

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 7:45 p.m., Mayor pro tempore Tibby DeJulio presiding.

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

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Smoking in City Parks

Mayor pro tempore Tibby DeJulio stated he had an inquiry from a constituent regarding smoking being allowed in City parks. He asked staff to look into this policy and smoking is not currently prohibited in City parks. Staff pulled information for the neighboring jurisdictions and Sandy Springs is the only city that does not prohibit smoking in City Parks. He asked if smoking should be prohibited in City parks.

Director of Recreation and Parks Ronnie Young stated there is no ordinance regarding smoking in City parks. For those that do choose to smoke in the parks, it is suggested not to smoke in group areas where others might be offended. The Morgan Falls Athletic Complex prohibits smoking.

Mayor pro tempore DeJulio asked if smoking is a problem with litter and other types of nuisances in the parks.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young stated the City does not provide the trash containers for cigarettes in the park, but he is not aware of any unusual amount of cigarette butts being left in the park.

Mayor pro tempore DeJulio asked if Director of Recreation and Parks Young recommends Council adopting a policy prohibiting smoking in City parks.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young responded yes.

Councilman John Paulson asked if there is a no smoking policy that requires a designated area for those that smoke.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young responded no. He never brought this issue before Council, because he never felt it necessary.

Councilman Graham McDonald stated within the last month he went to the Morgan Falls Park on a Saturday with his three year old son in the area of the horse shoe pit. There were two gentlemen smoking within fifteen yards which resulted in him and his son leaving the area.

Mayor pro tempore DeJulio asked if the proposed policy of prohibiting smoking will include the use of smokeless tobacco.

City Manager John McDonough stated he believes smokeless tobacco should be included in the policy.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young stated most ball leagues have a no tobacco use policy and most recreation and park operations enforce that around the youth.

Mayor pro tempore DeJulio asked staff to prepare a policy that prohibits the use of smoking and tobacco products within City parks.

There was a consensus of Council to have staff draft an ordinance similar to the City of Roswell's ordinance and bring this item back to the next City Council meeting.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Development

1. An Ordinance to Amend Article 33, Signs, related to Internal Illumination and Construction Fence Wrapping

Director of Community Development Angela Parker gave a PowerPoint presentation related to the internal illumination of signs and construction fence wrapping. The goal is to have all City signs be monument style signs. Staff is requesting approval to research these types of signage styles to look at potentially amending the sign ordinance for the office and mixed use districts to allow internal lighting in some of these signs. Currently, the City's ordinance does not allow construction fence wrapping. Staff would also like to do research and work with the legal department in developing a potential amendment to that ordinance.

Mayor pro tempore Tibby DeJulio asked why construction fence wrapping is prohibited.

Director of Community Development Angela Parker stated the City allows the dark wrapping of construction fencing. There have been a number of requests to allow the construction wrapping to have designs on them. There is one or two of those construction wrappings that exist in the City. Citations have not been issued and no one has complained about them. The wrappings usually advertise upcoming projects.

Councilman Gabriel Sterling stated at the JLB project there is an ugly wrapping around the fence. He would much rather see a wrapping around the fence displaying a rendering of what the development will look like once completed.

Assistant City Attorney Cecil McLendon stated staff will have to review this in the context of the sign ordinance.

Councilman Sterling asked if the fence wrapping can be related to the construction project.

Assistant City Attorney McLendon stated that is something staff can look at.

Mayor pro tempore DeJulio stated he recalls an incident for property that was owned by Pacific Life on the corner of Hammond Drive and Roswell Road. During the previous election, election signs ended up on the fence and that looked tacky. He suggested that staff work on the construction fence wrapping and bring a proposed ordinance back to Council for consideration.

Public Works

1. Proposed FY 2015/LMIG 2014 Resurfacing Roads List

Director of Public Works Garrin Coleman stated there is currently \$2.5 million proposed in the budget. If that number stays the same, the proposed resurfacing list of roads has been provided to Council. The total number of miles of roads being resurfaced is fourteen, with PCI ratings of 34 to 57. This project will be packaged with the LMIG list that was approved around November 2013 and approved by GDOT.

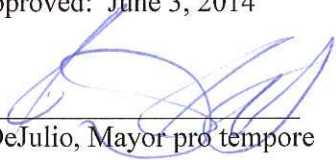
Councilman Gabriel Sterling asked if this item will include the \$2.5 million that was approved.

Director of Public Works Coleman responded it will include the \$2.5 million and the LMIG funds. LMIG funds will be used for about two miles of resurfacing, for a total of sixteen miles to be resurfaced.

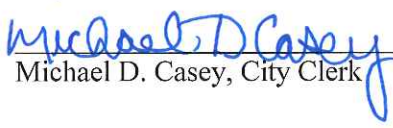
There was a consensus of Council to move this item forward to a future City Council meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Date Approved: June 3, 2014



Tibby DeJulio, Mayor pro tempore



Michael D. Casey, City Clerk