



City of Roswell

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Meeting Minutes Mayor and City Council

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

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

7:00 PM

City Hall

WELCOME

Present: 6 - Mayor Jere Wood, Council Member Nancy Diamond, Council Member Rich Dippolito, Council Member Kent Igleheart, Council Member Betty Price, and Council Member Becky Wynn

Absent: 1 - Council Member Jerry Orlans

Staff Present: City Administrator Kay Love; Deputy City Administrator Michael Fischer; City Attorney David Davidson; Police Chief Rusty Grant; Fire Chief Ricky Spencer; Community Development Director Alice Wakefield; Environmental/Public Works Director Stu Moring; Finance Director Keith Lee; Human Resources Director Dan Roach; Recreation and Parks Director Joe Glover; Recreation and Parks Assistant Director Morgan Rodgers; Transportation Director Steve Acenbrak; Transportation Deputy Director David Low; Budget Manager Ryan Luckett; Budget Coordinator Denise Brown; Community Relations Coordinator Karen Zitomer; Financial Analyst Lynn Williams; Deputy Police Chief Craig Easterwood; Transportation Land Development Manager Clyde Stricklin; Transportation Accounting Specialist Karen Bernard; Transportation Administrative Assistant Kim Weber; Building Operations Technician Timothy Thompson; Digital Media Designer Joel Vazquez; Deputy City Clerk Betsy Branch.

Pledge of Allegiance - Andrew Lathem

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of the May 12, 2014 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes (to replace the Council Brief approved on May 28, 2014); Approval of the May 28, 2014 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes (to replace the Council Brief approved on June 9, 2014); Approval of the June 9, 2014 Mayor and Council Meeting Brief; Approval of the June 16, 2014 Special Called Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.**
Administration

Approved

2. **Approval to renew an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Fulton County, Georgia for Animal Control Services for FY2015 in the estimated amount of \$91,072.84.**

Administration

Approved

3. **Approval for the Mayor and/or City Administrator to sign a renewal contract for excess Workers' Compensation coverage with Midwest Employers Casualty Company in the amount of \$98,944.**

Administration

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Wynn, seconded by Council Member Igleheart, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 5

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor's Report

1. **Recognition of Police Department Departmental Commendation Awards and Medal of Valor Awards.**

Police Chief Rusty Grant presented the awards stating that the Medal of Valor is awarded "for heroism involving the voluntary risk of a member's safety in apprehension of a dangerous adversary who if allowed to remain at large would present an imminent and substantial danger to the community and where such apprehension constitutes a real and present danger to the officer's life."

Chief Grant said we take for granted the brave things that our police officers do every day even when they are just stopping cars in darkness, approaching cars with tinted windows not knowing who is inside. Today the City is honoring the special acts of bravery by three officers, Sergeant Jason Wescott, Officer Thomas Cooper, and Officer John Lathem. Chief Grant talked about an incident that occurred in April of 2013 when a City of Alpharetta police officer was shot during a traffic stop. Alpharetta officers responded immediately to the scene and broke through the Roswell radio frequency to advise that an Alpharetta officer had been shot and provided a description of the vehicle. Roswell Police officers quickly found the suspect vehicle on SR-9 and began pursuit throughout Roswell. These three officers

were in the primary pursuit vehicle directly behind the chase when the suspect began firing through their back window hitting the patrol car several times. The officers pursued the suspect vehicle onto GA-400 where the suspect vehicle was in a traffic accident involving a civilian. Officer Lathem drove his vehicle through gunfire to the opposite side of the vehicle where the suspect was, placing his vehicle and himself between the suspect and the civilian. All three officers demonstrated a tremendous amount of heroism in what they did that night. In honor of their bravery, these officers are being awarded the Medal of Valor.

Chief Grant said other officers were involved in that chase and some of their vehicles were fired upon as well. Detective Nicole Clutter, Detective Zackery Kowalske, Officer Joshua Ott, Sergeant Kyle Ratliff and Lieutenant David Shepard are being awarded the Departmental Commendations ribbon for their acts of valor and heroism on that night.

Chief Grant said the City of Roswell's Police Department has many courageous officers and tonight the City is proudly recognizing some of those officers for their actions, professionalism, individual contributions, and heroism. Chief Grant presented the awards to the police officers and said he is proud to be a Roswell Police Officer associated with these brave officers and each of them makes his job easier.

Photos were taken with the officers and their families and Mayor and Council.

Chief Grant expressed his appreciation to the families of the officers involved in this incident and said everyone shared a special bond that night and during the weeks following. He thanked each of the families for their support of these officers.

Chief Grant recognized other officers being awarded the Departmental Commendation ribbon and noted a more recent event that occurred in March of 2014 when a missing person's call was received. Detectives Clutter and Nimon began an investigation attempting to locate the missing person and knew they had a cell phone. Initially they were unable to locate the person because the phone had been turned off. They continued calling the phone and realized at one point the phone was turned back on and then were able to locate the vehicle of the missing person near a community swimming pool in a subdivision. The officers began searching a wooded area and after about 30 minutes, Officer Perry located the missing person who was in very poor health and carried the person out of the woods to the EMT's. Through the efforts of the police officers and the EMT's, they were able to save a person's life.

Chief Grant commended all of the officers involved for a commendable job that was a true team effort of detectives working with patrol. Each of the officers was recognized and presented the Departmental Commendation ribbon: Officer Matthew Perry, Detective April Nimon, Detective Nicole Clutter, Officer Robert Colombo and K-9 Officer Bart.

2.

Reading of a Proclamation for Amateur Radio Week.

Mayor Wood read the proclamation stating, Amateur Radio Operators are celebrating over a century of human voice broadcast over the airwaves and Amateur Radio continues to provide a bridge among societies and countries creating friendships and sharing of ideas. The North Fulton Amateur Radio League members have provided countless hours of uncompensated community service by providing backup communications services to the City of Roswell Police and Fire Departments, communications to local charitable events, and other organizations throughout the region. The City of Roswell recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these

"Hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the National Weather Service and provide relevance in our highly modern technical world by providing emergency communications when other systems may fail. The North Fulton Amateur Radio League will participate in a yearly national event sponsored by the ARRL called "Field Day" as an emergency preparedness exercise that will take place on June 28th and 29th at Waller Park Extension. This event will demonstrate Amateur Radio skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required. On behalf of the City of Roswell, Mayor Wood proclaimed the week of June 23, 2014 as Amateur Radio Week in the City of Roswell, Georgia and urged all citizens to attend the Field Day and recognized the importance of this event and the significance of amateur radio to our citizens and our community.

Jim Payne representing the North Fulton Amateur Radio League (NFARL) said this is their annual event and he thanked the City of Roswell for hosting the event each year at Waller Park Extension. The NFARL is very much a part of this community and they appreciate everything the City does for them. As the proclamation explains, the NFARL contributes through their own means of equipment and volunteer hours, service to the community by providing radio communications for many events; not only emergencies but also special events. On Sunday morning they will be providing communications for the GA-400 bike ride, one of many of the things they do. They recently became involved with some of the local schools to provide assistance in the areas of science, math, and STEM. Through this involvement, many young people have an opportunity to learn about science, engineering and electronics through "Ham" radio. Mr. Payne recognized Robert Moore, Headmaster of Mill Springs Academy in North Fulton and asked him to talk more about what the NFARL is doing for the community.

