



# City of Roswell

38 Hill Street  
Roswell, Georgia 30075

## Meeting Minutes Public Safety and Public Works 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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Tuesday, February 15, 2011

5:00 PM

Room 220

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### (Immediately following the Administration and Finance and Recreation and Parks committee meeting)

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Jere Wood; Council Member Nancy Diamond; Council Member Rich Dippolito; Council Member Kent Igleheart; Council Member Jerry Orlans; Council Member Betty Price and Council Member Becky Wynn

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Jere Wood; Council Member Nancy Diamond; Council Member Rich Dippolito; Council Member Jerry Orlans; Council Member Betty Price and Council Member Becky Wynn

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Kent Igleheart

### Staff Present:

*Kay Love – City Administrator; Michael Fischer – Deputy City Administrator; Julia Luke – Finance Director; Jeff Pruitt - Administrator of Park Services; Police Chief Dwayne Orrick; Fire Chief Ricky Spencer; David Davidson - City Attorney; Keith Lee – Director of Strategic Planning & Budgeting; Julie Brechbill - Community Relations Manager; Alice Wakefield - Community Development Director; Bill Keir - Economic Development Manager; Clyde Stricklin – Land Development Manager; Janet Liberman - Environmental Programs Manager; Nick Pezzello - Stormwater Coordinator; Police Officer Sweeney; and Marlee Press – City Clerk.*

### Approval of the minutes of the January 18, 2011 committee meeting.

## Fire

### 1. Monthly Mutual Aid Report

- Chief Spencer presented the mutual aid report for January 2011. For the month of January Roswell received 13 times and Roswell gave 19 times. He said this was a good start to the new year.
- Councilmember Wynn asked if everything was still working out with Sandy Springs. Chief Spencer replied that it is. He said Sandy Springs comes up to Roswell 2 or 3 days a week and works with the Roswell Fire Department and every Tuesday night they come up and fill in while the RFD has their training.
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### 2. Consideration to apply for a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant in the amount of \$16,000

- The grant will be used for the purchase of a fire extinguisher training system that utilizes computer generated and simulated fire. The grant amount is \$16,000 with an 80/20 split. The federal share is \$12,800 with a city match of \$3,200. The \$3,200 will come from the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation.
- Chief Spencer said the Fire Marshall's office is continuously giving classes to the public, whether its schools, business, or daycare centers for fire prevention and safety regarding the use of fire extinguishers. They go to these locations and conduct classes and use live fire and live fire extinguishers. This computer generated system allows them to train without having to use live fire or the use of the fire extinguisher to show how to extinguish a fire. He said this can be used indoors and outdoors, and the Chief feels they are releasing the city from a lot of liability because there is the possibility of someone getting burned when they are using a fire extinguisher to extinguish a live fire.

**A motion was made by Council Member Diamond, seconded by Council Member Price, that applying for this grant be placed on the Mayor and City Council agenda for 2/28/2011. The federal share will be \$12,000 and the city match is \$3,200 which will come from the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 4 - Council Member Diamond; Council Member Orlans; Council Member Price and Council Member Wynn

## Fire Station

- *Fire Chief Ricky Spencer said staff has met with an architect to get a preliminary cost assessment, and that should be available within the next 2 to 3 weeks.*
- *Councilmember Orlans asked what sites they are doing the assessments. Chief Spencer replied he was directed to start at Big Creek and will bring that back to Committee with a cost assessment at the next meeting and wait for further direction from Committee. Councilmember Orlans asked if they were doing any cost assessment from any of the other locations for comparison costs. Kay Love replied the initial directive from the Committee was to do Big Creek since that was the preferred location from a staff perspective.*
- *Councilmember Price asked if they can change that direction. Kay Love replied yes. Councilmember Price added that they had also talked about getting a comparison between one story and two story at the location.*
- *Councilmember Orlans thought that the next step was to compare the cost of doing both of them (Big Creek and Terramont). Kay replied they can't do both at the same time but when the cost assessment is completed for Big Creek they will look at the other.*
- *Councilmember Diamond said if there is movement on Council to do both she would rather them do both before coming back to committee. Chief Spencer said they could do that but it will probably be two committee meetings before he can have the information. Kay said they will bring what they have at the next committee meeting.*

