

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 7:05 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

Councilmembers present: Council Member John Paulson, Council Member Ken Dishman, Council Member Chris Burnett, Council Member Gabriel Sterling, Council Member Tibby DeJulio, and Council Member Andy Bauman were present.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Works

1. **17-151 TSPLOST Program Delivery Update**

Director of Public Works Garrin Coleman started the TSPLOST Program Delivery Update PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated Loridans Drive is in the City of Atlanta. He asked how far away is the City line from that area.

Director of Public Works Coleman stated staff estimated the City line will be about a quarter of the project.

Interim Traffic/Transportation Unit Manager France Campbell presented slides 11 – 13.

Council Member Gabriel Sterling asked if the entrances will still be flipped into the Quick Trip and the all access for the project will be completed further down the road at the intersection of Roswell Road and Grogans Ferry.

Interim Traffic/Transportation Unit Manager Campbell stated right now staff is looking at not having a full access into the QT.

Council Member Sterling asked which apartment complex will be realigned.

Interim Traffic/Transportation Unit Manager Campbell stated the Addison Apartment complex is going to be realigned along the east side of Roswell Road.

CIP Unit Manager Marty Martin presented slides 14 – 18.

Council Member Tibby DeJulio stated some people were concerned about access to the property for the Johnson Ferry at Glenridge Connector sidewalk project.

CIP Unit Manager Martin responded it looks like the sidewalk project is feasible there.

Council Member John Paulson stated regarding the Spalding Drive project, he believes that Gwinnett County has a bridge remodeling program. He asked if staff has spoken to Gwinnett County and if the City project will match up with the county project.

CIP Unit Manager Martin stated staff has spoken to Gwinnett County staff and is taking steps to try to be in sync with their project.

Council Member Paulson stated he is concerned because there is a five-year time limit for all of these projects. He does not want the City to wait for Gwinnett County to do something before proceeding with our projects. He asked to make sure that Gwinnett County has bridge plans that are consistent with the City's and that whatever the City does, it is consistent with what Gwinnett County is planning to do.

Director of Public Works Coleman stated Gwinnett County is looking for federal funds to match their projects. He does not think they are planning on funding the total construction of that project.

Council Member Paulson stated it was identified in the intersection improvement projects that there are five active projects and ten more left. The Tier I projects do not look past 2018. He asked if anyone has mapped out all of the projects to the end of 2022 to see where they fit and place them in logical order.

Director of Public Works Coleman stated staff has done that. There is a rough planning level estimate schedule developed for all of the projects. Staff is working on planning the financial forecast for when funds will be received. Staff is also working on an on call procurement for the intersection improvement projects.

This agenda item was a report and will be briefed quarterly to Mayor and Council.

Community Development

2. 17-152 Citizen Participation Plan Amendment - Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)

Assistant City Manager Jim Tolbert gave the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) and Community Engagement Plan PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Rusty Paul thanked Assistant City Manager Tolbert for the presentation. There is a lot of work going on in this area and a lot of it is not known to the public. The City works with community groups who are focused on how we bring a more balanced mix of housing into our community. We have a lot of low income housing and a lot of high income housing. The City is missing middle class or workforce housing. How you bring those together in an area where the cost of the land is getting higher creates a real challenge. There are dedicated people in the community who are passionate about this issue. These people have been working with several members of City staff to try and find a solution. Everyone that has to live outside Sandy Springs and work in the City has to drive through Sandy Springs. We need to give the hospital employees, teachers, and the public safety personnel the ability to live in this community. It is a real challenge on how to create workforce housing. A healthy community has a lot of characteristics such as racial and ethnic diversity, economic diversity, and generational diversity. There are a lot of things that go into the tapestry of making a healthy community. How you bring all of these elements together gets complex and complicated, particularly in an area where the cost of real estate is very high. This is something he has been delighted to work on with a group of citizens as they try to find a way to make this work. How to get that vertically integrated housing structure is a challenge, but it is one we are committed to trying to figure out how to do it and be successful.

Assistant Manager Tolbert stated this agenda item just needed to be made as a public statement.

Council Member Chris Burnett asked regarding the citizen participation, would there be room on the committee for those from the institutional world, for example the Federal Home Loan Bank.

Assistant Manager Tolbert stated anyone that can help will be more than welcome to be on the committee. Director of Community Development Alexander already held a meeting with stakeholders who are people that provide this service. She is also trying to build a group to talk through the issues with those types of people. Council is invited to send any suggestions to staff.

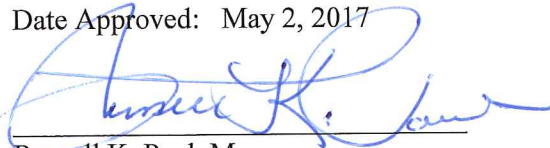
Council Member Burnett stated two of the senior officers of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta are Sandy Springs residents and he would be happy to make that introduction.

Mayor Paul stated there is also the Federal Housing Finance Board and the Community Reinvestment Act. The report shows what people said. He is concerned about the lack of understanding on how much work

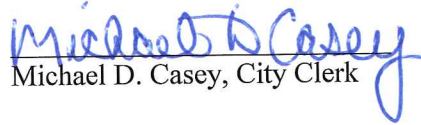
is actually taking place. He worked at HUD for four years and brought a lot of people together to work on this issue. The biggest challenge is the cost of land and the resources to make it all happen.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Date Approved: May 2, 2017



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Michael D. Casey, City Clerk