Robert Moore said he was grateful to be here to talk about this league and what they have meant to Mill Springs Academy. He said there are many awesome schools, public and independent in this area and one reason for that is through groups like NFARL becoming involved on a volunteer basis with the schools. Students in the 7th and 8th grades are getting their memberships and earning their license on their own and that is a great accomplishment. It is great that Mill Springs Academy has its own emergency station and they had an awesome experience when the entire school and other visiting schools from the neighborhood had the opportunity to talk by Ham radio with the space station as it flew over. They had a discussion with the astronaut who answered student questions about what they were doing and what it is like to be in space. Mr. Moore said he was grateful to the NFARL and to teachers like Martha Muir, member of the NFARL and Mill Springs Academy 7th and 8th grade Science teacher who brings a special quality that makes schools all they can be.

Mayor Wood asked for the hours of the event at Waller Park Extension. Mr. Payne said it begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and runs 24 hours through 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Mayor Wood asked if people attending will have an opportunity to talk on the Ham radio. Mr. Payne said absolutely, on their station, GOTA, with the accompaniment of a Ham radio operator, they can talk with stations all over the world. He said Councilmember Wynn and Councilmember Dippolito have both done this. Mr. Payne invited everyone to attend this event at Waller Park Extension and announced there will also be a dinner at 6:00 p.m. with Spiced Right barbeque and homemade side dishes.

3. **Reading of a Proclamation for Roswell Recreation and Parks Month.**

Mayor Wood read the Proclamation for CITY OF ROSWELL RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH stating, The Roswell Recreation and Parks and Historic & Cultural Affairs Department is an integral part of the Roswell community and is vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life our citizens enjoy, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our community and region. The Roswell Recreation and Parks and Historic & Cultural Affairs Department builds healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provides therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improves the mental and emotional health of all citizens. The Roswell Recreation and Parks and Historic & Cultural Affairs Department increases the community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction. The Roswell City parks are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and the Roswell City parks improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development and produce habitat for wildlife. The Roswell City parks ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors. On behalf of the City of Roswell, Mayor Wood proclaimed the month of July as Recreation and Parks Month in the City of Roswell and called upon all citizens to visit our beautiful parks and take advantage of the many and diverse programs and services offered by the Roswell Recreation and Parks and Historic & Cultural Affairs Department.

Mayor Wood said that he and Councilmember Igleheart had attended the Georgia Municipal Association meeting and the opening speaker at that meeting was the assistant to the secretary for housing and urban development in the U.S. and a fairly influential person who knows statistics. Mayor Wood said the speaker made the following interesting comments about parks: You can tell how healthy children are going to be by how far they live from a park and the closer they live to the park the healthier they are and the better their future looks. As far as predictive factors, it had a bigger prediction on the health of that child than any other characteristic whether it was the economic factor or the region or the race or ethnicity. Of all the contributing factors to the health of children, the biggest factor was the proximity of parks. Mayor Wood said Roswell should have a healthy bunch of kids.

Recreation and Parks Assistant Director Morgan Rodgers said since 1985, the National Recreation and Parks Association has celebrated July as the nation's official Recreation & Parks Month throughout the country. This year's theme for the celebration is "Out is In." Collectively people do not spend enough time outside so throughout the month of July, programs, activities and events are being offered to encourage Roswell citizens to do "go outside and play." He provided a summary of events in the City during July starting with the fireworks celebration on July 4th at Sweet Apple Elementary School. He said it was moved from Roswell High School because they are undergoing a renovation. There will be a Riverside Sounds concert, a family movie night at Riverside Park, a movie at the Roswell Area Park, Federal troops will occupy Barrington Hall, the Story Slam at the Cultural Arts Center and the Farmers Market takes place several times this month at City Hall. He encouraged everyone to get outside and play during the month of July and enjoy the City parks. The options are as varied as the interest and include walking trails, dog parks, exercising on outdoor equipment, spray grounds, playgrounds, sand volleyball courts, bike trails, canoeing and kayaking on the Chattahoochee River, Bochie,

tennis, fishing, and swimming.

Mayor Wood said the keynote speaker for the Georgia Municipal Association had a message to the cities and asked "when was the last time a City said that part of their mission was to have fun?" Mayor Wood said if he had the opportunity, he would have said the City of Roswell Parks Department has in their mission, "to have fun." He said the message to all cities in the State was in order to have a city that is not just good but great, is to be a city where people have fun. Mayor Wood said the City of Roswell Parks Department is doing a great job at being the fun department.

***Mayor Wood noted that Councilmember Orlans was absent with an excuse.

4.

Consideration of the City Green Project.

City Administrator Kay Love introduced this item. She said related to this project, the concept of the City Green was presented by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in the work session; approximately \$578,000 was added in the budget at the first reading on June 9, 2014 for the design of the project and when this was item was moved to the Council agenda, this was consideration of that concept.

Mayor Wood said for a finer point, the DDA has proposed a concept and this Council has discussed that concept and other concepts. Before moving forward with sending this out for design by an architect, clear direction of which design the majority of Council would like to move forward with is needed.

Monica Hagewood, Chairperson for the Downtown Development Authority presented this concept for the City Green Project. She said the DDA has presented this quite a few times and she was here to answer questions tonight. Mayor Wood said Council has discussed that this project has elements and he asked Ms. Hagewood to provide a brief description of those elements.

Ms. Hagewood displayed the Conceptual Master Plan on the overhead and said the DDA sees the elements of this project like a body with hands and arms that all belong together to make the whole thing work and said she would discuss the elements that make up this project beginning from the north on the Master Plan:

- She pointed out a promenade that goes along the southern edge of the Smith Plantation property and said the idea is to expand that to make it an activated walkway to connect the existing parking because there is a parking challenge. This would not solve the problem but it is the quickest way to get some relief and provides a way to integrate the 400 parking spaces in the back into the Green. The promenade would be a very wide open walkway that is well lit and activated with different place makers, for example the social circle that is a gathering place.
- Immediately to the south is an amphitheater that is identified in the financials as Phase Two but the DDA feels it is very important and cost effective to do it in Phase One. Mayor Wood said in order to do the master plan, the concept is to design the amphitheater and it might be a construction second phase but it would all be part of the master design. Ms. Hagewood said financially it would be cost effective to be designed in the first phase because it is an integral part. She said they have shown a photograph several times of an amphitheater in Philadelphia that is very organic that is a very intimate space for 200 people.
- At the northwest corner of City Hall is a support building that would also have restrooms and is one of the first places where facilities could be put on that side.
- At the center of the City Green is an open space that extends east/west directly from City Hall. Some people have expressed concern about removing a lot of trees, but there has been a lot of effort to make sure only selected trees are taken down

and a lot of the hard woods and long living trees are preserved.

