

Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held Tuesday, April 25, 2006, 6:00 PM Mayor Eva Galambos presiding.

Councilmember Rusty Paul and Councilmember Tibby DeJulio were absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Staff Discussion Items

Nancy Leathers, Community Development Director

1. Ordinance to Adopt Subdivision Regulations

Deputy Director of Community Development Tom Wilson stated that the Planning Commission met last week and requested more time to study this. A copy has been submitted to the Council for review. There have been a few minor changes relating to traffic.

Mayor Galambos requested that the changes be explained.

Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning Michael Zehner stated that major changes dealt with transportation comments regarding the plan. There was nothing of substance from Fulton County to Sandy Springs. The changes were similar to the Zoning Ordinance.

Councilmember Greenspan questioned what changes were made that might concern citizens. Mr. Zehner stated that this is only enforcing what Fulton County has in affect now. There was a numerical change.

Councilmember Fries questioned if any setback requirements were changed. Mr. Zehner stated that is part of the Zoning Ordinance.

Deputy Director Wilson explained these regulations simply define how a piece of property can be subdivided and it is very detailed from an engineering standpoint.

2. Ordinance to Adopt Interim 2025 Comprehensive Plan

Community Development Director Nancy Leathers stated that the only text changes were to put things in order to make them easier to read and include things that did not get picked up by the County's staff when the plan was originally printed. Along the southern portion of Roswell Road, the text indicated that there were going to be activity nodes, but they were never specified on the map.

Councilmember Jenkins questioned the density level for each of the live/work areas and she was referred to page 143.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny requested large copies of the map. Community Development Director Leathers stated that once it is updated, copies will be provided.

Community Development Director Leathers provided an update on changes to the activity nodes along Roswell Road. The intent is for this to be live/work areas. The third area on the south end; they discovered that there were some illegal subdivision of lots in the early 1970s the East Conway area. These residents cannot get a building permit for those lots should they want to add to their homes or should their homes burn.

Throughout the map, we have transitioned from the high-density live/work area to community or neighborhood surrounding the activity nodes specifically in the GA400 area and in the central business district along Roswell Road.

Moving north, there was a good deal of discussion regarding flexibility in terms of density and height. We wanted to encourage them to a central location that had a lot of access.

Councilmember Fries questioned what protection the City has against someone coming in wanting to build a 100 story building. Mayor Galambos explained it would require a special use permit and would require approval by Council.

Community Development Director Nancy Leathers, referring to the Hammond Hills area, stated that a designation had been added to the plan during the Fulton County review putting higher density along Johnson Ferry and Glenridge and this has been removed. The only place it remains on Mt. Vernon is where there is an existing zoning in place.

The next major area we dealt with is going north to Abernathy and Roswell Road. There was a great deal of concern because there was originally a designation for big box development. What we have done is show community live/work transitioning to neighborhood to provide transition to the residential area.

Moving on north, we dealt with the Spaulding Drive area where the densities were all reflected as the same. We have gone back and checked the records and the single family residential is shown as it should be. The multi-family areas are shown as they are zoned and developed. We then reflected the live/work areas that were designated in the plan.

Further north, we had two major issues. One was dealing with the fact that we had Dunwoody Place activity node and the high-density regional node that had been discussed with the County that is shown to the north. There is a great deal of concern regarding that. Those are the major map changes.

Mayor Galambos questioned what property is included in that northern regional activity node. Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Michael Zehner explained this is where the Publix is located with the BP Food Mart on the corner.

Councilmember Fries stated that she is uncomfortable with unlimited height verbiage. She recommended a 15 story height limit in that area.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny stated that this sight does not reflect that type of living/working regional, but more high-rise multi-family, mixed use. This would take advantage of the amenities such as the river.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that on #7, PCID and GA400 at the North Springs MARTA station, they are looking to put those on the block to sell, across from Charlie Roberts's huge development. She questioned what the height restriction is in this area. Community Development Director Leathers replied it is 10 stories.

Councilmember Fries asked about water and sewer issues. Community Development Director Leathers stated that staff receives updates from the City of Atlanta water regarding capacity issues.

