

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 7:49 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

Councilmembers present: Councilman John Paulson, Councilman Ken Dishman, Councilman Graham McDonald, Councilman Gabriel Sterling, Councilman Tibby DeJulio, and Councilman Andy Bauman.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Management

1. 15-173 Non-profit Annual Reports

1. Tamara Carrera, Chief Executive Officer- Community Assistance Center

Tamara Carrera, Chief Executive Officer for the Community Assistance Center, gave an update on the 2014-2015 Sandy Springs City Grant Report. During the twenty-seven years in Sandy Springs the CAC has distributed \$10.5 million in cash and in-kind. The CAC has also assisted 17,000 unduplicated households in the community.

Mayor Rusty Paul thanked Ms. Carrera and her staff for the enormous work they do. The CAC makes a huge difference in the community for the people it serves.

Councilman Graham McDonald asked what geographic region the CAC serves.

Ms. Carrera stated the CAC serves Sandy Springs and Dunwoody and all of the clients are located in either of those cities. Currently, 94% of the clients are Sandy Springs residents.

2. Carol Thompson, Executive Director - Heritage Sandy Springs

Carol Thompson, Executive Director of Heritage Sandy Springs, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Heritage Sandy Springs Annual Report.

Councilman Tibby DeJulio asked how much revenue is collected from rental of the facility.

Ms. Thompson stated she believes the contracted revenue is about \$243,000 annually. A percentage of that amount is set aside each year that shows up as a maintenance fee in the budget. It costs quite a bit of money to host the rental events. One employee manages rentals of the building. Also, a setup, break down, and cleanup crew are hired for each rental event.

Councilman Andy Bauman asked are they allowed to charge more for rentals.

Ms. Thompson stated she regularly visits other venues to compare rental costs and Heritage has rates comparable to other venues.

Councilman McDonald asked what other venues they compare themselves to.

Ms. Thompson stated for rental venues they compare themselves to the Chastain Horse Park and venues in Roswell.

Councilman DeJulio asked how much the rental rate is on a Saturday night at Heritage Hall.

Ms. Thompson responded about \$3,000.

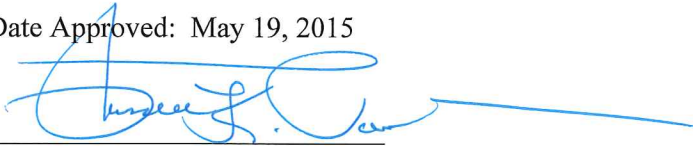
Councilman Bauman stated he has noticed that renting a venue involves a lot of add on fees.

Ms. Thompson stated Heritage does not have many add on fees, unless the veranda is added onto the cost.

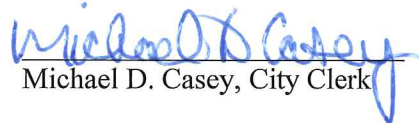
Councilman Bauman stated he was referring to the setup and breakdown.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Date Approved: May 19, 2015

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Russell K. Paul, Mayor

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Michael D. Casey, City Clerk