- She talked about the Faces of War memorial and said they have worked with the original Faces of War committee that put it in place twenty years ago and the overwhelming majority has said if there is a City Green, they would like the memorial to be relocated and several concepts for relocation were discussed. The entire consensus was if it is to be moved, it should be moved to the north side where it gets a lot of light that would play off the bronze materials which would be perfect for this memorial. She said there is a plaque on the memorial with a comment about a garden and they have talked to the committee about expanding a garden that it would be set in. She pointed out where that would be located in a triangular area on the plan to the north and said the little girl in the memorial would look as if she was running out onto the green and that is exciting because of this being a memorial for hope.
- There will be an alley of trees on either side of the City Green that would be in the next phase that would consist of hardwood, long living legacy trees with high canopies and would be the biggest caliber that could be put in which is important to start to define this space.
- She pointed out the many seating areas with tables and chairs and crisscrossing paths farther to the south and said the idea is for this area to be activated to connect the vibrancy of Canton Street and allow that vibrancy to flow south all the way down to the City square. She pointed out a water feature immediately in front of City Hall and said there has been some concern about safety and they continue to pursue that with the County but they do not want anything with fences but something that creates an active space. There would be flexibility in the design of this water feature and it would be a platform or stage that could be turned off for multi-use. There would be no standing water where someone could drown. She said they have been asked if it could be made smaller but they believe it is as small as possible for this size space.
- There is a placeholder for a mixed-use building to the south that is not in this plan. There has been a lot of discussion about this but they have a ways to go to find something that everyone is comfortable with putting on City property. The DDA is proposing that at some point they would come back to City Council with an idea for that.
- She pointed out a building on the corner that would be a coffee shop and said the DDA thinks it is very important to activate that corner and it would be a very busy spot. It could also be a location for a concierge that could direct people where to go in Roswell.
- A key element of this project is connecting Canton Street with a walkway across SR-9. There are many things they would like to do but the most immediate and cost effective way is to produce some version of a scatter diagram. Transportation is working on that and the DDA talked with them about different ideas early in the planning that it would be a part of this which is very important. Transportation would interface with GDOT on what could be done.
- Regarding the Heart of Roswell Park, there is a bit of a barrier blocking the view into Canton Street and they would like to create a simple pavilion on that site. That needs to be developed more but it would be very simple with an open green space and connectivity that would allow someone on Canton Street to easily see across the Green and vice versa because visually, there is a lot of connectivity while walking.

Ms. Hagewood completed her discussion of the elements of the project and said the DDA realizes they can only present one concept, but they have looked at so many they have lost count. Those concepts have been discussed in detail with stakeholders including the Committee for the Faces of War Memorial as well as with the Boards and Commissions for their input. They have let the landscape architects guide because they are the experts in this type of space and know how important it is to activate everywhere there is walking. The architect has explained that there has to be ten different things to do in a space to make it active. She said Mayor Wood

made the best introduction to this when he said, "you got to have fun." She said people outdoors having fun is what makes a city great and this reaches all ages and all incomes; there are no barriers. Everybody in Roswell can use this.

Mayor Wood asked for Council discussion.

Council Comment:

Councilmember Price asked Finance Director Keith Lee regarding the Priority Based Budgeting, where this is ranked in line for improvement.

Keith Lee replied that he believes the City Hall space is a quartile 2. He provided an overview of Priority Based Budgeting and said they go through all the cost centers and projects and programs that the City offers of around 400 and rank that against the results they set for the City and the definitions of those results. Those rankings tell the kind of return on those programs that the City does and what that means for the City. Quartile 1 is the highest return for the City; quartile 2 is also a high return and means it hits a lot of results and quartiles 3 and 4 would be less advantageous for the City but it does not mean they would not do those programs. They look to see if they are mandated or if the level of service or the way the service is being provided should be changed.

Councilmember Price referred to the buildings shown on the Conceptual Master Plan; the Support Building, the Smith Plantation Visitor Center and the Market Building. She said Ms. Hagewood had mentioned that the Mixed-Use building is not in this current plan and Councilmember Price asked if these other buildings are in the current plan stating that she did not see them in the breakdown of expenses.

Ms. Hagewood replied that the Smith Plantation Visitor Center is not; it is part of their long term strategic plan but it is here as a placeholder. The small building and the larger building on the south side would be a part of something that they are thinking the DDA would do. As far as the design, it anticipates those buildings being there. She said the amphitheater is included in that.

Councilmember Price said the restrooms are not considered in the first three phases. Ms. Hagewood said she thinks that is in the Support Building and it is in that phase. Councilmember Price said if it were all designed at once, would the Mixed-Use building be part of that design. Ms. Hagewood said it is just a placeholder but it is anticipated to be some type of structure that could be as simple as a pavilion with restrooms on one end or several stories that sits in the existing parking lot but it would be very easy to design technically with anticipating it coming later.

Councilmember Price said this is still not clear to her. She asked if the \$578,000 includes the design of all of these buildings. Ms. Hagewood replied no, not the two buildings...(remainder of comment inaudible). Councilmember Price asked a question that was inaudible. Ms. Hagewood said when they made the initial proposal, they anticipated that the DDA would design and build those and were anticipating at that point that they would look at market rate type of deals for most of the space. They have since pulled back on that but they want to leave a placeholder. Councilmember Price asked what she means by "placeholder."

Mayor Wood said it means they are not going to design it but they are leaving a potential pad where a building could go but they are not drawing elevations, plumbing plans or a floor plan. They are simply saying this space is reserved for a building which could be multiple uses.

Ms. Hagewood said to Council that the estimate that have, anticipates that as a

completely separate project. It is anticipated that the DDA would come in with the building portion later. Councilmember Price asked if that also includes the Support Building. Ms. Hagewood said the support building and the amphitheater are included.

Councilmember Wynn referred to the cost estimate sheet that was provided to Council and pointed out an item identified under Phase Two Elements described as Stage/Restroom Building. She asked if that is the support building they are talking about. Ms. Hagewood replied yes. Councilmember Wynn said then the support building is Phase Two under item (1, t).

An unidentified speaker said he would try to simplify the conversation. He said the buildings that Council has provisionally included for this year's budget include the small support building which would have restrooms and storage facilities, the small pavilion north of the amphitheater, and the pavilion in the Heart of Roswell Park. It does not include the Smith Plantation Visitor Center or the large mixed-use building or the small coffee shop/concierge building on SR-9. He asked if that clarifies which buildings are included.

Councilmember Price said it is helpful. She asked if they have ever been shown any renditions or had discussion on the Heart of Roswell Park. She asked if this is up to the discretion of the designers or are they looking for direction. Ms. Hagewood said the design for the Heart of Roswell Park would need to reflect the same style and that was part of this next phase on these two buildings. They have discussed that the architecture should be simple but reflect the same materials of City Hall to provide a little bit of a connection between City Hall and Canton Street because transition is very important going from a very large scale to a small village scale and that would be a part of this design. Elevations have not been created; that is part of the next phase. Councilmember Price said she knows that but if they approve money for design she wants to know what they are encouraging them to design. It is hard to allocate design monies for something if you have no idea what it is going to be. Ms. Hagewood said the details portion would be part of the RFQ to get designers that are sensitive to that type of building. Councilmember Price asked if there will be public input and meetings. Ms. Hagewood said they pass that part off to Council. Councilmember Price asked if someone else could address that question.

City Administrator Kay Love said regarding the public process, depending on the guidance that Council gives, an RFP or an RFQ would be put out for the design so the design would be based upon this concept. As those elements are vetted out and further engineered, there would have to be input for example what the water feature or the amphitheater would look like. There would be many discussions about the elements and the materials used. There would be public input. She perceives public information meetings and work sessions so this could be ferreted out to get to the point of having construction drawings. Then at the appropriate time they would get bids for the project to be built and constructed.

Councilmember Price said but there would be nothing prohibiting us from proceeding with construction, if we saw an early element design that we liked. She said she is getting a lot of emails saying "we need to do this all at once."

Ms. Love said from the design standpoint like other Transportation projects, for example the roundabout where there is ability to add a right turn lane by the church. It was designed; however the right turn lane is not yet constructed. Much like this, it is important for it to be designed at one time for the dollars and the elements to fit together. Elements could be constructed but it would be important to get advice from the designers related to mobilization in building something rather than possibly disturbing it or tearing it up and remobilizing to construct another element. There is a

science to it and that is what the professionals do. They would advise and give options by which decisions could be made of how to proceed with construction. But if it was element, you could certainly move forward with it.

