



# City of Roswell

38 Hill Street  
Roswell, Georgia 30075

## Meeting Minutes Community Development and Transportation Committee

*Mayor Jere Wood*  
*Council Member Nancy Diamond*  
*Council Member Rich Dippolito*  
*Council Member Kent Igleheart*  
*Council Member Jerry Orlans*  
*Council Member Betty Price*  
*Council Member Becky Wynn*  
*City Administrator Kay Love*

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Wednesday, August 25, 2010

8:00 AM

Room 220

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*Meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.*

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Jere Wood; Council Member Nancy Diamond; Council Member Rich Dippolito; Council Member Jerry Orlans and Council Member Betty Price

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Kent Igleheart and Council Member Becky Wynn

*Staff Present: Kay Love – City Administrator; Michael Fischer - Deputy City Administrator; Alice Wakefield – Community Development Director; Steve Acenbrak – Director of Transportation; Brad Townsend – Planning and Zoning Director; David Davidson - City Attorney; Stu Moring - Director of Public Works; Stefanie Dye - Community Development Program Coordinator; Bill Keir – Economic Development Director; Police Sergeant Kevin Smith; Police Sergeant Ken McRae; Andrew Antweiler - Transportation Planner; Chris Chovan - Transportation Planning Manager; Julie Brechbill - Community Relations Manager; Jennifer Erdmann - Grants Specialist; Angel Stark – Community Development Administrative Assistant; Kim Weber - Transportation Administrative Assistant; and Marlee Press – Executive Assistant to Council.*

**Minutes of the July 28, 2010 committee meeting were approved.**

**Community Development**

1. Consideration of City Sponsorship and a Rolling Road Closure for the 9-11 Memorial Ride on Saturday, September 11, 2010

- *The Red Knights Motorcycle Club requested City Sponsorship for this special event, which is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The ride will begin at Killer Creek Harley Davidson and end at Twisted Taco on Holcomb Bridge Road. The entire ride will take place within the city limits of Roswell.*
- *The costs to the City are \$1,368. This amount is below the sponsorship cap of \$3,000. This event has been approved in the past.*
- *Roswell Police would be escorting the entire event but there would be some help from Alpharetta.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Jere Wood, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orlans, that City Sponsorship and a Rolling Road Closure for the 9-11 Memorial Ride be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member Price

2. Consideration of Road Closure for the Centennial High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 24, 2010

- *CHS requested permission to close Scott Road between the High School and Hillside Elementary School for September 24, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is an annual event that has been approved by the City in the past. No city sponsorship has been requested. They will be utilizing off-duty officers.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Nancy Diamond, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orlans, that Road Closure for the Centennial High School Homecoming Parade be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member Price

3. Consideration of Road Closure for the Georgia Transplant Foundation Fundraiser at Diesels Pizza on Friday, September 24, 2010

- *The organizer, Georgia Transplant Foundation requested permission to close Norcross Street from Alpharetta Street to Canton Street for the Eat, Drink, Party and Help Fundraiser from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The left turning lane from Alpharetta Highway (GA Hwy 9) and the right turning lane from Alpharetta Street will also be closed. Permission to close these lanes is in process by GDOT. They are not requesting sponsorship from the City. This event has been approved in the past (under a different name).*
- *Councilmember Orlans was concerned about the city closing up the right lane of Alpharetta Hwy. southbound during rush hour on Friday and having the traffic back up. Sgt. McRae said there could be a slight backup and he couldn't say the intrusion to the public would be minimal since it is going to be rush hour on a Friday. He said the RPD was not requested to help with this event*
- *Councilmember Orlans suggested that staff go back to the organizer and see if they could do without closing the right lane of Alpharetta Hwy.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Jerry Orlans, seconded by Mayor Jere Wood, that the the road closure of Norcross Street from Alpharetta Street to Canton Street and the left turning lane from Alpharetta Highway onto Norcross Street be approved. Committee did not approve the right turning lane from Alpharetta Street because Council Member Orlans requested that staff go back to the organizer and see if they can do this without closing that right lane. Kay Love said staff will go back to the organizer to see what their alternative is. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member Price

