property within 500 feet. In looking at that requirement, it was not included in the ordinance. He asked if Council thinks some type of notification requirement needs to be added to the code. There was discussion about notifying the nearest homeowners' association (HOA). When staff works with Host Compliance, the list of rentals will be made available on the City website and updated weekly.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated getting a notification to the homeowners' association, instead of having to notify every property owner within 500 feet, would be a good step in the right direction. Every situation is different.

Council Member Jody Reichel stated she agrees with Mayor Paul. If there is a complaint regarding a rental, staff can contact the president of the homeowners' association to ensure they received the notice.

Council Member Tibby DeJulio asked about notifying the homeowners on adjoining properties.

Council Member Chris Burnett asked if Assistant City Manager Tolbert is referring to just notice and not approval.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert responded that is correct.

Council Member DeJulio asked if notice would be required every time the property was rented.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated the notice would be for one time only, when the license is obtained.

Council Member John Paulson stated notifying the adjoining property owners is also a good thing to do.

Mayor Paul stated it is suggested to notify the nearest homeowners' association and adjoining property owners.

Council Member Andy Bauman stated there may not be a HOA. If there is one, or if living in a multi-family building, the management company should be contacted. He questions the notification of both when a business license is required. There are other home based businesses in the City that are not required to notify adjoining properties. He would be opposed to the notification of both. The applicant already has to meet the code requirements, post the noise ordinance, obtain an inspection, pay a business license fee and pay hotel/motel taxes. This process is a notification without meaning, in a sense.

Mayor Paul stated if the identity of his neighbors were changing on a frequent basis, he would like to know.

Council Member Paulson stated that is what is driving his thought on this as well.

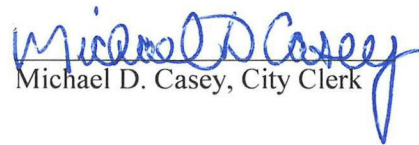
There was a consensus of Council to move this item forward to a future City Council meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Date Approved: March 20, 2018



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Michael D. Casey, City Clerk