Mayor Wood noted to Councilmember Price that he had this put on the agenda but said he is not asking Council to commit to a construction date or how it would be phased. He said they need to move forward with a design process and to get a consensus on what elements will be moving forward with the design. The construction would be a separate vote and be funded separately. He said Council has suggested putting money in design and direction from Council is needed as to what elements are going to be in that design. This vote and this motion would not be committing to construction. He said he has commented that they do not want to move forward with the design unless Council believes they are going to construct it at some point in time. They do not need to commit to construction at the same time as committing to design. But they certainly do not want to design something that the Council does not have an intention of ultimately building. Councilmember Price said she could not agree more.

Councilmember Price said in the depiction from the rotunda south, there are a lot of brown areas and asked Ms. Hagewood if the consensus or vision for that is that it would be brick because she saw something that said cement. Ms. Hagewood asked if Councilmember Price was referring to the area in front of the mixed-use building to the south of the Green. Councilmember Price said on the Conceptual Master Plan, it is everything from the Faces of War Memorial down through the water feature through the diagonal paths. Mayor Wood asked if she was referring to the material that would be for the hard walking surfaces. Councilmember Price said correct. Ms. Hagewood said the concept was inspired by wanting to have a lot of places to sit and read or eat, etc. It could be a type of small gravel material around bricks. She said again, it is in the next phase to have the designers figure out what those specific materials would be. But the general concept is for it to be timeless and low maintenance because it would be used. Mayor Wood said she is suggesting it not be concrete or asphalt, but some sort of pavers. Ms. Hagewood agreed with the suggestion to use pavers, or there may be some concrete. She said there are a lot of paths and there are amazing ways to do this. Mayor Wood said but they are not anticipating asphalt or massive expanse of concrete. Ms. Hagewood said they are not anticipating asphalt. Councilmember Price said there is a line item for \$156,000 for concrete primary paving system in phase three in the Heart of Roswell Park. She asked if that is anticipated to be concrete. Ms. Hagewood said the bricks usually sit on a concrete base and she suspects that is part of that cost. Councilmember Price said then this is a base and not a final look. Ms. Hagewood replied yes.

Ms. Hagewood said going forward they can pursue grant opportunities as much as possible for some of these different elements.

Mayor Wood asked if Councilmember Price had any other questions.

Councilmember Price said, "I will just refer back to my comments of the previous meeting and not subject everybody to them again. But I don't think this has changed much except that in the interim, I have received a number of comments and approached other people and I'm still not getting any general support for this among regular citizens. I know there has been a huge PR component to this project. I've gotten the email deluge that are specifically sent to me as if there is some grand reason that I have to vote for this. It is going to be voted for I'm sure and my vote is really not necessary. I'm not sure why I've been barraged by all these emails today. Some of them are rude and some of them are as if you are an idiot or something. I don't appreciate that and I'm not sure why that is occurring. But certainly it does not

endear myself to this project any more."

Mayor Wood asked for further Council questions before opening the meeting to public comment.

Councilmember Wynn clarified that phase three does have the Market pavilion building. She said assuming this passes, could this be taken out because that is not part of phase three anymore. Ms. Hagewood said that is referring to the building in the Heart of Roswell Park. Councilmember Wynn said that is a different building, and asked Ms. Hagewood to point out that building. Ms. Hagewood noted the building.

Councilmember Price asked if it is a building and a pavilion. Ms. Hagewood said it is a pavilion, not an enclosed structure.

Mayor Wood opened the meeting for public hearing.

Public Comment:

Zachary Bramblett stated his home address as 3120 Over Land Drive, noted that he owns businesses at 946 Canton Street and 963 Canton Street. He said his family has been on Canton Street for twenty plus years. He asked how long the conversation was about to redoing the sidewalks on Canton Street. Mayor Wood said Councilmember Orlans was the only Councilmember serving at the time that was approved, and he noted it was prior to his election but said he did not think it was discussed as long as this project. Mr. Bramblett said that is his point; \$1.5 million. He said as business owners, he and his family have seen Canton Street grow to become the heart of the City and tens of millions of dollars has been spent by the business owners to make Canton Street amazing. When the business owners see the City's support, they follow. This is the heart of the City and should be invested in. He supports this project and said it is amazing and something that needs to happen. From a business perspective, small business will continue to grow and as the City supports the businesses, the businesses will follow their lead.

Janet Russell stated her home address as 260 Willow Springs Drive, stated that she wants to see this space used but sometimes the best use is to not touch it as much. She said she is disappointed to hear at the DDA meeting in March that after two years the only plan they had to present was to move the Faces of War Memorial to the Smith Plantation and to clear cut the trees, but she realizes that now has changed. Ms. Russell said they only came up with that one plan because they surround themselves with people who also think the same way they do, without much creativity. She referenced Monica Hagewood's statement about the original memorial committee being fine with moving the memorial. Ms. Russell said she talked with four of those members in the last two weeks and they said their first choice is not to move the memorial which would be an injustice and disrespectful to the service and lives and deaths of those represented by the memorial. They said if it must be moved it should be moved to a place of honor. What she was told is an entirely different narrative from what has been said by others that the veterans are fine with the memorial being moved. That is not the veteran's wish and they expressed that at the meeting here the last Monday in April. Council listened but did not hear and it is clear they did not hear because she heard the Mayor recently told one of the original committee members that it is going to be moved. She is stunned that this City is willing to sell out its honor for "thirty pieces of silver." This has nothing to do with making this a community activity area but everything to do with "feeding the cash register that is on Canton Street." She has supported small business as long as she has lived here and remembers when \$2.2 million was spent on a half mile of road to make Canton Street what it is today which is really nice. The property values have sky rocketed thanks to the investment of citizens like her but said she does not see

any of that. She is still waiting for a sidewalk on SR-9 where there are no sidewalks or crosswalks on the side she lives for two miles from the square to the river but the City is only worried about the area around City Hall and Canton Street. \$5.5 million is going to pay for this because the City started with \$8 million for a water treatment plant and that doubled to \$16 million and there was going to be \$50,000 for designing the pedestrian bridge and that is now \$250,000. This City Green plan is very deceptive because it shows full grown trees but those are not the trees that are there now. The trees they will plant will look like the ones on SR-9 and it will always be that way unless they die from pollution or lack of water and care. She was concerned about removing the parking lot on the side of City Hall to add another building and also moving the memorial. She asked how people would get to the memorial through the City Hall parking lot. She said she came up with a better plan that no one has ever asked about although it accomplishes the same goals at 10% of the price, only removes six trees and leaves the memorial in place. Everyone she has shown the plan to have said it is brilliant and is what is needed here. They also commented that the open space is not needed at City Hall.

Kevin Hsu stated his home address as 329 North Coleman Road, said this is a frivolous spending of tax dollars. He loves Roswell and all of the green spaces. This is a green project but this area is all green now and the trees are very nice. It is not necessary to level it and put in a lawn that has to be maintained and is not environmentally friendly.

Lynn McIntyre stated her home address as 2210 Steeplechase Lane, said she has seen Janet Russell's plan and thinks it was quite inspired. She especially liked the rocking chairs on the porch of City Hall facing the street which captures what Roswell is, a village and a place where people can go for a walk and stop and sit a while. She would recommend Ms. Russell's plan to the DDA because it provides inspiration, and inspiration is lacking in the DDA plan although they have put a lot of time into it. When the stakeholders are engaged a plan will get better over time and this plan is not perfect yet and needs more input. For instance, the amphitheater can be built but it just becomes a place to crawl over if it is not known what the space will be used for. The entire point of this exercise was to have parking available behind City Hall for people on Canton Street to access to connect those two big assets together. This City Green may not accomplish the main goal without addressing the main problem which is the transportation issue that must be fixed before creating the City Green. This plan is backwards because connecting the transportation, parking and shops is the main goal. She likes the idea of "rocking chairs, sit a while, come home to Roswell" because this is a village where people can pause and enjoy the green space which is wonderful and the reason people love Roswell. She said the green part is why she loves Roswell.