4. Consideration of an Intersection Closure for Roswell Rise N Run on Saturday, September 25, 2010

- *North Fulton Communities Charities requested permission to have police assistance to close the intersection of Hembree Road at Elkins Road so that runners can cross the street at 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The intersection would be closed for approximately 15 minutes. The race will conclude in Hembree Park.*
- *This is an annual event that has been approved by the committee in the past. There are no costs to the City for this event. The organizer is using off-duty officers.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Jere Wood, seconded by Council Member Rich Dippolito, that the Intersection Closure for Roswell Rise N Run be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member Price

5. Consideration of an Intersection Closure for the 5th Annual Ginny Jog on Saturday, October 2, 2010

- *The organizer, the Ginny Bodahl Foundation, requested permission to temporarily close the intersections of Houze Road at Houze Way for the participants to pass through these intersections and temporarily close the intersection of Houze Way at Falstaff Road. These intersections will not be closed the whole time. The closures would be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*
- *This is an annual event that has been approved by the City in the past. There are no costs for the City. The organizer is using off-duty officers.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Jere Wood, seconded by Council Member Betty Price, that the Intersection Closures for the 5th Annual Ginny Jog be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member Price

6. Consideration of Intersection Closures for the Georgia Transplant Foundation Tri Roswell on Sunday, October 17, 2010

- *The organizer, Georgia Transplant Foundation requested permission to temporarily close the intersections of Holcomb Bridge Road at Eves Road and Holcomb Bridge Road at Old Alabama Road in order that bicycles may cross these intersections safely. The Tri Roswell event is scheduled from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The bicycles will be crossing these intersections around 9:00 a.m. The roads will not be closed the entire time, but closed only while the bicycles go through the intersections. The police will also help with stragglers getting across the street. The remainder of the event will be on the Kimberly Clark Campus.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Jere Wood, seconded by Council Member Betty Price, that the Intersection Closures for the Georgia Transplant Foundation Tri Roswell be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member Price

7. Consideration of Road Closures for the Kids' Chance Fun Run on  
Saturday, October 23, 2010

- *The organizer, Kids Chance of Georgia, requested permission for a rolling road closure to close a small portion of Hill Street (between Forrest St. and Roswell Municipal Complex entrance) all lanes of Forrest Street (between Hill and Norcross Street), one lane of Norcross Street (between Forrest Street and Grimes Bridge Road), one lane of Grimes Bridge Road (between Norcross Street and Oxbo Road), to Waller Park (over pedestrian bridge through the woods, path around tennis courts), to Dobbs Drive (through VFW), across bridge to Oak Street to Ellis Street and back to City Hall. The closures would be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*
- *They also requested permission to use the grounds of the Roswell Municipal Complex for start and finish of the event.*
- *There are no costs for the City of Roswell. The organizer will pay the costs of \$2,429.07.*
- *Councilmember Orlans had concerns about closing the whole lane of Norcross Street on a Saturday. Kay Love said this route is similar to the March of Dimes route. Councilmember Orlans thought during the March of Dimes, the walkers used sidewalks instead of a full lane closure on Norcross and Grimes Bridge, but Sgt. McRae replied at the start of the March of Dimes there is one lane of Norcross Street that is shut down due to the volume of walkers. He added that the lane closure on Norcross should not last longer than 30 minutes depending on the number of individuals participating,*
- *Councilmember Price asked that now that the city is doing it a little differently with costs being paid by the organizers, is the city collecting that money up front. Staff said it is being collected up front.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Jere Wood, seconded by Council Member Rich Dippolito, that Road Closures for the Kids' Chance Fun Run be approved. Mayor Wood requested that the Transportation Department put up the Message Board signs the day before to inform drivers of slight delays the following morning. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member Price

