

Work Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:01 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

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Invocation – Rabbi Ellen Nemhauser, Union for Reform Judaism

Council Members present: Council Members: John Paulson, Chris Burnett, Jody Reichel, Andy Bauman, Steve Soteres and Tibby DeJulio.

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Fire

1. 19-422 Fire Station No. 2 Design

Fire Chief Keith Sanders presented Hussey Gay & Bell, the architects that have helped with the Design of Fire Station No. 2, which will replace the fire station currently at the corner of Johnson Ferry and Sandy Springs Circle. Council approved the funding for this project in the 2020-2021 budget. Chief Sanders thanked Ginger Sottile, the Community Development team and Assistant City Manager, Jim Tolbert, for helping to ensure that we are in compliance with the Development Code. He introduced Chris Caudle, principal architect and John Pickens, engineer to give a brief presentation. John Pickens, engineer, spoke to the actual site. The intent is to pull the building closer to Sandy Springs Circle and Johnson Ferry Road, which will open the back portion of the lot. The proposed site will have water quality, channel protection and impermeable pavers to help clean the water prior to release. There are currently utilities on site; water, sewer, gas and power are all on the site. The infrastructure for power, communications, and some of the gas, is along the ROWs of Sandy Springs Circle and Johnson Ferry. Chris Caudle discussed the buildings. Beginning with the truck bays, there is a 'hot zone.' When returning from an incident, firefighters will go into the Decon Room, ventilated to the outside, so it does not contaminate the bay and the living areas for the fire fighters. They can wash and shower; wash all their gear and prep for the next mission on that side of the fire house. What is shown in yellow is the front door, where the public can come in; there is a display area there for the fire fighters to display things they are proud of or fallen or wounded fire fighters, a way to remember them. A restroom is up front; then a meeting room that can be used by both the fire fighters and the public as well. What is shown in green is just for the fire fighters. The first floor is composed of the kitchen, the day room, the family room or a living room, to keep it bright and open to the outside. They will have some courtyard space where they can have a grill and spend some time outside. There are stairs at each end of the wing. One of them is a training stairs that they can use, while they are on-site, in their down time. The second floor, there are dorms, the Battalion Chief's Office and two Lieutenants' offices, men's and women's sleeping rooms, showers, and laundry for use of convenience. Also, on the 2nd floor is a large fitness room and a study room. This is at a schematic design level; moving into design development with bidding for the construction next year.

Council Member Paulson questioned if this has been sized to accommodate the next 50 years.

Fire Chief Sanders stated that the site has been maximized to meet the needs for the future for that location. This station carries about 6500 calls a year. We are not losing anything; we are maintaining what we have and looking to future locations to expand further there as well. Chief Sanders stated that he has experienced the vacuum system to the vehicles. They are expensive and get stolen sometimes. We have gone to a no-spoke device that actually attaches to the muffler system, we have a PO out, and will add it to each one of our units that sit in those bays to protect our folks. This is also the reason for the design of the 'hot zone.' We are taking every type of precaution that we can to ensure that our fire fighters are protected. Later in this meeting, I will be bringing to Council's attention a purchase of an apparatus for housing and storing a lot of decon equipment. We are having to decon them on the scene now. 1 out of every 3 fire fighters have been diagnosed with some form of cancer due to the carcinogens, so we are taking it extremely seriously. We feel like we have a good plan moving forward. We plan to include our rescue boat, as well as the PD's

Date Approved: January 7, 2020.



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Coty Thigpen, City Clerk