Michael Haddon stated his home address as 700 Freedom Lane, commented that he supports this project and working through the design is the right step to take. He pointed out that the original charge of the Downtown Development Authority is as an economic development organization and their job is to identify projects that will spur economic development in the area they are in charge of looking after. Some people with the DDA said they looked at a number of different projects but this particular project stuck out as the "biggest bang for the buck." The cost will range and he has seen figures of \$3.5 million, \$5.5 million or up to \$12 million if it is done all at once. Those are theoretical numbers and they will change. Realistically, everyone knows this price will not stick. As a taxpayer, he is not concerned because things do change and sometimes they get more expensive but sometimes cheaper; this is an economic development opportunity with a 17:1 return on investment which is huge. The City of course will not get all of that money but they are building the City and not just sitting stagnant with a lot of pine trees in the back yard. There are opportunities to improve

this plan and he hopes they are explored during the public input process. He said people should not get hung up on rocking chairs or the size of a water feature because all those things will get fixed. This will be a great project in the end that he fully supports.

Christina Devictor stated her home address as 200 Kings Mill Court, commented that her age is 27 and she is outnumbered here because unfortunately a lot of people her age are not seen in this environment because there has not been much of a spark to get them here. She came back to Roswell with the intention of carrying out a vision to create an incredible artist community and is excited for recently having joined the board of the new Roswell arts fund. She is moving into her first space as a business owner and thankful she has grown enough to be able to do that and has a vision that she will get more business being in that position. Her vision is that this project will create something more even though they do not have all the answers now or know what businesses will be in this potential building but this is a start. Her age group is not interested in these meetings now, not because they are young but because they need to see something progressive in this City. Roswell is amazing thanks to the support of Mayor and Council in developing that but she wants it to keep moving forward and not have this be something that a certain age group is against. Her age group will be paying the tax dollars for years to come. She said start this now and let all of the incredible work that the DDA has done be put towards something greater and bigger and she fully supports this and hopes it passes today.

Katie Belew stated her address as 905 Camp Avenue in the historic district of Roswell, commented that she is a real estate agent and shows property to relocation clients all over metro Atlanta. Ms. Belew said that a favorite day for her is when she has the opportunity to drive someone through Roswell because the reoccurring theme with her clients coming to the area is that they want a place to call home that feels like a community and they see that in Roswell but when she points out City Hall, they cannot find it. Another problem is the shortage of residential property for new people coming into the City. Development is starting to take place behind City Hall and the way to organically grow what has happened on Canton Street is to open the area and integrate it with the vibrancy of Canton Street. That will help developers and potential home buyers look at areas beyond this tight little spot because they can see a pedestrian way to connect with Canton Street. Ultimately they hope as more residential property is developed for homeowners coming in, is that this will become a more walkable community where people can walk to all of the everyday things. This project is a catalyst for that type of development that real estate developers want to see. Roswell does a great job trying to balance development so it is not a concrete jungle but it will continue the village feel that adds to the charm and character of the City. Ms. Belew said she supports this project. Ms. Belew stated she is sorry that Councilmember Price has received negative comments from people who are trying to bully or not be positive. Ms. Belew said negative commenting about a lack of creativity is not the way to move forward as a group; obviously there have been creative elements to this project and they have worked on it for a long time; it will not be all things to all people but few things are and that is where leadership and vision are needed for the long term growth and the future of Roswell. She hopes the design phase of this will be passed in the budget for this year.

Adam Roth stated his home address as 9820 Loblolly Lane, commented that he is a fairly new resident to Roswell only having lived here a few years. His family is here because of the community feel, walkability, great schools, and magnificent park system and because of what Mayor Wood mentioned earlier about it being a "fun" community. This project will breed more fun. He said he loves being outside and enjoyed his walk from the parking lot at City Hall to Alive After Five last week and if he is not walking from his house it is definitely from the City Hall parking lot which is

not a bad walk and it will be very pleasant walking through the City Green. He only sees positive impact from this project and looks forward to bringing his children here. The new school being built down the street will also be a great part of this community. He fully supports this project.

No further public comments. The public hearing was closed.

Council Comment:

Councilmember Diamond said she wanted to address a couple of comments that she heard. She said she agreed with Katie that there has been too much negative and personal comment and that she appreciated that comment. It stops the process and it takes a lot longer to overcome a negative than it does to be positive. She said she did not think the priority was to connect the parking; that was an element. For her this started when she realized the decay of SR-9 even before the economy fell. It was blighted with areas that were not doing anything but little by little it can be seen where public catalytic investment has made a difference. The investment was made in Canton Street and it grew up. The mid-town streetscape came along and things are moving in that direction. Things are starting to go in the direction of Oak Street. It works and it is proven because every other place in the country that is doing this is succeeding. But not every city is going to succeed and in this environment Roswell has to be competitive. This is about being competitive and leveraging assets and a key point is that this is a strategic investment. There needs to be a more active pedestrian area. This plan covers all of the high points that Council has seen in city after city that has done this and been successful. They all focused on the pedestrian scale and activating spaces and keeping active places that are also green. This project hits all of those characteristics. This has been one of the most inclusive things the City has done and they also don't do anything without everybody getting a chance to talk. Based on what other cities are spending to accomplish a lot less, the cost for this is a no brainer. She said she is very much in support of this.

Councilmember Dippolito agreed with Councilmember Diamond and said there is a lot of truth in all of that and he appreciated her comments. He said the DDA has done a tremendous job. The amount of hours they put into this is mind boggling because they all have full time jobs and some have families. This concept shows tremendous vision for this City and there are many interesting components. It needs to be developed and there are many little things that can be nitpicked but the overall concept of what it is trying to accomplish is fabulous. There are many interesting things; the amphitheater, the garden around the memorial, the interactive fountain, places for people to sit and eat, the pavilion and places for people to gather and "just be" which is something most people do not spend enough time doing. He said the Mayor talked about the need to go out and have fun and people do need to have fun and sometimes just enjoy being there and being in the moment. There are so many distractions with cellphones and everything else and sometimes it is just nice to sit down and relax and enjoy being with the people you are with and this is a great place to do that. This is not just about spending. This is an investment in this City. As Councilmember Diamond said, it is a strategic investment. What is so critical about it is that this is such an important part of this City. Not only is Canton Street happening and nearby but this is the City center, the municipal complex. Not just City Hall but also the court house, the Cultural Arts Center, the Police Department. A lot goes on right in this immediate area. The Smith Plantation is just next door, one of the three most important assets that the City owns. There needs to be an investment in this and money needs to be put back into this area to help it grow and strengthen. By doing that, it spurs economic activity. It is a great economic driver not just for the immediate area but for the City as a whole. He referred to comments made by the speaker who is a real estate agent that talked about how she likes to come and show off Roswell. Councilmember Dippolito said when this is built, the people are going to