8. Consideration of Pre-Qualifying Projects for the LCI Implementation Funding

- *ARC requested applications for the pre-qualification of projects in LCI study areas. Pre-qualification makes these projects eligible to compete for LCI Implementation Funding, which could pay up to 80% of the project costs. Potential projects must be included in the LCI Studies Action Plan. Up to two projects per LCI study can be pre-qualified at any given time. Roswell has two LCI study areas where projects can be considered: Atlanta Street/Town Square and Midtown. Currently, there are two (2) projects on the pre-qualification list for Atlanta Street and there are none for Midtown. Staff recommended submitting these projects to ARC.*
- *Staff's plan would remove Pedestrian Improvements around Roswell Square from the pre-qualified list and replace it with the Oak Street at SR9 Intersection Improvements. The plan also reduces the scope of the Atlanta Street Streetscape project, which previously extended from SR 120 to Norcross Street, to the segment from Oak Street Drive to Norcross Street. Staff said Pedestrian Improvements at the Square were being removed because they are being completed with city funds.*
- *Councilmember Orlans requested that staff not reduce the scope of the Atlanta Street Streetscape project and to keep it extended from SR 120 to Norcross Street rather than staff's recommendation which was to reduce it to Oak Street Drive to Norcross Street. He would like to see the whole length.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Jere Wood, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orlans, that the two projects eligible to compete for LCI Implementation Funding be approved and placed on the Mayor and City Council agenda for 9/13/2010. The two projects approved were the Oak Street at SR 9 Intersection Improvements and the Atlanta Street Streetscape Improvements. Committee agreed with Councilmember Jerry Orlans' request to not reduce the scope of the Atlanta Street streetscape project. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member Price

*\*\*\*Subsequent to this meeting, this item did not go to M&CC on 9/13/10.\*\*\**

9. Consideration of a Text Amendment regarding a revision to Chapter 10.39, Sidewalk Cafes

- *This is a text amendment for a revision to Article 10, Chapter 10.39, Sidewalk Cafes to clarify and define the development standards and criteria for "Sidewalk Cafes" in certain zoning districts. This upgrades the requirements on Sidewalk Cafes to require a 5' area to be opened to the pedestrians as well as the requirement for the barrier or post and chains to meet ADA requirements.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Jere Wood, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orlans, that the initiation of this Text Amendment be placed on the Mayor and City Council Regular agenda for 9/13/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito;  
Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member  
Price

10. Discussion of the Precious Metals and Gems Ordinance -  
Guidance

- Staff was asked to review the licensing requirements for Precious Metals and Gem Dealers and identify changes to the current requirements and approval process. Staff put together an analysis of the current requirements used in the cities of Alpharetta, Sandy Springs and Marietta. The City of Roswell is the only city that requires approval by the M&CC for the business license as well as a performance bond in the amount of \$100,000. Pawn shops do not require approval by M&CC and are handled administratively. Some of the applicants in the past have found that very difficult to get that type of bond.
- Councilmember Orlans asked if there is any history of why there are concerns to begin with and why this ever came about. Brad Townsend said there have not been any issues with this. Brad said there is nothing within staff's review of the state's statutes that would require M&CC approval. It would have to be approved by the municipality but it doesn't say what the process needs to be. Councilmember Orlans asked if the city should require any sort of bond. David Davidson said there is not a need for this bond. Mayor said his belief is that these businesses should be treated like Pawn Shops.
- Councilmember Orlans' one concern is the fly by nighters that come to set up for a weekend or two and they are hindering our local businesses. He wanted to know if that was an issue and is there a way of maybe creating a little extra work for these temporaries to protect our local businesses. Mayor said if there is not a problem with fly by night businesses, he would rather not try to address a problem until a problem arises. He asked if the other cities are having a problem.
- Councilmember Diamond asked if there would be an appeal process if Council voting on this license was removed and David Davidson said that would be Legal's recommendation.
- Councilmember Price asked to confirm what the proposed changes are and was told that the performance bond that is in the present ordinance would be eliminated along with it not having to go to M&CC.
- Councilmember Dippolito asked if the existing business would be asked to come into compliance. Kay Love said the city will definitely ask them to come into compliance. Councilmember Dippolito said it would make sense to wait until the ordinance is revised.

