

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 6:05 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

INVOCATION

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

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Management

1. 17-300 City of Sandy Springs Natural Resource Protection

City Manager John McDonough stated Natural Resource Protection is one the City Council's top adopted priorities. From time-to-time, staff will provide an update to the Council and share what is being done across the organization. The coordination of these efforts is delegated to the Assistant to the City Manager, Kristin Byars.

Assistant to the City Manager Kristin Byars presented the City of Sandy Springs Natural Resource Protection PowerPoint presentation, and provided an overview of the Arbor Day Foundation's Energy-Saving Trees (aka) Community Canopy Program. Another programming idea is to implement policy to require waste haulers to include recycling in all of the base packages. The City of Johns Creek's residential fees are comparable to service fees within the City of Sandy Springs. The City of Sandy Springs would need to further evaluate commercial fees. Staff will continue to report Natural Resource Protection efforts to Council at least semi-annually, as well as at the City Council Retreats. Staff regularly reports progress and updates to the City Manager.

Council Member Gabriel Sterling asked if the Johns Creek recycling fees were in addition to the base waste hauler fees.

Assistant to the City Manager Byars confirmed the recycling program fees described were included in the base package.

Council Member Tibby DeJulio asked if all the streams in Sandy Springs will be a part of the Stream Walk program.

Public Works Director Garrin Coleman replied that streams selected for the Stream Walk program will depend on the size of the drainage basin.

Council Member John Paulson asked if the City's natural resources team will include both staff and liaisons from community organizations, such as a representative from the Sandy Springs Conservancy.

Assistant to the City Manager Byars replied the natural resources team is an internal group. Staff will identify opportunities to involve the community to participate on certain items as well.

Council Member Sterling asked what can be done to get Marsh Creek delisted from the EPD impaired streams list. Additionally, the City should conduct an impervious surface inventory by basin, for each major stream within the City. This will help the City make decisions moving forward, along with The Next 10 Comprehensive Plan, and studying how much impervious surface there is as compared to the City's current stock of greenspace. The City should also include the new Stormwater Heat Map as an innovation project for the ARC Green Communities recertification application.

Council Member Andy Bauman stated that the City's Recreation and Parks department has been working with Trees Atlanta in an ongoing initiative. Additionally, staff should look to various data resources, such as the Tree Canopy Study.

City Manager John McDonough stated that the data from the Tree Canopy Study will be available for review within the next 90 to 120 days.

There was a consensus of Council for staff to move forward with the projects reviewed in the City of Springs Natural Resource Protection presentation.

2. **17-301** Ordinance Amending Chapter 30, Article II, Bond Forfeitures and Disposition of Unclaimed Bond Forfeitures

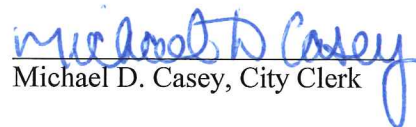
City Attorney Dan Lee presented a draft ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article II, Bond Forfeitures and Disposition of Unclaimed Bond Forfeitures. The ordinance outlines a process allowed by state law, which will authorize the Municipal Court Clerk to notify those that have ownership of a bond, but do not claim the bond within the prescribed length of time. Unclaimed bonds would then be paid to the City's general fund. Currently, these unclaimed bonds are paid to the State of Georgia.

There was a consensus of Council for staff to move forward with this ordinance.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Date Approved: September 19, 2017



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Michael D. Casey, City Clerk