drive by it and say they love it and they want to live here because that is a cool place to be and they want to live here so they can be near that. They will say this is where they are going to want to go and spend time and bring their children. As a resident, he looks forward to this as a place to bring his family or when friends come in from out of town and he can say he has something incredible to show them. This is a great opportunity for the City and a catalyst for the immediate area. As Councilmember Diamond mentioned, SR-9 was in decay long before the recession and that hurt it even more. But by the City making this investment, the surrounding area will start to thrive. Success breeds success. It does not matter where. An area that starts to get energy, builds on itself. Canton Street has been a phenomenal success and it started with one person making an investment in that community and the next person saw that success and said they wanted to be a part of that. Then it snowballed. Thousands of people attended Alive After Five last week and many of the tags on the cars in the parking lot were not even from Fulton County; they were from Gwinnett, Cobb and Forsythe. People from all over are coming to Roswell and that is terrific. This provides connectivity at a lot of different levels. It does not necessarily help cars move through but that is okay because the intent is not to make it a more car driven area but a walkable community and that is what a lot of this does. They should absolutely look at some of the pedestrian crossings such as from City Hall to Canton Street and on the south part of City Hall by Hill Street to figure out how to get people from the park to the south, all the way to Janet Russell's house. They need to look at all of those things and be sure to integrate sidewalks so people can walk from a long distance and not just people in the immediate area. But by having this, people are going to walk here. They are going to want to be here and that is what is so cool about it. He said all of these various components, create a sense of place. Planners talk about that. They ask what makes a place really special and it is having a quality they refer to as a "sense of place." It is an area that you want to go and just be there. There are characteristics to it, quality design, interesting things going on. It is just a pleasant experience; a sense of place which is really what this creates. Lastly, it is about building this community. This would be such a focal point for Roswell. It would be the true heart of Roswell. It is the heart now but think about all the people who are going to come here and experience this and really enjoy it. This really becomes the true heart for the City. He said he supports this project wholeheartedly.

Councilmember Igleheart asked for clarification of exactly what they are voting on tonight. It seems that having the budget inclusion of money to do a plan says they are moving to the next step. He said he is comfortable moving to that step but a lot of these things have not been answered and there are unknowns for a lot of good reasons. He asked if they are just approving this plan or are they going to go through a process on how ultimately this is something that they will be approving at some point. He asked if they are voting on more than just the budget.

Mayor Wood said he would like for Council to reach a consensus or get a majority vote on elements of a plan so the scope of this project will be known when it goes to the architect. He wants a scope of a design not a final design; this is not approving construction. He is trying to determine from Council if there is a majority vote to approve a scope. If they do not know the scope of the project, it is too early to send to the architect. He said what he is hearing is that they are close to getting a majority to support the scope of the project.

Councilmember Igleheart said he is more comfortable after some of their discussion but not comfortable approving something that does not have a plan yet, only a drawing that has some elements. This is a very public property and they really did not put out a public notice even though there have been a lot of things through emails and other things. But it could not go into a paper or other things for people to know

that Council is voting tonight about making this plan. He noted that he had previously said it should be included in the budget and was comfortable in moving forward with the steps to come up with the plan. But there are a number of things they can work on and they have said that tonight. The town square is an open space and it is green yet they have all complained about how things are not happening around it. Just putting green somewhere does not do that. He was glad to hear they want to look at how to activate the space and make it something that can go further than just being that space. There are obviously concerns about the maintenance of what will be added and about paying to add shade screens when there are trees now that provide shade and said that is humorous to him but he understands the point. He said the parking lot was packed after Alive After Five this week and people clearly know they can park at City Hall to get to Canton Street. He agreed with Councilmember Diamond that is not really the focus at this point. One of the key focus points needs to be the crossing of SR-9. They have said that all along and yet that has not been solved. They can do all of these things on either side but he still does not know how people will get from one side to the other. He hopes that is a key factor of the focal point. He said he appreciated the DDA for all the work they did in trying to make things happen through this. He said they have talked about the south side with the Gateway project coming up that is a \$20 million project and said, "I think that may have a higher priority for me and we don't have \$5 million we are going to spend to that; we are going to put it to here." He said there is clearly value here and he supports doing the projects on SR-9, the mid-town project, and the Oak Street project and some of that has turned into more but some has not. He supports the effort to try and make something here but he is still not 100% behind all of it. There are still things to be done and that is what he was questioning. He asked are they still working to make this something that more people can be totally supportive of. He said he thinks the answer is yes; that is what he is taking from what has been said. It is important the way they moved forward and there have been all kinds of meetings but when it comes to a specific vote, they need to make sure that people understand what is happening and when it is happening. This is a public realm and it is more trouble than it is often worth some people think but that is what has to happen. He said he appreciates the work here and it is a start to making something happen.

Councilmember Price said this has been a difficult ongoing thing. They certainly have gotten the DDA going and that was her recommendation when she was on Community Development because she thought it would be a good thing for the DDA. Looking at the Georgia state law, in what the DDA is charged to do; basically it is to assemble properties and redevelop them. That is the primary objective of the DDA. She was surprised when their focus narrowed in on public properties, that conceptually and as a public policy concerns her. They have gone to great lengths to define the City's mission and determined that the river is the most important asset and one that they want to enhance and develop. There is a master plan going on now for the river. These were all things that were methodically in place within the City and there is the Ace Sand Company property that the City will be developing that will require some money. Part of this is priorities and monies and how to match them all up. As they have been told by the City finance office, this is not in the tier 1 of areas to be developed first. She is more inclined to put more money by the river and other projects that are in the first tier. She said she thought a lot about these things over the weekend and she was in Florida in a new community that was built from green fields, not in a situation that Roswell is. The real estate developer donated the land for the government buildings and then went beyond that and actually built the overpass over I-95 in order that their own land would be even more valuable. She said it made her think, where are these developers if this is going to be their front yard, do they want to have "some skin in the game?" She does not understand why this project being initiated by the DDA also mandates public funds to be spent to make it nice. She would like to see other private interests. They talk about

public/private partnerships all the time and she asked where is the private that is going to join with the City to "put some skin in the game" to make this happen. She is reluctant in the sense of being a financial steward of the City to say yes the taxpayers should be completely on the line for this. It bothers her as the holder of the purse that they are to determine this is an appropriate expenditure of the City's funds when it is not a first tier project. When she was first shown the initial rendition and was assured that everyone was onboard, she was happy with it and thought it looked great to open up the space.

Councilmember Price said regarding the triangle, on her own initiative eight to ten years ago, when she was not yet on Council she helped to get the triangle beautified and walkable. Nobody wanted to do it, not GDOT or the City. She fought and fought and with the women's club behind her, they finally got it enhanced. She said this plan is moving in the right direction. She referred to the conceptual drawing and said it depicts a nice median there and she would like the City to move forward and do the median without any delay so that it beautifies that corridor and is functional in that people can walk across. That would be an incredible first start before doing anything else. She said Transportation has been determining some elements that they would like to do there and asked if Steve Acenbrak could comment on their ideas. She thinks the genesis of a lot of this was to get people to cross the street and to enjoy both spaces and also be able to park. There might be transportation elements being considered that are not necessarily a part of this design phase that could stand independently and could move forward. It would be great to put that in the budget at this time and maybe not put \$587,000 into design of this but perhaps split it up and at least get something concrete in the very near future.

Mayor Wood said he would like to respond and then Steve Acenbrak could follow up. Mayor Wood said he has talked with Steve and he understands the importance of the pedestrian connection as does the Downtown Development Authority and the rest of the Council. Through his conversations with Steve, he knows there have been a lot of different ideas and Clyde Stricklin has been creative in looking at every possible item. They are still working on it and Steve hopes to have something soon but Mayor Wood said he did not want them to bring something forward that was not incomplete or they were not comfortable with until they had fully pursued all the options. He asked Steve when he thought they would have something for Council and asked him to talk about additional suggestions for the pedestrian connection.