**A motion was made by Mayor Jere Wood, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orlans, that the initiation of this Text Amendment be approved for the Regular Agenda and placed on the Mayor and City Council agenda for 9/13/2010. The changes include removing the approval requirement by M&CC for the business license and eliminating the performance bond requirement. There will be language adding an appeals process if the license is not approved. Council Member Jerry Orlans also requested that staff ask the neighboring jurisdictions if they have had a problem with temporary businesses before this comes to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito;  
Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member  
Price

11. Discussion of the combined Legal and Zoning Briefing schedule

- *At the July 28th committee meeting, staff was requested to combine the Legal meeting with the Zoning Briefing meeting. Staff suggested that the Legal/Zoning Briefing meetings be held on Thursday twelve days prior to the first Council meeting of the month to allow two weekends plus an entire week before the public hearing. This would be the week in which the Legal meetings are held now. Also, this date gives staff and elected officials time to go over any outstanding issues and changes made by the applicant.*
- *Mayor said he was supportive of closed legal meetings but couldn't support pre-hearings on zoning issues. He thinks zoning needs to be transparent and needs to be open to the public except for the Legal side.*
- *Councilmember Orlans agreed with the Mayor. He said this is adding another pre-meeting on zoning. Councilmember Diamond said this was talked about as being an educational meeting so Council can ask questions for information so they have everything they need before the Zoning meeting.*
- *Kay Love said many times different Councilmembers have different levels of history and background. These meetings were not to pre-determine anything from a staff perspective but rather just staff's intent to be better prepared and provide an opportunity to Council to ask those questions.*
- *Mayor said he doesn't support a closed pre-hearing in which questions are asked. Mayor said it would be helpful to the applicant and the public if they could hear what the questions were. Councilmember Dippolito added that the problem with having a meeting like the Mayor is talking about, this requires the applicant to have an additional meeting which is a burden on them.*
- *Kay Love said there does need to be a Legal Briefing for Legal reasons. If more than a quorum wants to come to the Legal meeting, staff will have 2 legal briefing meetings.*
- *Councilmember Price added that she is in favor of using the forums that they have which are regular Monday night meetings for information, discussion or vote. If they need more discussions in a public realm in her opinion, that is the setting to have them. She added that Council can defer something if they do not have all the information. Brad Townsend said in the zoning ordinance there is a particular time frame for which Council must act. Councilmember Dippolito said if they had to have a Special Called meeting the following Monday night to stay within that timeframe, they could do that.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Betty Price, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orlans, that the Legal meetings stay as they currently are. There will not be the Zoning Briefing meetings. If Council has questions, staff can meet with Council members on an individual basis to answer those questions. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member Price



12.

### Discussion of Gwinnett Technical College Campus in North Fulton - Guidance

- *The Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education will be soliciting proposals from interested parties for the location of a Gwinnett Technical College Campus in North Fulton. Representatives will be present at the September 16th North Fulton Mayors Association (NFMA) meeting to discuss the process and provide the scope of the RFP so there is a better idea about what they may be looking for.*
- *Mayor said that the legislature has put some money aside and encouraged Gwinnett Tech to open a branch in North Fulton County. The process is when they come to a jurisdiction, they ask for a contribution from the local jurisdiction for money, property or both. Mayor said he has had a preliminary discussion with the Mayor of Alpharetta, Arthur Letchas that perhaps Roswell and Alpharetta can do a joint bid. He said if Council would like to bid on this, Roswell could work with Alpharetta on a location that would benefit both cities. He added that there are no commitments that Roswell is going to bid anything. He wanted to bring it to this Council to get their input and thoughts before they go further.*
- *Councilmember Price said it is very important that the city aggressively pursue some higher forms of education located here or whatever it takes. Councilmember Dippolito said we need to pursue but not sure "whatever it takes." He would like to pursue it whether it is with Alpharetta or by ourselves but he said first Council needs to know all the parameters of that they are talking about (what size is the campus, what are the opportunities, what is the cost, etc). Councilmember Orlans said he is open to this but he needs more information on what it may entail. Councilmember Diamond added that it is a great idea to explore but she would also like to know what effect this would have on other colleges coming in.*

**Committee approved that this can be explored more. Kay Love said staff will bring the information to Mayor and Council after the NFMA meeting.**

13.