## Police

### 3. Discussion of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Emergency Radio System - Guidance

- *Fulton County and the five (5) North Fulton cities met to discuss the migration from the Fulton County 800 MHz radio to UASI. Fulton County has proposed to cover the cost of the infrastructure estimated at \$10.3M. This includes adding six (6) sites to the UASI system and a two channel expansion. The City currently pays \$173 per radio annually to Fulton County. The UASI subscriber fees are estimated to be between \$350 and \$500 per radio.*
- *Chief Orrick said the UASI system is a federally funded system that was put in place for command and control throughout the Metropolitan Atlanta Area that shared with all the major county entities. Up until now it has been funded through, maintenance and everything, federal funds, and that is about to run out in two (2) years. Chief added that staff had originally spoken with the UASI work groups to have them consider Roswell moving onto their system as Fulton County started charging subscriber fees two (2) years ago and it is a failing system. Up until a recent meeting they were talking about a shared cost system where the cities would put a pay-up into the system, pay for enhancements to the system based on the number of subscribers, the City of Roswell being the largest. Fulton County is now offering to pay for the entire system which is around \$10.3M for the infrastructure up front cost. They would require us to have upgraded radios. UASI requires that the radios are fully capable of digital operation.*
- *By being in the UASI system this gives the city a tremendous amount of growth capacity and this will also be instrumental in bringing more sites for better coverage to the North Fulton area.*
- *Kay Love said there has been talk for quite awhile about upgrading the city system and that it would be around \$1M to do that but staff didn't know when that payment would be required so this has not been budgeted. There is the radio replacement program that replaces radios along the way but this would be the requirement for the city to migrate to that system.*
- *Councilmember Wynn asked if this \$969,000 is a one-time fee. Kay Love replied that it is to get the radios to work on the system. She said right now the city pays a per radio charge. She added that she wanted to make sure Council is comfortable with staff to continue spending time working on this initiative.*
- *Councilmember Diamond asked when the city could have this. Chief Orrick said realistically it will probably be in the 4th quarter. He said it will take that long for them to get radios ordered and programmed to make the move. Councilmember Diamond asked if any of the Public Safety Funds qualify for this and Kay replied yes.*

**Committee agreed that staff can move forward with this and can spend time working on this initiative. Kay Love added that this will be one of the items staff will be taking a look at in the budget process.**

4.

Consideration of a Resolution to submit a grant project list for the FY2012 Federal Appropriations request through the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD)

- *Stu Moring said the city has been participating for several years with the MNGWPD and they have developed a Federal Appropriations process that Roswell has participated in. There was no funding available to the district last year, but in prior years Roswell has received around \$30,000-50,000 per year. Staff is proposing to resubmit the same list of projects.*
- *The timing of that is such that it will be at least a year or eighteen months before staff will know of any funding availability and would then refine the cost estimates. Staff seeks approval to sign a Resolution that Roswell can submit to the Metro District's Consultants, Holland & Knight to submit on the city's behalf.*
- *Mayor asked how much is being spent on this and Stu replied that it is \$10,000. Mayor said there has been a change in the appropriation process. He said a lot was being relied on earmarks and we were not sure what we are working on in specific grants and this has wound down over time and at some point in time he is not sure if it's worth continuing. Stu replied the Council made the determination last year to fund the participation in the program. He said the money is spent and it is just a question as to what projects the city wants to list. He said staff is not asking about continuing the program overall but this is just to submit the projects.*
- *Mayor asked when the city will be looking at continuing this program. Kay Love replied during the budget year. She said this is a line item in their budget for the city to participate in the program and every year there is the discussion about if the city is getting its money's worth in return back.*
- *Councilmember Price asked if there was a cost involved. Stu said no more than what has already been allocated so there is no additional cost.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Wynn, seconded by Council Member Diamond, that this Resolution to submit the grant project list be placed on the Mayor and City Council agenda for 2/28/2011. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Dippolito; Council Member Orleans; Council Member Price and Council Member Wynn

**Public Works**

5. Consideration of a Budget Amendment to fund the replacement of the Windflower Trace Waterline in the amount of \$70,000

- *This project will replace approximately 435 linear feet of the current substandard 2 inch galvanized steel main with 8 inch ductile iron to improve pressure and flows in the area. It will also improve fire protection and water quality by adding a fire hydrant. Stu Moring said there have been numerous leaks and breaks in this old line over the past few years and that this waterline does not meet current standards.*
- *Funding is available from the completed Warsaw Waterline project and this can be reallocated to this project in the amount of \$70,000.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Wynn, seconded by Council Member Diamond, that this Budget Amendment for \$70,000 be placed on the Mayor and City Council agenda for 2/28/2011. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Mayor Wood; Council Member Diamond; Council Member Igleheart; Council Member Orleans; Council Member Price and Council Member Wynn