Transportation Director Steve Acenbrak said staff in concert with other departments has been looking actively at this. Their role now is to be supportive of the DDA and to let this process move forward. Transportation has some other ideas of their own but none of them are ready for prime time. Staff has looked actively at this plan and if Council approves moving forward with it, they will come up with projects that will be in harmony with it. Mayor Wood asked Mr. Acenbrak when they will be comfortable bringing some alternatives to Council if they vote tonight to move forward with the design and they move ahead full speed. Mr. Acenbrak replied it would be 30-60 days.

Mayor Wood asked for further Council questions.

Councilmember Price asked if they are talking about major alterations to the road or vehicular traffic inside City Hall. Mr. Acenbrak said they have some really good concepts but they want to work with whomever the DDA hires as a designer. Mayor Wood said it will actually be the City hiring someone. Mr. Acenbrak said the City hires the design firm and whoever the design element is; they would like to be the transportation element of that. They have some short term quick fix concepts and a couple of road realignment things that are not as intense as the other intersection

projects. Mayor Wood asked if the concepts would be from expensive to less expensive and short term to long term with a full range of ideas. Mr. Acenbrak said they would have a range of options and a range of costs. Mayor Wood said Transportation would come forward to Council with their best options and ideas in 30-60 days and ultimately Council will decide.

Councilmember Price asked if there are any in-house landscape solutions because there are several architects on staff. Steve Acenbrak said both Community Development and Recreation and Parks Departments have a landscape architect. Councilmember Price asked if anything has been seen from them. Mr. Acenbrak said he did not know if they have been actively engaged in these sorts of things. Mayor Wood said they have not been charged with designing a City green. Councilmember Price said it would be nice to see their input. Mr. Acenbrak said they are very creative and they can tap into that at the appropriate time. Councilmember Price asked if the appropriate time is after they award a contract.

Mayor Wood said after hearing from Council, he will entertain a motion. There is a budget and if Council approves the amendment to this budget that added about \$500,000 that goes beyond in-house work. If Council does not approve the budget, they could go to a "Plan B" but a lot depends on the vote of Council.

Councilmember Diamond said she thinks there is a misconception about the DDA's role in this. They had the Historic Gateway Master Plan that brought to their attention that they were missing a real opportunity in pulling this entire area together by using the area in front of City Hall. At that point, Transportation vetted it out and came up with a good idea. Council said this is interesting but how do they know if it gets to the pedestrian and connectivity part that they want. They know it is a Transportation option and cool in that way. She said they know this, because the DDA with professionals is in that arena. They went through a vetting process and awarded the DDA with what she believes was \$40,000 to study this and come back with a recommendation. The DDA had a very specific charge from Council to look at this and come up with something that would accomplish the goals they were looking for. It is more than a landscape project and more than a parking project. There are not a lot of people in the world who can design a feel. There is a difference when designing a feel. She said for clarification this is not the DDA going rogue and getting out of their lane. Council asked them to do this and gave them the money to do it.

Mayor Wood assured Council that the pedestrian connection is a big part of this and that is what he and Steve have discussed. His one reservation about the plan is the triangle that needs to be an element of this plan but that element is very dependent upon the transportation solution. Before committing to a pavilion or any specific proposal, he would like to see what Council support is as far as the transportation plan. He supports all of the elements and the triangle is an element of this plan but whether it is a pavilion or some other solution he would reserve until hearing more from Transportation. Although the triangle is beautiful, it is very little used outside of Alive After Five and they recognize it is not the best use of that property. The pavilion might be the right solution but it is very dependent upon what the connection is as to what that solution would be. The triangle is an element but to say the pavilion is an element of that triangle is premature until they see what the pedestrian connection might be. Mayor Wood said he supports moving forward with the scope of the project as suggested by the DDA with the one little tweak he mentioned.

Councilmember Wynn said she agrees with Mayor Wood on the transportation caveat that he discussed.

Motion: Councilmember Wynn made a motion for approval of the City Green Project

concept consisting of Phase One - City Green; Phase Two - Amphitheatre; Phase Three - Heart of Roswell Park with the caveat provided by Mayor Wood on transportation to move forward with this conceptual design and to procure a design firm in the amount of \$578,167. Councilmember Dippolito seconded.

Mayor Wood said his understanding is this is to approve the scope of the project as presented by the DDA with the understanding that they need to look harder at the Heart of Roswell Park triangle. Councilmember Wynn said that is correct and her understanding is that whoever is the consultant will be talking very actively with Community Development, Transportation, Public Safety and Public Works, really all of the City's department heads. They will be intimately involved in the entire master planning.

Mayor Wood said there are a motion and a second. He asked for further Council discussion.

Councilmember Price said her understanding is that they would just be voting on this conceptually and the details of the budgetary issue would be handled under budget. Mayor Wood said that is correct. They are only talking about the scope of what Council wants to move forward with.

Amendment to Motion: Councilmember Price made a substitute amendment to proceed in concept with Phase One and Phase Two but not to include the Heart of Roswell Park in this discussion.

Councilmember Price said given that the Heart of Roswell already exists and nobody sits there now, it is a frightening thought that "we would build all of this over here and nobody is going to sit here either." Because the transportation elements are so unclear, she does not want to give carte blanche to someone but that is a budgetary discussion not a conceptual discussion. She is fine with the whole thing for conceptual discussions, but if they are going to drill down which they can do now or in the budget, she would want to do only Phases One and Two. Mayor Wood asked if Phases One and Two are the City Green and the amphitheater. Kay Love said that is correct.

The amendment to motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Wood asked for further discussion on the main motion to approve the scope of the contract as described by Councilmember Wynn. Councilmember Price said they are not approving a contract at this point. Mayor Wood said, "I apologize, a concept."

Councilmember Wynn said she would amend her motion to withdraw the amount of monies and vote only for the concept. Mayor Wood said they are not approving the amount of monies just the scope. Councilmember Wynn said the funding would be that this is the amount that they would need. Mayor Wood said they would vote on that as part of the budget. Right now they are only voting on the scope of the design. Councilmember Wynn said she would amend the motion.

Amendment to Original Motion: Councilmember Wynn made a motion to move forward with Phase One – City Green, Phase Two – Amphitheater, Phase Three – Heart of Roswell Park to adopt this conceptual design.

Mayor Wood asked Councilmember Dippolito if that clarification was acceptable. Councilmember Dippolito said it is acceptable.

Councilmember Price asked if this is to adopt the design or to explore the conceptual

design.

Councilmember Wynn said to clarify her motion, it is to move forward with the conceptual design to a design consultant.

Vote on Original Motion: The motion passed unanimously.

****Mayor Wood announced a break at 8:55pm. The meeting reconvened at 9:03pm*

A motion was made by Council Member Wynn, seconded by Council Member Dippolito, that the City Green Project Phase One - City Green; Phase Two - Amphitheatre; Phase Three - Heart of Roswell Park, move forward with this conceptual design, to a design consultant.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 5

5.

Approval of the FY 2015 Budget for the City of Roswell, Georgia in the amount of \$112,030,539. (Second Reading)

**Please Note: Due to the length of the minutes, it will be necessary to go back to the Meeting Details Section, File # 14-0251, and then select the Minutes file for this item.*

A motion was made by Council Member Wynn, seconded by Council Member Dippolito, to approve the FY 2015 Budget on Second Reading, with the following three add ons:

Add Funding for City Sponsorship of Special Events for \$40,000 (Deleted at 1st Reading; funding would be restored for FY 2015 with organizations being notified of funding elimination in FY 2016);

Add Part-time Special Events Volunteer Coordinator, for \$43,296;

Add Municipal Complex Officer for City Hall Security (Total of \$70,675; \$27,062 in remaining funds, \$43,613 from operating contingency).