Mayor Galambos stated that she raised the possibility of requiring tunnel connections for any high-rise around the GA 400/Abernathy exchange. Mayor Galambos explained that this would provide better access to MARTA. She asked can this be added to the policy.

Director Leathers suggested adding a study into this plan which calls for a future study to look at pedestrian access to the MARTA stations.

Mayor Galambos requested that staff review the affordable housing issues in the policy as they relate to Sandy Springs.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny stated that she remembered on the Land Use Plan there being a reflection of where government uses could be. Mayor Galambos stated those are called civic uses. Director Leathers suggested

not specifically designating those locations on the map, but outlining an area for government facilities. This places a cloud on that property if the City chooses not to use it.

Mayor Galambos reported that the Roswell Road/I-285 Bridge is not in the scope of the project. Director Leathers commented on the proposed plans for connectivity from Sandy Springs Circle to Kings Port. Discussion followed regarding the funding from the Atlanta Regional Commission for this project.

3. Update on Zoning of Government Properties within the City Limits of Sandy Springs

Community Development Director Nancy Leathers updated the Mayor and Council on the current zoning of Fulton County government facilities within the City. Most are zoned single family residential. The training center on Roswell Road is zoning O/I. Hammond Park is zoned R-2. The library is zoned R-3. The Senior Center, which is in the General Fund, is zoned C-1. The North Fulton Tennis Center is zoned R-3. The Heard's Ferry Fire Station is zoned R-2A. The Fire Station on Johnson Ferry Road is zoned R-4. The Williams-Payne House is zoned O/I. The rest of the site is zoned residential. The Abernathy Art Center is zoned R-3. The property on the river is property that Fulton County was looking at using for a park. It is part of the Morgan Falls Park. That property was zoned F-2 when it was a sand dredging operation but it never got used. The letter never went out so that will be a reversion to R-2. Morgan Falls Park is zoned R-2. The Big Trees property is zoned commercially, but the zoning was never used and therefore it can be reverted. The fire station near City Hall is R-2 and the North Annex is zoned R-2.

Mayor Galambos stated that this is good news.

4. Waiving of sign fee for churches and non-profits.

Community Development Director Nancy Leathers stated that staff did not have this ready at this time but it will be ready for the May 2, 2006 meeting. This is a modification to the fee schedule to provide no charge for signs for homeowners associations and non-profits. Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny clarified that if they want to put a sign in front of their building, the fee would be waived. Mayor Galambos stated that they would still have to get a permit.

Community Development Director Leathers reminded everyone of the training sessions for signs on May 15.

City Attorney Willard updated the Mayor and Council on some pending litigation in Fulton County regarding their sign ordinance.

Al Crace, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Al Crace stated that the Public Works Department has put two policies together for review by the Mayor and Council.

2. Street Light Policy

Traffic Engineer Alex Hofelich made the following presentation for the Streetlight Policy.

Introduction

- The Neighborhood Street Light Program partners with neighborhoods to provide illumination on public streets in order to improve safety for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- The vast majority of requests are for single light installations in residential neighborhoods.
- Areas illuminated by regulations *other* than this program:
 - New developments
 - Overlay districts
 - Private streets
 - Capital improvement projects
 - Intersections and bus stops

Councilmember Fries questioned what the standard is if a neighborhood has underground utilities. Mr. Hofelich stated that a majority of the neighborhoods with underground utilities already have street lighting. Others have timber poles.

Councilmember Fries clarified that if it is a safety issue, the City could pay for the light. Mayor Galambos stated that in her neighborhood, the homeowners had to pay for the lights.

Recommended Process

- Citizen/Neighborhood Request: neighborhood request initiates staff investigation
- Community Participation: petition process
- City Manager Approval: final design
- Implementation: funding and construction

Community Participation

- Petition requires:
 - 65% support in neighborhood if comprehensive
 - 100% support within 250' if a single light is requested
- Cost Sharing:
 - City funds ongoing electric cost for lighting at Georgia Power minimum illumination standards – this is a permanent cost
 - Georgia Power funds standard fixtures on existing poles
 - Community funds new pole installation, decorative fixtures, electric cost for lighting beyond minimum illumination standards

Typical Costs

- Typical ongoing power cost for each street light ranges from \$10 to \$15 per month (\$120 to \$180 per year)
- Timber pole installations range from \$250 to \$400
- Decorative luminaries start at \$500 each
- Decorative poles start at \$500 each

Assistant City Manager Crace explained the cost for the different types of poles. Councilmember Fries questioned if the citizens would have to pay for the cost of the lighting. He replied that the City absorbs that cost. The citizens group estimated the cost to be \$480,000 per year.

