

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 7:15 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

Recreation and Parks

1. **15-281** South Greenway Park Design Update Presentation by Moreland Altobelli

Director of Recreation and Parks Ronnie Young stated this is an update on the South Greenway Park Design that has been in process for about one year. The north Greenway was opened last year. Then shortly after that staff began planning for the twelve acres across the street to be a passive park. Several meetings were held and many components were included that the general public wants to see in the design. In March, Moreland Altobelli was hired as the design team for this project. The consultant has been working for about four months performing trees surveys and a stream study. At this point, the design is about forty percent complete. In the last couple of months City staff has reviewed the design. The steering committee has reviewed the design on two occasions and a public meeting was held last week to receive further input for questions relating to the design. This agenda item is to gain input from Council in order to begin the final design within the next week or two. He introduced Chris Kingsberry and Sarah Boyer with Moreland Altobelli.

Chris Kingsberry, Lead Designer for Moreland Altobelli, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Abernathy Greenway Concept Design.

Council Member Gabriel Sterling asked how many feet tall the wall will be.

Mr. Kingsberry stated the wall will be about twelve to fifteen feet in height.

Council Member Graham McDonald thanked Mr. Kingsberry for the presentation and making himself available at the public open house. One of the presentation slides shows a budget estimate of \$1 million to \$1.5 million. He asked Mr. Kingsberry for his opinion regarding what percentage of the budget will be required for this design.

Mr. Kingsberry stated he thinks the entire budget will consist of approximately \$1.5 million. The major components are items such as grading and cleaning up the site. Granite sea walls will be used and then there will be a very generous planting budget to revegetate. Those items are the most costly.

Council Member McDonald asked if the scope of work includes lighting on the sidewalk area of the park.

Mr. Kingsberry responded not for the existing sidewalk on Abernathy Road.

Council Member McDonald asked if the design includes lighting on any points along the trail.

Mr. Kingsberry stated not inside the park. He envisioned there may be light bollards at the entrance plazas. There is discussion of making that a public art gateway type of facility on the west side of Johnson Ferry up to the Art Center.

Council Member McDonald asked if the design includes funds for additional elms to be planted along the southside of Abernathy Road.

Mr. Kingsberry stated he will look at the budget numbers and review the costs to add the trees.

Council Member McDonald stated there were public comments in the prior meeting about focusing on the arts center intersection. Looking at the proposed park plan, there is not much in the Arts Center location.

Mr. Kingsberry stated the nature trail stops at Johnson Ferry Road. From Johnson Ferry to the Arts Center property that corner has an above ground depression with a head wall that takes in stormwater.

Council Member McDonald stated if the formal walking trail is not extended onto the Arts Center property, what about incorporating in some additional native vegetation.

Mr. Kingsberry stated he can look into adding more vegetation.

2. **15-284** Resolution to Approve License Agreement by and between the City of Sandy Springs and the Atlanta Hawks, L.P., to Install a Mural at Morgan Falls Overlook Park and to Approve the Design to be Installed

Director of Recreation and Parks Ronnie Young stated one modification to the agenda materials is the mural will be located at the Morgan Falls Athletic Complex, not Overlook Park. This item will be on the agenda at the next meeting, if Council approves this item to move forward.

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated there were concerns on what was the approved art plan of the mural. Until that gets resolved and Council approves it, the final approval of the agreement will not occur.

Council Member John Paulson asked if the mural will be painted directly on the concrete wall or on a false wall in front of it.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young stated about one year ago staff spoke to the original contractor that built the wall and they made the identified corrections to the wall. The mural is ready to be painted directly on the cement.

Council Member Andy Bauman asked about the two Atlanta Hawks season tickets.

Director of Recreation and Parks Young stated the tickets were offered by the Atlanta Hawks for the project.

Council Member Bauman stated the tickets can be used for the public good, whether it is underprivileged children or something else Council chooses. He would like to see a plan for how those tickets can be given to people who can really benefit from them.

There was a consensus of Council to move this item forward to the next Regular City Council meeting.

City Attorney

3. **15-282** Resolution to Approve sublease and Option to Purchase between the city of Sandy Springs and Fulton County for the Heards Ferry Fire Station (Formerly "Powers Ferry Fire Station") Located at 6025 Raider Drive (Formerly 6025 "Heards Drive"), Sandy Springs Fire Station No. 3

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated this item is the purchase of the Heard's Ferry Fire Station. The City will acquire the station from Fulton County based upon the value purchase amount for the other fire stations located in the City, which is \$5,000. There is a tentative agreement prepared that Fulton County is planning on accepting. The City has been paying for use of the fire station for the number of years that Fulton County has allocated under a certificate of participation. Fulton County will continue to receive the funds from the City until October 20, 2020. The City will then pay \$5,000 to Fulton County to become owner of the fire station.

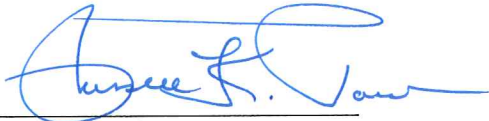
Council Member John Paulson asked if the City can purchase the fire station any earlier.

City Attorney Willard responded no. The City is just entering into an agreement for the purchase at this time. The City did not have an opportunity prior to January 1, 2015 to talk to the Fulton County Commissioners about this agreement.

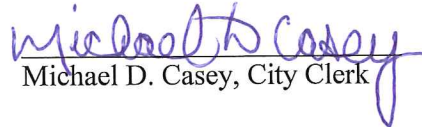
There was a consensus of Council to move this item forward to the next Regular City Council meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Date Approved: July 21, 2015



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Michael D. Casey, City Clerk