### Marketing Workshop for Local Businesses

- *As part of Community Development's business "outreach" effort, a basic Marketing workshop will be hosted by the City in Room 220 on Thursday, September 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Staff is working out all the details in order to get the information out to the businesses.*
- *Councilmember Orlans wanted to know what staff is trying to accomplish and how is this being publicized to get people interested to come to it. Kay Love said staff is working on this. She said staff has heard from small business especially who don't have a staff person dedicated to marketing their company or don't have the resources. They might not know the importance of a strategic plan or marketing plan. This is Basic 101 tips for how to market because there are free resources out there that these businesses may not know about.*
- *Councilmember Price asked if staff has attempted this in the past and what kind of response did they have. Kay Love commented that there have been 2 in the past with a good turnout but those targeted specific groups. Councilmember Price asked if they are looking at groups that wouldn't necessarily be part of the Chamber or would this be duplicating Chamber efforts. Kay Love said this would not be duplicating Chamber efforts. She is not aware that the Chamber has this kind of program. This is targeted at people who may need this information just as a resource.*
- *Kay Love added that there will be people from the business community who would be speaking and assisting at this workshop. They are marketing people who are willing to donate their time. Councilmember Diamond added that there are people in town who do this for a living who offered to come in and help people understand that there are other options besides signage and show there is a whole spectrum of where these businesses can go for assistance. Councilmember Dippolito added that there are people in Roswell with a wealth of knowledge. This is a great way for the city to help our local businesses. The city is providing that opportunity and reaching out to them.*
- *Councilmember Price asked where this is in the budget. She said her understanding is that staff would be notifying people by direct mail and that is a substantial cost. Kay Love said there is a postage budget that would be used for this. Councilmember Price asked if that is in the Administrative budget and Kay Love confirmed that it is.*

### Transportation

14. Consideration to award a design contract to PB Americas Inc. for Historic Gateway Project in the amount of \$1,896,662

- Steve Acenbrak stated a two-tiered qualifications-based selection (QBS) process was used to determine the most qualified consultant team to undertake the task of removing the reversible lanes along SR 9/Atlanta Street. The QBS was used because there is a requirement under the Brooks Act (public law 92-6-82 from 1972) that requires all projects that select engineering and architectural firms using state and federal funds to use the QBS process. He added that the QBS fosters greater creativity and flexibility and minimizes the potential for disputes and litigations. Letters of interest were solicited and four consultant teams were short listed to submit proposals. PB Americas, Inc. was the most responsive responsible proposer. Their team includes national experts in context-sensitive design, sustainability environmental processes and innovative traffic design concepts.
- Kay Love replied this is competitive in nature and not contingent upon price. Qualifications on minimal requirements and screening proposers have to meet certain qualifications as well as the ability to perform scope of work.
- PB America's proposal in the amount of \$1,896,662 includes concept, environmental, database prep and preliminary design. Funding in the amount of \$410,119 is approved and available from Impact Fees and \$1,486,943 is approved and available from the Capital Projects Fund for this initiative.

**A motion was made by Council Member Rich Dippolito, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orlans, that awarding a design contract to PB Americas Inc. for Historic Gateway Project be placed on the Mayor and City Council Regular agenda for 9/13/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member Price

15. Consideration to accept the donation of right-of-way and two easements needed from PMC Properties, LLC and Calvin L. Rohda & Gina A Carellas for the Warsaw Sidewalk Connectivity Project

- *This project consists of filling a sidewalk gap along the east side of Warsaw Rd to provide additional pedestrian connectivity around ½ mile of Mimosa Elementary School. The typical section consists of a minimum 2' bike shoulder; 2' curb and gutter, a varying grass buffer and a 5' wide sidewalk. The project is approximately 1,160 feet long. The project starts from just north of Holcomb Bridge Road/SR 140 and ends at Park Bridge Lane/Tahoe Run. Staff said there is a lot of pedestrian traffic on Warsaw Road.*
- *The project required right-of-way and temporary construction easements from two property owners. They have agreed to donate the property. Staff agreed to some stipulations on the landscaping that the property owners requested. Councilmember Price asked if there is a deduction in property owned by the property owners. Legal added that these property owners will still own the land; the city will just have the easements needed for this project.*
- *This project qualifies for the MARTA funds so MARTA is paying for this project.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Rich Dippolito, seconded by Council Member Jerry Orlans, that accepting the donation of right-of-way and two easements needed be placed on the Mayor and City Council Regular agenda for 9/13/2010. Staff has the contractor standing by. Staff will take the contract to Council also on 9/13/2010. After approval, staff will give the contractor the Notice to Proceed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member Price