Council Member Diamond, Council Member Dippolito, and Council Member Wynn voted in favor. Council Member Igleheart and Council Member Price voted in opposition.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 2

Enactment No: ORD 2014-06-07

6. Approval of the Millage Rate of 5.455 mills for the FY 2015 Budget. (Second Reading of the Millage Rate and Third Hearing)

City Attorney David Davidson conducted the second reading of an ORDINANCE TO ADOPT MILLAGE RATE stating: pursuant to their authority, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Roswell wish to establish a millage rate of 5.455. The millage rate has a component of 4.464 mills for the general fund, operating and capital improvements budget, and a component of .991 mills for servicing bonded indebtedness. The millage rate may require adjustment upon approval of a certified Tax Digest for the year 2014.

Mr. Davidson noted that if approved this would be the second reading and the third hearing.

Public comment invited. None were made. There were no questions from Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Igleheart, seconded by Council Member Dippolito, that this Item be Approved on Second Reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 5

Enactment No: ORD 2014-06-08

7. Approval of the FY 2014 End of Year Budget Amendment.

Budget Manager Ryan Luckett presented this item stating there are a few items requested in the End of Year Budget Amendment in closing out FY 2014 and he provided a brief summary.

General Fund Operating Revenues budget amendment includes: increasing revenues by \$411,000. This is a result of increased building permit revenues.

General Fund Operating Expenditures budget amendment includes:

- Adding \$280,000 to the SAFEbuilt building inspection and plan review contract. This component of the contract is based upon the amount of revenues that the City collects. That amount is 70% of revenues so this is within that increased revenue amount.*
- Moving a refund from the Fulton County Elections contract of \$162,272 from the Administration Department to the operating contingency.*
- Transferring operating funding that was set aside for a lease option for the Fire Station #4 from the operating fund to the Fire Station #4 construction capital project.*

The total expenditure increase is \$280,000. The net change in the general fund is an increase in revenues of \$131,000.

Federal Grant Fund: This is a request to increase revenues and expenditures by \$56,600. This is the anticipated amount of reimbursement from FEMA regarding the winter storms.

Capital Projects Funds: Increases revenues and expenditures by \$15,000. This is the amount of funding that is moving from the general fund from the fire station lease option.

2014 Bond Fund: Recognizes the bond proceeds and establishes the budget for the bonds that were approved a couple of months ago. The whole amount is \$5,267,713

both in revenues and expenditures.

Leita Thompson Fund: Includes increasing revenues and expenditures primarily because of the increased utility expenditures and payments and right sizing that budget amount within that fund which are the utility payments that were received from residents at the Leita Thompson apartments.

Workers' Compensation Fund: The budget amendment includes increasing that expenditure budget by \$150,000 primarily due to higher than anticipated claims expenditures.

Hotel/Motel Fund: The budget amendment would authorize the use of the contingency funds set aside for the CVB in the amount of \$8,000.

Ryan Luckett completed his presentation of the FY 2014 End of Year Budget Amendment.

Council Comment:

Councilmember Price referenced Attachment B in their materials and asked Mr. Luckett to explain how the revenues of \$131,988,843 and expenditures of \$174,773,612 are reconciled.

Mr. Luckett asked if her question is related to the Budget Amendment. Councilmember Price replied yes. Mayor Wood asked if Mr. Luckett if he needs clarification of the question and Mr. Luckett replied he did. Mayor Wood asked Kay Love to help clarify. Ms. Love asked if Councilmember Price was referring to the grand total on the backup material. Councilmember Price said she is talking about Attachment B, the final column at the end of the page.

Councilmember Dippolito said he had a similar question and said he thinks the difference is between the original budget and the current amended budget. They went from a revenue standpoint of \$100 million to \$126 million and from an expenditure standpoint of \$101 million to \$160 million; almost \$9 million. He asked the reason for the increase.

Mr. Luckett replied primarily as Council approves the budget as of July 1, there are funds set aside in purchase orders that are carried forward from the prior fiscal year. That becomes part of the revised budget for that fiscal year and is a large chunk of that increase. Carrying forward capital projects that are underway makes up a larger portion and the other piece is federal grants that are budgeted for and recognized during the fiscal year that add to the total budget amount.

Councilmember Dippolito said under the Water and Sewer Fund, the original budget for revenue was \$3.484 million and increased to \$18.5 million. He asked if that is because of the loan.

Mr. Luckett replied that is correct and it would increase the revenues and expenditures because of recognizing those loan proceeds as well as establishing the budget for the water plant project.

Councilmember Dippolito said that is because it occurred during the course of the year. Mr. Luckett said that is correct. Councilmember Dippolito said it looks like \$9.7 million was received in grants. Mr. Luckett said that is correct and part of that is what is carried forth from the prior year and part is whatever is approved during the fiscal

year such as the CDBG grant.

Kay Love said the other part of that difference is use of Fund Balance, for instance in the Water and Sewer Fund, expenditures are greater than revenues because of utilizing Fund Balance.

Councilmember Dippolito said he understands that but these are fairly significant numbers; talking about \$26 million in revenue. It is great that revenue is that much higher but it is 26%.

Kay Love said that is right. It is somewhat confusing and misleading when looking at those totals because it is every fund. Looking at general fund revenues and general fund expenditures and what those differences are is a lot of money, but in the end that \$26 million would have been tallied. She said Councilmember Dippolito might want to point out some specifically but the Water Fund is definitely one that is different.

Councilmember Dippolito said for a point of clarification, when approving the budget, they agree to carry forward prior year allocations but the dollar amounts do not necessarily hit the budget.

Kay Love said that is correct and the capital projects line is the prime example; that is the biggest difference. She said, "The revenues are like \$8 million because that is what we funded in FY 2014. However, all of those projects that were in play that had been funded in FY 2013 and FY 2012 that we didn't spend the money, we had to carry over that spending authority. That is what this does. If you look at that Capital Projects line, that is one of the biggest ones. It is like \$29 million yet the revenues are \$5.5 million."

Councilmember Dippolito said the City did a lot of projects this year. Ms. Love said yes and there are a number on the books that were not completed that are in progress and that is carried forward. She said it is confusing but it is governmental accounting. Councilmember Dippolito thanked Ms. Love.

Councilmember Price referred to page 3 of Attachment A and said there is no numerical number in the Hotel/Motel Fund for CVB. She asked if that is because that number is not known. Mr. Luckett said that amount is already included in the budget so the \$8,000 is already approved as part of the budget but because it is contingency funding, it requires Council authorization to utilize that funding. This is not actually increasing the budget. Councilmember Price asked if that is the case in some of the other items as well or is contingency the only one. Mr. Luckett said contingency is the only one; the others are actual increases or decreases.

There was no further Council questions. Public comment invited. None were made.

A motion was made by Council Member Igleheart, seconded by Council Member Diamond, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 5

**8. Approval of an Historic Preservation Commission
reappointment - Tony Landers.**

A motion was made by Council Member Diamond, seconded by Council Member Dippolito, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 5

**9. Approval of a Historic Preservation Commission
appointment - Chad Hagan.**

A motion was made by Council Member Diamond, seconded by Council Member Wynn, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 5

City Attorney's Report

**10. Recommendation for closure to discuss personnel, litigation
and real estate.**

A motion was made by Council Member Wynn, seconded by Council Member Diamond, that this Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 5

Adjournment - 10:22 p.m.