
Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

Council Members present: Council Member John Paulson, Council Member Ken Dishman, Council Member Chris Burnett, Council Member Gabriel Sterling, Council Member Tibby DeJulio, and Council Member Andy Bauman.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated there are a number of very distinguished guests in the audience this evening. He recognized the Purple Heart Veterans. He also recognized newly elected Congresswoman Karen Handel in attendance.

Congresswoman Karen Handel thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to speak. She recognized the Purple Heart recipients in attendance and thanked the City for recognizing them. Whether it is at the City, State, or Federal level, the citizens can count on her as their Congressman. She is here to work with the City and be their partner on whatever issues come before the City. She introduced her Chief of Staff, Muffy Day, and her District Director, Ashley Jenkins.

Mayor Paul thanked Congresswoman Handel for attending the first North Fulton Mayor's meeting after she was elected. She has been very active in reaching out to the community and that is what a representative is supposed to do. She is welcome anytime at the Sandy Springs Council meetings, and if the City can do anything to be of assistance to her or her staff, let him know. He is looking forward to her service to the community.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Brad Levenberg, Temple Sinai Atlanta, offered the invocation.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Works

1. 17-268 Braves Traffic Data

Traffic/Transportation Unit Manager France Campbell gave the 2017 Braves Traffic Study PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated his experience has been anecdotal. He probably lives closer to the Braves stadium than any of the other Council Members. His experience mirrors what was in the presentation in that the traffic decreases during game days. He attended the ball game on the first night and only two and a half songs played on the radio in his car from the time he left the game until he pulled into his driveway. It takes him longer to walk from his car to the stadium after he parks than it does to drive home from the stadium. He thanked all of staff, the police department, and Assistant City Manager Bryant Poole for helping to manage the traffic.

Council Member Andy Bauman stated he echoes the Mayor's comments. He appreciates having the data. This was a very useful process as well. We were on location both during the games and on non-game days. He was at the corner of New Northside Drive with the police officers and had the chance to observe traffic. There are some traffic issues, but whether or not they are tied to the Braves can be questioned. From a macro or micro standpoint, the traffic worked out well. There is still infrastructure to be constructed in the area that will help at all times and not just game day times. Council appreciates the work that staff did.

This agenda item was an update report and does not require future action by Council.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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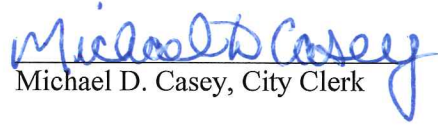
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Russell K. Paul, Mayor

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Michael D. Casey, City Clerk