



# City of Roswell

38 Hill Street  
Roswell, Georgia 30075

## Meeting Minutes Mayor and City Council Special Called

*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*

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Wednesday, June 1, 2011

7:00 PM

City Hall

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### WELCOME

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

*Staff Present: City Administrator Kay Love; Deputy City Administrator Michael Fischer; Assistant City Attorney Bob Hulse; Police Chief Dwayne Orrick; Director of Environmental/Public Works Director Stu Moring; Transportation Director Steve Acenbrak; Director of Recreation and Parks Joe Glover; Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks Morgan Rodgers; Director of Community Development Alice Wakefield; Finance Director Julia Luke; Human Resource Director Dan Roach; Director of Strategic Planning & Budgeting Keith Lee; Budget Coordinator Denise Brown; Financial Analyst Lynn Williams; Deputy Fire Chief Ricky Burnette; Police Lieutenant James McGee; Community Relations Director Julie Brechbill; Building Operations Technician Doug Heieren; City Clerk Marlee Press.*

### Pledge of Allegiance

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### Mayor's Report

1.

**Approval of the FY 2012 Budget for the City of Roswell,  
Georgia in the amount of \$100,204,219. (Second Reading)**

*Assistant City Attorney Bob Hulsey read AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 FOR EACH FUND OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, CHAPTER 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012, APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNTS SHOWN IN EACH BUDGET AS EXPENDITURES, ADOPTING THE ITEM OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES, PROHIBITING EXPENDITURES TO EXCEED APPROPRIATIONS, AND PROHIBITING EXPENDITURES FROM EXCEEDING ACTUAL FUNDING SOURCES AND AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO EFFECTUATE SUCH ADOPTION, stating, pursuant to their authority, do hereby adopt the following Ordinance:*

1. *The City of Roswell, Georgia hereby adopts an expenditure budget for Fiscal Year 2012, said budget being described below and shown on Schedule "A" for each fund of the City of Roswell, Georgia:*

	<i>FY 2012 Proposed Expenditure Budget 1st Reading</i>	<i>FY 2012 Proposed Expenditure Budget 2nd Reading</i>
100 – General Fund	\$56,104,793	\$56,604,793
210 – Confiscated Assets Fund	\$715,588	\$715,588
215 – E-911 Fund	\$1,621,355	\$1,621,355
230 – Impact Fee Fund	\$824,477	\$824,477
235 – Cemetery Fund	\$23,500	\$23,500
275 – Hotel/Motel Fund	\$826,587	\$826,587
290 – Leita Thompson Rental Fund	\$63,192	\$63,192
350 – Capital Projects Fund	\$3,770,652	\$4,270,652
410 – Debt Service Fund	\$6,699,933	6,699,933
505 – Water/Sewer Fund	\$3,456,884	\$3,456,884
507 – Stormwater Fund	\$2,516,828	\$2,516,828
540 – Solid Waste Fund	\$9,801,368	\$9,801,368
555 – Recreation Participation Fund	\$4,624,468	\$4,624,468
601 – Worker's Compensation Fund	\$446,331	\$446,331
602 – Group Benefit Fund	\$6,844,870	\$6,844,870
603 – Risk and Liability Fund	\$863,393	\$863,393
Total Use of Funds by Fund	\$99,204,219	\$100,204,219

2. *Any increase or decrease in appropriations or revenue of any fund or for any department; the establishment of new capital projects; or the establishment of new grant projects other than those exceptions provided for herein, shall require approval of Mayor and City Council.*

3. *A millage rate of 5.455 mills is hereby established as part of the approved budget based on the estimated digest of Fulton County. The millage rate has a component of 4.059 for the General Fund and a 1.396 component for the General Obligation Bond Debt Fund. This millage rate may be adjusted at a future date based on receipt of a certified digest.*

4. *This budget fixes the number of budgeted full-time positions of the City at 602.*

*This number may only be increased or decreased through approval of the Mayor and City Council. The City Administrator or his/her designee is authorized to create policies and procedures for the number, pay grade, classification, and/or cost center location, which may be changed throughout the year.*

