

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 6:05 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Management

1. 17-314 Consideration of the Proposed 2018 City Council Meeting Calendar

City Clerk Michael Casey stated before Mayor and Council this evening is a calendar with the proposed 2018 City Council meeting dates for the regularly scheduled Work Session and Regular meetings. There are twenty-three Tuesdays that have been identified. The twenty-fourth Tuesday is the first Tuesday in July and is designated for the summer break. There is no conflict between any of the Council meetings and legal holidays. Four of the Council meetings do fall immediately after a Holiday and those dates are January 2, January 16, February 20, and September 4. If it is Council's will, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for the first meeting in October.

There was a consensus of Council for staff to move forward and place this agenda item on the Consent Agenda for the next City Council meeting.

2. 17-315 Proposed Food Truck Code

Assistant City Manager Jim Tolbert stated two years ago he and Director of Economic Development Andrea Worthy spoke to the restaurants in the City and they were not interested in food trucks. Several months ago there was an issue that occurred where a food truck was used in the City and it was shut down per the City code. The City was given a lot of grief from businesses in the community. Staff did research on how the City can address food trucks in a way that will work for everyone. He gave the Food Trucks Permit PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member Chris Burnett stated there was mention of distance to a residence. He asked if there could be consideration of latitude for HOA's that want to have their summer events and have the Varsity Food truck come to their subdivision.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated the HOA's are still allowed to have a food truck in their neighborhood with a special events permit. The food truck ordinance being discussed would allow food trucks on a regular occurring basis. Currently, there are several businesses that would like to have food trucks serve their employees. It is really cumbersome to apply for a special events permit regularly. This is a way to try to contain the commercial sites, but to allow parks and special events, like a festival, to be able to include food trucks.

Council Member John Paulson stated he knows the City of Dunwoody allows food trucks and he hears a lot of good things about this. He asked if the City will follow Dunwoody's best practices.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated he reviewed the Dunwoody ordinance along with a dozen other ordinances from various cities.

Council Member Paulson asked if there is a limit on the number of food trucks allowed. He asked what if every commercial property located on a street corner has five food trucks every Thursday.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated he does not believe that any of the jurisdictions have limited the number of food trucks. Many of the businesses would like to have the food trucks in their food courts.

Council Member Gabriel Sterling stated currently there are ice cream trucks that exist in the City that go through residential neighborhoods. He asked how are they licensed and how are they managed.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert replied he is not sure. He does not think that the ice cream trucks sit at one place.

Council Member Sterling asked if a food truck drove around playing music, would that be allowed under the current code.

Assistant City Manager Tolbert stated he has not seen in the code where ice cream trucks are regulated.

Council Member Sterling stated if the City is allowing ice cream trucks and they are not being regulated, that is a slippery slope. If one is regulated, then all food trucks needs to be regulated in some way. This ordinance is a good step forward.

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

Public Works

3. 17-316 Lake Forrest Dam Alternative Designs

Stormwater Services Unit Manager Dane Hanson stated he, Chuck Wilson and Brad Boyer with Schnabel Engineering will present this item. Mr. Boyer will present the technical aspects of the alternatives. He will go over the summary of the design alternatives for Lake Forrest Dam. He began the Lake Forrest Dam Summary of Design Alternatives Consideration PowerPoint presentation.

Brad Boyer, Schnabel Engineering, presented slides 7 - 14.

Stormwater Services Unit Manager Hanson presented slides 15 - 16.

Council Member John Paulson asked why the lake will need a spillway of that size.

Mr. Boyer stated that spillway is an example. The current spillways are two twenty-four inch pipes. We have significantly more water that needs to be passed.

Council Member Paulson stated we are talking about two concepts. One is to use Lake Forrest as an embankment and a dam and upgrade it to a Category 1 dam, or shift the water retention to an upstream dam.

Mr. Boyer responded that is accurate.

Council Member Paulson stated it was also mentioned that the road will need to be closed for eighteen months. He does not understand why the road cannot be closed for a short time, then reopened again. That long of a time for the road to be closed is a significant problem for everyone to deal with. This is a concept plan. He assumes that a lot more work will go into this plan to refine it to see if there are ways to make things smaller and to optimize the construction schedule. He asked if leaving the lake as a creek bed would be an option. He is fine with these two as alternatives. We are talking about relative costs for these two systems and they are conceptual designs, so they are cost estimates. The upstream dam appears to be significantly less expensive than rehabilitating the Lake Forrest dam. A cost of \$1 million to \$2 million is the difference between the two.

Council Member Andy Bauman thanked Council Member Paulson for his engineering expertise. He asked to review the prices of the two options. There is the low estimate on Option 2, versus the high estimate, and a couple of the estimates are hugely different from each other. There was a wide spread on the reduced lake alternative. He asked why there is such a variance on the reduced lake alternative compared to the full pool.

Mr. Boyer stated his staff evaluated the reduced lake alternative. They also reviewed the option of turning it into a bridge and culvert.

Council Member Bauman asked which option would be less expensive.

Mr. Boyer stated he believes the culverts are less expensive. For the full pool alternative, the higher cost is if downstream properties are acquired.

Council Member Bauman stated upstream on the west side of Lake Forrest is where all the work would be done, and not the downstream side. He asked if the functionality of both options are the same. He asked if both options would function equally well during a fifteen inch, six hour storm.

Mr. Boyer stated the fifteen inch option in six hours would apply to the Option 1 full pool.

Council Member Bauman asked what happens for Option 2 if there is a fifteen inch and six hour storm.

Mr. Boyer stated the lake would overtop the dam. There would be overtopping protection as blocks. His company designs to the regulations and they are based on the size of the dam and the lake. Option 2 is a smaller lake and a smaller dam, so the design storm would be smaller.

Council Member Bauman asked what would happen if the water goes over the dam and goes toward Lake Forrest Drive.

Mr. Boyer stated the water would back up behind the Lake Forrest Drive brook embankment temporarily, before it would release through the culverts.

Council Member Bauman asked if there would be room for the dam to not overflow and damage Lake Forrest Drive.

Mr. Boyer stated in Option 2 with the road embankment there would probably be enough storage behind it to hold the water. His staff has not evaluated the dam in that manner, because for Option 2 the design storm was less than Option 1.

Council Member Bauman stated his natural reaction is to go with the less expensive option, absent some information that would lead us to worry about the design storm. The City has recently seen storms that were unexpected. He hopes that Mr. Boyer can bring more analysis moving forward.

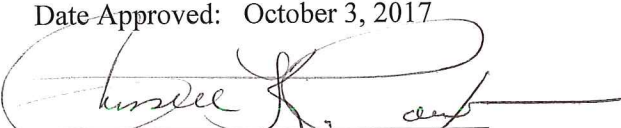
Mr. Boyer stated he can do that.

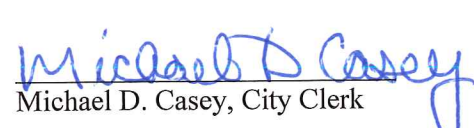
Council Member Bauman stated hopefully closure of Lake Forrest Drive is minimal. This project will be impactful. There may be other projects on the books that have funding. It just a matter of timing. Two projects that come to mind are stormwater and sidewalks. It would be a great time to complete the projects in the area of Lake Forrest Drive while it is closed.

There was a consensus of Council for staff to bring back updates and more Lake Forrest Dam Alternative Designs as they occur.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Date Approved: October 3, 2017


Russell K. Paul, Mayor


Michael D. Casey, City Clerk