

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 6:11 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.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Works

1. 17-284 Engineering On-Call Consultant Selection

Assistant City Manager Bryant Poole began the Engineering On-Call Consultant Selection PowerPoint presentation and presented slides 1 – 3.

Finance Director Karen Ellis presented slides 4 – 6.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated there are nine very qualified engineering firms in this group. He asked how staff will go about deciding which firm will receive which project. He asked if the projects are required to be bid on internally after the firms are prequalified.

Assistant City Manager Poole stated it could be a combination of both, depending on the type of project. With the companies being prequalified, staff then deals with competitive bidding to make sure the City is receiving the best deal. It is not the intention that one company gets selected for most or every project. Staff intends to allow all of the qualified contractors the opportunity to receive work. Staff will monitor which companies receive what bids.

Director of Public Works Garrin Coleman stated staff typically solicits at least three firms to receive a cost and a schedule for a project. Staff then evaluates those proposals, looks at the workload of the firm and how they are performing on a current contract with the City, if they have one.

Council Member Gabriel Sterling asked if this process has to do with the fact that the TSPLOST vote passed. There will be so much work that if we have to go through the complete bidding process each time, we will be at a disadvantage competing with other cities.

Assistant City Manager Poole responded that is part of the reason.

Council Member John Paulson asked about this process in regards to the sidewalk projects.

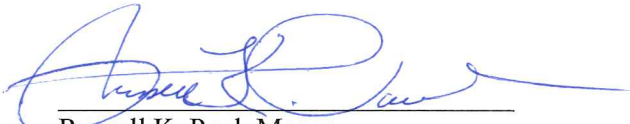
Assistant City Manager Poole stated we are finding out for most of the sidewalk projects there are complications in dealing with each individual property owner and the right-of-way acquisition. In general, staff feels that the City is gaining from this process.

Director of Public Works Coleman stated the process is simpler and easier for the consultants to fill out a cost proposal and schedule based on the scope provided to them.

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

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Date Approved: September 5, 2017



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Michael D. Casey, City Clerk