Mayor Galambos stated that if any street lights are added, we will have to be cognizant of the budget. Assistant City Manager Crace stated that the budget will need to increase incrementally for growth and additions. Councilmember Fries stated that at this point, if a light needs to be installed, it should be an extreme emergency. Mayor Galambos concurred.

Assistant City Manager Crace stated that staff is waiting on an audit from Georgia Power. Mayor Galambos questioned if the Council should act on this policy prior to receipt of this audit. City Manager John McDonough stated that as long as it is with the understanding that there has to be funding.

2. Utility Permits policy

Utility Coordinator Andrew Thompson made the following presentation:

Overview

- Who is the customer?
 - GA Power
 - Atlanta Water
 - Fulton County Sewer
 - Comcast Cable

- all other utility providers that serve COSS
- COSS has the right to determine how and when utility work will be performed
- The leading cause of roadway failure is improper utility work performed in the right-of-way

Utility Permit Types

- Utility permitting allows COSS to approve when, where, what, who, and how work is done in the right-of-way
- Types of Utility Permits:
 - Construction Permit (standard)
 - Maintenance Permit (notification)
 - Emergency Repair Permit (expedited)

Process

Construction & Maintenance:

- Application filed and fees paid to Community Development
- Public Works reviews and approves application
- Public Works inspects site work (24 hours notice required)

Emergency:

- Application filed within 4 business hours of emergency
- Public Works reviews application and inspects site work

Fee Structure

\$200 application fee + inspection fee:

- \$0.2663/ft (minimum \$50) for cable, wire, etc; or
- \$200 flat fee for water and sewer
- All fees are based on staff time required to review and inspect projects
- Applicants required to maintain a \$100,000 irrevocable letter of credit with COSS
- Individual projects over \$100,000 require a surety money agreement
- Surety monies are used reimburse the City for fixing delinquent or improper work in the right-of-way

Additional Considerations

- Utilities covered by franchise agreements may not be subject to this policy, per the terms of their agreement
- Utility work on or affecting the right-of-way adjacent to a state route must be permitted by GDOT

Councilmember Fries questioned the process for emergency repairs. Utility Coordinator Thompson explained that process.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny stated that there is a house under construction in a residential area in which Georgia Power subcontracted to lay the conduit and the subcontractor mislaid it and went through the critical root zone of a tree. She asked where we address those types of issues. Assistant City Manager Crace explained that the permits only pertain to the right-of-way and this may have been a mixed permit. Anything outside of the right-of-way would be addressed by Community Development.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny questioned if there are special protections for tree save areas. Community Development Director Nancy Leathers stated that tree save areas are not typically in the right-of-way. Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny stated that she understood that you could require drilling instead of using Caterpillars and requested this be addressed in the appropriate policy.

At this time, Assistant City Manager Al Crace introduced Public Works Director Angelia Parham.

Don Howell, Director of Operations

1. BellSouth Franchise Agreement

Director of Operations Don Howell stated that this is an interim franchise agreement styled after the Georgia Power franchise agreement. The primary additions include right-of-way permitting and any items outlined in red. Our goal is to have much more comprehensive terms going into 2007. He presented the Mayor and Council with copies of the draft agreement. Discussion followed regarding the previous occupational tax imposed on telephone service providers. This is not a tax, but a franchise fee.

Councilmember Meinzen McEnerny commended Director of Operations Howell on the sensitivity placed on tree trimming. This is a great step forward. She questioned why it was a 3% fee and not 5% or 2%. Director of Operations Howell replied that is the limit.

Councilmember Jenkins questioned if this would provide any leverage to make them move their poles further back in the right-of-way. City Attorney Willard stated that it would not provide this leverage.