16. Consideration to move forward with the design and construction of two additional pedestrian refuge islands on SR 9 for the Midtown Streetscape project

- *Previously staff was asked to determine if additional landscaped pedestrian refuge islands could be added to the Midtown Streetscape project. Five islands have already been approved. Staff conducted initial investigation and found there were some potential sites for additional islands. QK4 Engineering, the engineer of record for the Midtown Streetscape, was asked to perform their own investigation and locate the most suitable sites. One of the sites considered was in the vicinity of the U-Haul business. This island was a problem because of the vertical curve but staff concluded that the area where there would be an island, met the site distance requirement. Staff also looked at adding a seventh median island north of Hog Waller Creek (in the vicinity of Alpine Drive). There will be some minor additional design and construction costs in line with these two additional medians. Staff will give a change order to the designer to formalize the designs and give them to GDOT and property owners. The islands cost \$1,000 each to design and \$10,000 to \$15,000 to construct.*
- *Councilmember Orlans asked from a technical aspect if staff feels they need more islands. Steve Acenbrak said yes because there are high pedestrian crossing issues. He believes these islands: 1) will help with traffic calming; 2) are the best solution in helping people to make two part crossing from a safe pedestrian standpoint; and 3) will prevent drivers from using the center turn lane as a driving lane.*
- *Councilmember Price asked if the islands will be landscaped and if the landscaping will be something pedestrians walk around. Steve said they will be landscaped and they will do something that meets both GDOT requirements for caliber of trees and something that gives mass and volume without being too maintenance intensive. Councilmember Price wanted the pedestrians to feel like they can still walk on the island. She wanted to know if they will have to walk around the landscaping or can they walk through it. Steve said they probably won't walk through the middle of it since it will be landscaped. They will probably be on one side of it or the other. The idea is that either side of that provides you the refuge that you need.*
- *Councilmember Price asked if these islands will have step stones and she was told that the pedestrians will walk over it on either end so you will walk over the raised portion. Mayor said he envisioned a raised curb and there is a portion that if a pedestrian gets stranded in the middle because they couldn't make it all the way across, they would be able to stand in the stamped concrete but at one end or the other of the raised median for safety. Councilmember Orlans said he thinks the concern is there should be some stepping stones or something in the middle so people can actually walk over and through the island rather than the island being 100% landscaped dictating pedestrians to go around. Mayor said for safety it would be better for pedestrians to be on the upside of the curb so they need a combination of landscaping and pedestrian refuge.*
- *There is \$1,202,865.03 approved in the Midtown Roswell Streetscape project for these islands.*
- *A landscape plan will be developed later and will be brought back for committee review.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Rich Dippolito, seconded by Mayor Jere Wood, that the design and construction of two additional pedestrian refuge islands be placed on the Mayor and City Council Regular agenda for 9/13/2010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito;  
Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orlans and Council Member  
Price

17. **Mimosa Boulevard Relocation**

- *Councilmember Jerry Orlans asked about the Mimosa Boulevard Relocation. Steve Acenbrak said at this point, this is just a concept. It is the southern portion of Mimosa Blvd.*
- *Councilmember Orlans is concerned that the alignment is pretty far over and is wondering how that will be done without cutting off ½ the Relish. Steve said this alignment does not take out Relish. It lines up with Barrington Hall. It goes on the west side of Relish. It adds parking because the area of Mimosa that would be abandoned would turn into a parking lot and this alignment would connect Relish with the Square. Councilmember Orlans said they will not have the direct line of Mimosa looking at the front door of Barrington Hall. Steve said you can still see Barrington Hall.*
- *Staff believes that connecting Relish to the Square was a good idea and a nice amenity for the Square.*

**Staff will bring this back to the next committee meeting.**

*Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.*