

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

Council Members present: Council Member John Paulson, Council Member Chris Burnett, Council Member Jody Reichel, and Council Member Andy Bauman

Mayor Rusty Paul announced that the North End item originally shown on the Agenda for the Regular Session has been removed because that Council felt that they did not have enough information yet to vote on that item. The item will be moved to the September 3rd Work Session.

Mayor Paul recognized Nicole Rodden, candidate for the 6th Congressional District, who was in attendance.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Development

1. 19-272 Tree Fund Update

Assistant to the City Manager Kristin Byars-Smith in September of last year, staff presented a Tree Fund update to request funds for new tree fund projects. This is the update on those projects and how the City proposes to expand on them. As a reminder, The Next Ten focused on preserving and enhancing the tree canopy. There were seventy-four (74) trees plant in thirty-seven (37) different locations during 2018-2019. The next steps are to expand the tree inventory to Overlook, Lost Corner and Ridgeview parks. Trees Atlanta, Inc. proposes to partner with the City of Sandy Springs for Front Yard Trees (FYT) for a maximum of 200 trees and cost of \$50,000 per planting season per specific project agreements. During the regular meeting, Council will be asked to consider a Master Agreement and Project Specific Agreements for Front Yard Trees and Right-of-Way Trees, respectively. Information for how residents of Sandy Springs can participate in the Front Yard Tree program will be available on our website:
<http://www.sandyspringsga.gov/Home/Components/News/News/2735/17>.

CONCENSUS OF COUNCIL was to move forward with these agreements.

Recreation and Parks

2. 19-273 Morgan Falls Athletic Fields Turf

Director of Recreation and Parks Mike Perry presented that the City of Sandy Springs had previously allocated funds for a total conversion to synthetic turf for Field #5 at Morgan Falls Athletic Complex. He further stated that most practices and games are cancelled due to wet and unplayable infields. There has been discussion about an alternative to a total conversion of one field (Field #5 only) and instead, converting the infields of four (4) fields (Fields #s 1, 3, 4 and 5). A reallocation of funds to convert four (4) infields, versus total conversion of one field, would greatly reduce cancellation of games and practices and would reduce cost of field supplies and maintenance. He has met with Sandy Springs Youth Sports and they are in agreement with this proposal. Mr. Perry reaffirmed that what would be converted to synthetic turf would be everything within the field that is now clay and/or mix of natural, to include the foul zone area and on-deck area.

CONCENSUS OF COUNCIL is move forward according to staff recommendations.

Public Works

3. 19-274 Update on Project T-0035/PI 0009640 Chattahoochee River Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge along Roswell Road / State Route 9

Director of Public Works Marty Martin presented that 11 years ago Senator Johnny Isakson created a \$3 million Federal earmark for a Chattahoochee Pedestrian Bridge. The City of Roswell and Sandy Springs would share costs above the earmark at 50 / 50. The design contract was issued in 2011 to Heath & Lineback. The project was included in the Atlanta Regional Commission's Regional Transportation Plan and recommended in 2018 North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan (NFCTP) adopted by the City of Roswell and Sandy Springs. During the design requirements to approve the NEPA document have changed, which has increased the consultant's additional fees.

Rob Dell-Ross, Deputy Director (Transportation), City of Roswell presented that staff is requesting an additional \$112,000, which will be split 50 / 50 between Sandy Springs and Roswell. The original size of the contract was \$500,000, also split 50 / 50. The City of Roswell will consider this item at the August 26th City Council Meeting. There is approximately \$2.5 million of the original earmark towards construction and thus, another \$2.5 million is required to bridge that gap from the Atlanta Regional Commission.

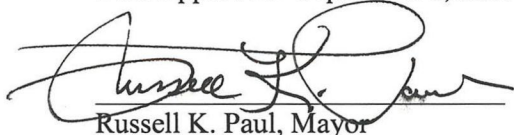
This project should be starting right-of-way acquisition this next year and if that goes well, it could be under construction within 24 months. This project is moving forward to connect to the existing infrastructure and when built, will connect to Roberts Drive and to the existing intersection at Azalea / Riverside. When the project is completely done, the trail will have access to the City of Roswell's entire system

Council Member Chris Burnett asked if the pedestrian bicycle bridge will tie directly to all of the paths that have been built along the Chattahoochee, going west down Azalea.

Roswell and Sandy Springs concur to request approximately \$2.5m in new funds for FY 2022 from ARC TIP Project Solicitation. The respective cities will split 20% local matching requirements per the existing IGA, pass Resolutions supporting the application and local funding match and the City of Roswell will submit the request to ARC this September / October.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at: 6:22 p.m.

Date Approved: September 3, 2019.



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Coty Thigpen, City Clerk