Councilmember Greenspan requested that these items be presented at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

2. Tax-Exempt Financing of Capital Equipment

Director of Operations Don Howell explained the memorandum sent to King and Spaulding regarding financing of additional Police equipment. We are limited by the issuance of the TAN and the City's reasonable expectations of financial needs at the time of its issuance. Therefore, the City is requesting review by its Charlie Thompson, the bond attorney for the TAN, of the reasons that the City should be allowed to utilize additional tax-exempt financing on a non-bank qualified basis. King and Spaulding have found that these reasons are sufficient to make an argument to the IRS regarding the issuance of additional tax-exempt financing.

Councilmember Greenspan requested that this information be provided at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Mayor Galambos stated that Council is not being asked to take any action at this meeting.

Steve Rapson, Finance Director

1. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the Hotel Motel Fund Budget for the fiscal year to begin on December 1st and ending on June 30th.

Finance Director Steve Rapson stated that there would be budget hearings on May 2 and May 16. All the budgets were put in place in December except for the Hotel/Motel budget. At that time, we were not certain of that budget. We have been reporting on this each month and this is just an adoption of the budget for Hotel/Motel.

2. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Administration, Article 7, Purchasing, and approval of the related purchasing policy.

Finance Director Steve Rapson explained the proposed ordinance amendment and purchasing policy and the proposed changes including defining the City Manager and City Attorney and increasing the purchasing threshold from \$25,000 to \$100,000. He explained the reason for this is to streamline the process.

Mayor Galambos questioned the definition of a responsible responsive bid. Finance Director Rapson explained the definition. Mayor Galambos stated that she liked the low bid and if staff brings something before the Council that is not low bid, there should be an explanation. City Attorney Willard added that legally there must be an explanation.

Gene Wilson, Chief of Police

Lt. David Roskind provided an update on the intergovernmental agreement with Fulton County for E-911 services and the possibility of Roswell offering this service. The Police Department has recently requested to purchase the Motorola software and hand-held radios. This was placed on hold as staff is looking in a new direction.

Councilmember Jenkins questioned if the radios would work with both systems. Lt. Roskind stated that the software would be the only thing that would have to be changed.

Lt. Roskind stated that Roswell will provide GCIC capability from the patrol cars beginning in July 2006. Fulton County will continue to dispatch for E-911 until December.

Lt. Roskind explained the transition between Fulton County to Roswell E-911. Discussion followed regarding the use of the E-911 charge on wireless and wired communications. We will begin purchasing the laptops for GCIC query with Roswell or Fulton County depending on direction from Council.

1. Approval of the purchase of a prisoner transport van for the Police Department.

Police Chief Wilson explained the need for a prisoner transport van. There was a consensus to place this on the agenda.

2. Approval of the purchase of records management hardware and software.

Lt. David Roskind stated that an RFP was done. More than ten vendors responded. Sunguard-OSSI was selected as the most responsive bidder. This is also what Roswell uses. The total cost for this is \$518,256.00 for all mobile laptops, records management system within the Police Department, and the estimated cost for the hardware is \$25,000.

Councilmember Greenspan questioned if this includes training. Lt. Roskind explained that the specialized instructors within the Police Department will be trained and able to train future staff.

3. Approval of the purchase of digital video camera hardware and software.

Lt. David Roskind explained that the patrol vehicles will be equipped with mobile digital video equipment. This has been put out to bid and eleven vendors responded. Three were short-listed based on their responsiveness. Motorola was the selected vendor at a cost of \$330,000. This will equip 43 units, provide spare parts, the server, and maintenance for the server.

4. Approval of the purchase of wireless technology for E-911 software and hardware.

Lt. David Roskind explained that staff is requesting to purchase Panasonic Toughbook laptops in order to be compatible with Fulton E-911 or Roswell E-911. They are touch screen and have integrated wireless which allows for silent dispatch, GCIC tag look-ups, and provides a map of the City so that an officer can see where he is going or where he needs to go. Staff is requesting 47 units, mounts, and break-out boxes at a cost of approximately \$272,000. There is a 4-6 week lead time.

