

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 9:26 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

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

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Management

1. 15-194 Non-profit Annual Report

1. Keep North Fulton Beautiful

Kathy Reed, Executive Director of Keep North Fulton Beautiful, stated Keep North Fulton Beautiful was a recipient of the City's nonprofit grant funding this year. She presented an update on the organization.

Councilman Tibby DeJulio asked how often hazardous waste events are held.

Ms. Reed stated the City historically has held this event every other year and this year will be the third time. Keep North Fulton Beautiful requested and received grant money from the City to purchase a machine called a bulb eater. It safely destroys light bulbs, specifically fluorescent tubes. The light bulbs contain phosphorus and mercury, which are dangerous if the bulbs break in an unsafe environment.

Councilman Gabriel Sterling asked if there is a measurable cost savings from destroying the light bulbs in this manner.

Ms. Reed stated over time there will be a cost savings. What they were previously doing was ordering very expensive boxes from Waste Management to place the light bulbs in. It would cost about \$2 to \$4 per bulb to process them for destruction. The new machine has now decreased the cost to \$.50 per bulb. One of the largest challenges the recycling center is facing is needing a roof repair since 2009. They called Fulton County, who owns the property and building, and requested a new roof, but that request has not been fulfilled. There is now a hole in the roof that is three feet wide. Staff has placed recycling bins in the hallway in order to catch the water that leaks into the building when it rains. The building is now starting to mold due to the rain that enters the hole in the roof. What started as a minor repair will now be a \$30,000 roof replacement.

Councilman Sterling asked Ms. Reed if she has spoken to her County Commissioner, Bob Ellis.

Ms. Reed responded yes. She met with him two to three weeks ago. Their organization does not have an occupancy agreement with Fulton County. She hesitates to invest in replacing the roof, because any minute they may be required to vacate the building. She met with two Fulton County Commissioners and their assistants two weeks ago. She presented them with a draft of an operating agreement that they are now reviewing. One suggestion they made was that the City of Sandy Springs may want to purchase this piece of property.

Councilman Tibby DeJulio asked how large is the property.

Ms. Reed stated the organization's piece of the property may be half of an acre.

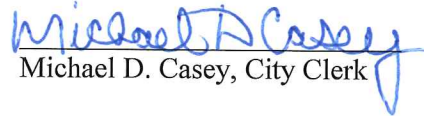
Councilman Sterling stated he believes the property is at least one acre.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Date Approved: June 2, 2015

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Russell K. Paul, Mayor

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Michael D. Casey, City Clerk