Mayor Galambos questioned if this was in the budget. Finance Director Rapson stated that it is in the FY07 budget and financing will not begin until then.

Wendell Willard, City Attorney

1. Appointing a Citizens Committee to formulate an ethics policy.

City Attorney Willard stated that Mayor and Council have received a copy of a draft resolution. There have been meetings and discussions regarding Ethics and there is a consensus that it would provide a good appearance for a citizens group to provide input into the ethics policy. Therefore, he recommended that Council pass a Resolution appointing a citizens committee to formulate an ethics policy.

2. Amendments to Chapter 7, Alcohol Beverages

City Attorney Willard provided Council with the following Executive Summary with two additional changes:

Article 1: Section 3

The Amendment describes the same fine and sentence limitations "unless a different penalty is set out in specific sections of this chapter: This chapter being Chapter 7.

Article 1: Section 10 Paragraph H

The Amendment Changes all references regarding the registered agent from the City to Fulton County, Georgia.

Article 1: Section 12: Fees for Licenses

The Amendment sets forth an entirely new section which deletes the listing of specific license fees. The Amendment specifies that the fees shall be set by the City Council Resolution and be effective from year to year until modified or amended and that these fees are in addition to any lawfully imposed excise tax.

Article 1: Section 18: Suspension or Revocation of License

This Section has been greatly expanded upon and made more specific in describing the events which require the suspension or revocation of a license, as well as setting forth guidelines for the suspension periods.

Article 1: Section 19: License Review Board: Hearings

This Section has also been expanded upon with greater detail provided as to the entire hearing process.

Article 1: Section 32 Regulation as to Employees and Manager

The first Amendment adds to (f) a provision requiring as a condition of continuing to maintain a pouring permit that the employee complete an alcohol awareness training program and become a certified Alcohol Awareness Server.

The second Amendment to this section replaces (m) with a new (m) and addresses the licensee's responsibility to keep its premises clean of litter.

The previous (m) becomes just a stand-alone sentence at the end of this Section.

Article 1: Section 43: Alcoholic Awareness Training

This is a new section, which is also referenced in Section 32 relating to attendance at such a program by those with pouring permits.

Article 2: Section 4: Days Allowed for Sale

This Amendment limits the sale of alcoholic beverages on election day, Sunday, and holidays according to specified provisions of state law.

Article 2: Section 5: Hours

The Amendment rewrites and expands upon this provision and further clarifies it by listing the permitted operating times and listing additional compliance requirements for licensed premises selling distilled spirits by the glass. Provision is also made for this Section not to apply to private clubs.

Article 2: Section 7: No sales to minors or physically or mentally incapacitated persons

All references to the age of 19 years are changed to 21 years.

Subsection (d) is replaced by a new subsection (d). Subsection (e) is deleted and former subsections (f) and (g) become subsections (e) and (f).

Will include definition of *full kitchen* has defined by Fulton County Health Code.

Article 2: Section 9: Employment of minor

The provisions of this Section relating to those under age 18 employed in supermarkets, etc. now appear as subsection (d) of Section 7.

This Section now just prohibits a licensee from allowing a minor employee to sell or otherwise handle alcoholic beverages.

Article 3: Section 3: Hours

This section has been rewritten, expanded upon and clarified by listing the allowable times for sale, along with additional compliance requirements for such licensed premises.

Councilmember Fries stated that the Alcohol Beverage Committee would prefer not to have the 50% food requirement in the Ordinance because it sets licensees up to cheating. City Attorney Willard explained that the City of Doraville's Ordinance references State law on this topic and suggested the same. Mayor Galambos stated that if this is State law,

there is no reason for it not to be in the City's Ordinance. Mayor Galambos stated that if the law is that bad, the State needs to change it. City Attorney Willard requested direction on this issue.

3. Comcast Franchise Agreement

City Attorney Willard reviewed the Comcast Franchise Agreement, which is written to go through the end of this year to allow time for the City Manager to negotiate a long term agreement. The agreement calls for a 5% fee, which is 1% less than what the county was charging. There is a provision in the agreement acknowledging that there was a financial investment by Comcast which is being amortized for payout over several years and will end for Sandy Springs at the end of this year. The Council has acknowledged the fact that there was going to be an agreement with Comcast and requested that the Mayor sign this agreement so that it can be delivered to Comcast prior to the end of this month. At that time, the City can receive the first quarter fees.

Andy Mackee of Comcast explained the correct franchise fee. Councilmember Jenkins clarified that the first quarter funds are waiting on the signing of this agreement. Mr. Mackee stated that is correct.

4. Board of Education – Abandonment of Right-of-Way

City Attorney Willard introduced Richard Calhoun who represents the Fulton County Board of Education. Mr. Calhoun presented the proposed right-of-way abandonment to the Mayor and City Council. The Fulton County Board of Education is requesting the abandonment of this right-of-way and that the City disposes of them to the School Board at no cost. Mr. Calhoun presented signed copies of an intergovernmental agreement between the City and the School Board that will allow them to close on the property. Discussion followed regarding the drainage of the property.

Mr. Calhoun explained that they are proposing two entrances onto the school property; one from Sandy Springs Circle and one from Cliffwood.

5. Update on Resolutions supporting legislation in the 2006 General Assembly.

City Attorney Willard provided an update on the following City Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution No. 2006-01-04 - A Resolution Requesting the Georgia General Assembly to Amend the Charter of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia by Extending the Time Period for the Adoption of a Comprehensive Plan;
City Attorney Willard stated that he checked with the Department of Community Affairs and they advised him that this is not necessary and could be handled without a change to the Charter.
- 2) Resolution No. 2006-01-06 – A Resolution Supporting and Requesting the Introduction of Legislation into the 2006 General Assembly to Facilitate the Creation of Homestead Exemptions for Residents of Sandy Springs; and for other purposes
City Attorney Willard stated that this will be on the July 18 special called election and upon adoption by the citizens, will be effective January 2006 so that the citizens will not lose any of their exemptions.
- 3) Resolution No. 2006-01-07 - A Resolution Supporting the Creation of a Public Facilities Authority and Requesting the Introduction of Legislation into the 2006 General Assembly to Facilitate the Creation of such Authority; and for other purposes;
City Attorney Willard stated that this was done, approved, and is awaiting signature by the Governor.
- 4) Resolution No. 2006-01-10 – A Resolution In Support of House Bill 719 Regarding Maximum Fines and Fees Which May Be Imposed By Municipal Courts;
City Attorney Willard stated that there was an attempt to amend this from \$1000 to \$5000 which failed and then went to \$2,500 with a restriction that it be applicable only to cities that issue more than 200 alcohol beverage licenses annually.
- 5) Resolution No. 2006-01-11 – A Resolution Supporting and Requesting the Introduction of Legislation Into The 2006 General Assembly to Facilitate the Creation of a Revenue Stream Attached to Municipal Court Fees Dedicated to Providing Resources for Public Safety Facilities; and for other purposes;

City Attorney Willard stated that he checked with Legislative Council who advised that this is not necessary. The City may do this itself. The City may impose a \$1.00 fee to construct a jail or something of that nature.

- 6) Resolution No. 2006-01-12 – A Resolution Supporting and Requesting the Introduction of Legislation Into the 2006 General Assembly to Facilitate the Ability of Private Sector Business to Carry Municipal Government Sovereign Immunity and Sales Tax Exempt Status When Private Sector Businesses are Engaged to Provide Public Sector Services On Behalf of Governments; and for Other Purposes;.

City Attorney Willard stated that the Sovereign Immunity issue would require a Constitutional Amendment.

- 7) Resolution No. 2006-03-29 – A Resolution Requesting that the United States Congress Restore the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to its Current Funding Level.

City Attorney Willard stated that this went to Congress and not the General Assembly. Hopefully, they will follow through.

Mayor Galambos questioned the matter regarding the Sales Tax Exempt Status for Private Sector Businesses. City Attorney Willard explained the sales and use excise tax. This would be the equivalent of \$400 million per year in State revenue.

6. Update on establishing a Hospitality Board.

City Attorney Willard stated that outside counsel is preparing this organization. The Mayor needs to appoint the members of the Board.

Mayor and City Council Discussion Items

Dave Greenspan, District 1

1. Discussion on Sign Toppers

Councilmember Greenspan stated that the Dunwoody Community sign toppers were placed in violation of the Sign Ordinance. They were in the right-of-way without a permit.

Community Development Director Nancy Leathers stated that the Sandy Springs sign toppers were authorized by Fulton County.

Councilmember Fries stated that she had been checking into putting Huntcliff sign toppers in her neighborhood, but stated that the toppers would need to be redesigned with Sandy Springs on top and Huntcliff or Dunwoody, for example, underneath the Sandy Springs Toppers. Mayor Galambos expressed that she thought this was a good solution.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that while taking her children to school, she noticed a Dunwoody sign topper atop a Sandy Springs sign. She stated that they need to remain in the confines of Dekalb County in the Dunwoody section.

Councilmember Greenspan suggested that the Dunwoody Community be recognized to Sandy Springs as Buckhead is to Atlanta. He will bring back to Council a resolution recognizing specific designated areas for the Dunwoody Community. The Dunwoody Community is the area east of GA400 and North of I-285 as The Dunwoody Community.

Councilmember Greenspan stated that he would meet with the DHA on this issue.

Mayor Galambos suggested staff should take a look at this issue and provide a recommendation.

Al Crace mentioned that at \$60.00 per sign this would be a \$100,000 program with 2,000 intersections in the city limits.

The consensus of the Mayor and Council was that they wanted uniformity and consistency and that they would approve the design. It was suggested that 1 or 2 vendors be identified as official vendors to produce these signs.

Dianne Fries, District 2

1. Discussion on Special Event Permit Policy

Councilmember Fries suggested that most of the Special Event Permit applications that are coming before the Council could be handled by staff. There needs to be a policy in which staff could approve many of them. She recommended a 5k or 10k. The other item is to waive the \$100 permit fee for non-profit organizations.

Mayor Galambos stated that we are getting requests from organizations to sponsor booths. What type of booth would the City sponsor? Communications Director Judy Parker suggested Sandy Springs Mission. Councilmember Fries suggested Sandy Springs Festival.

Deputy Director of Community Development Tom Wilson suggested dividing the special events into two categories: major and minor. The minor events, which would be about 90% of the events, would not need Council approval. Minor events would be classified as any roadways less than 5k, any closure that affects less than 20 homes on neighborhood streets, any event that requires a closure less than 4 hours, and any event that only requires a lane closure not a complete closure.

A major event would be classified as any event that is 5k or greater, closures that involve an arterial roadway, any event affecting more than 20 homes on neighborhood streets, bike races, or any event that does not qualify otherwise, but does require a road closure for more than 4 hours.

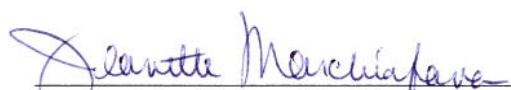
Executive Session-potential litigation

Motion and Vote: Councilmember Greenspan moved to enter into Executive Session for potential litigation. Councilmember Fries seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session began at 9:20 PM and ended at 10:18 PM.

After no further discussion, the meeting adjourned.

Date Approved: May 16, 2006


Jeanette Marchiafava, City Clerk


Eva Galambos, Mayor

CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GA

STATE OF GEORGIA
FULTON COUNTY

April 25, 2006

AFFIDAVIT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personally comes Eva Galambos, Mayor of the City of Sandy Springs, who on oath says that to the best of her knowledge and belief, on the 25th day of April, 2006, in the city aforesaid, a meeting of the Council was closed to the public for the following reason(s):

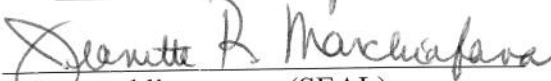
Attorney/client privilege in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1).

Except for the foregoing, no portion of the closed meeting involved discussion, presentation, or action on any other matter.



Eva Galambos, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 25th day of April, 2006.



Notary public (SEAL)

JEANETTE R MARCHIAFAVA
Notary Public, Fulton Co., GA
My Commission Expires August 29, 2009