5. *Mayor and Council further also adopt a Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016 as attached hereto and incorporated herein as Schedule "B." This plan does not indicate any promise of appropriations for future years. This plan may only be modified through action of Mayor and City Council.*

6. *Mayor and Council further approve the re-appropriation of all capital projects listed in Schedule "C". This is a listing of currently appropriated capital projects which will be re-appropriated as of July 1, 2011 with the passage of this ordinance.*

*Mayor Wood asked Mr. Hulseley if the budget as read includes the elimination of the \$500,000 rollback so it is a continuation of last year's millage rate. Mr. Hulseley replied correct.*

*Strategic Planning and Budgeting Director Keith Lee said there will be four topics covered: 1) reiterate the budget principles, 2) review what occurred at the First Reading, 3) summarize the General Fund Revenues and Expenditures, and 4) summarize All Funds Revenues and Expenditures. He stated in terms of the budget principles guiding the creation of this budget, a balance budget is revenues greater than or equal to operating expenditures plus maintenance capital; general fund use of reserves for one time capital and road resurfacing and reconstruction; no tax increase; maintain general fund balance greater than or equal to three months operating expenditures and maintain current level of service. He said in terms of what was proposed for the FY2012 Budget, General Fund at First Reading was \$56,676,339 for revenues and \$56,104,793 for expenditures. All funds were \$100,174,841 for revenue and \$99,204,219 for expenditures. The millage rate was proposed at 5.345 which was a .11 decrease from FY2011. The General Fund balance was projected at \$26,288,000 which is above policy limits. At first reading, some changes were proposed and approved by Council. The millage rate was adjusted to 5.455 to be consistent with FY2011 numbers and that is 4.059 on the MNO and 1.396 for debt results in \$500,000 in revenue and that \$500,000 was allocated to road resurfacing and reconstruction which accounts for the \$1 million. The history of our millage is 6.087 for FY2006 and 5.455 for last year and this year based on current ordinance.*

*For the General Revenues Fund the FY2011 budget was \$55.9 million. For the proposed FY2012 the General Fund was \$56.676 million which was a \$760,000 increase and First Reading increased that by \$500,000. Revenue is \$57,176,339 for the General Fund. The percentage breakdown is Property Tax 34%, Sales Tax 33%, Franchise, Alcohol, Business/Insurance Taxes 21%, and Fines & Forfeitures 5%.*

*For the Expenditure Budget, FY2011 was \$64,062,000. The proposed FY2012 was \$56,104,000 which is primarily a reduction due to one-time capital. At the First Reading \$500,000 was reallocated for road resurfacing. The new Expenditure Budget is \$56,604,793. The department breakdown is \$15,961,322 for Police which is the largest and \$1,654,217 for Environmental Public Works which is the smallest impact of the General Fund.*

*In terms of balancing the General Fund Budget they have \$56,176,339 for Revenues and \$56,604,793 for Expenditures. Revenues exceed Expenditures by \$571,546.*

*For all funds, the new budget is \$101,174,841. Property Tax is \$25,625,000 and Transfers In is \$4,990,097 both of which are up \$500,000.*

*In terms of the proposed Expenditure Budget it is \$100,204,219. The Capital Budget is up by \$500,000 to \$6,906,000 and Transfers are up by \$500,000 as well for \$13,857,000. In terms of Employees, there are 602 for the year based on the Second Reading of the current proposed budget ordinance.*

*Council Comment:*

*Mayor Wood asked Mr. Lee in reference to the projected revenues, what was the basis for the Property Tax Revenues. Mr. Lee responded Property Tax is based on a declining digest of about 2%. Mayor Wood asked if it is anticipated continuing a subsidy for the Recreation Participation Fund in this current budget as proposed. Mr. Lee replied yes. Mayor Wood asked how much of a subsidy is proposed to the recreation fee. Mr. Lee replied \$479,445. Mayor Wood asked if that is for the supervision of the participation. Mr. Lee replied correct. Mayor Wood asked if maintenance of the fields is included in the recreation participation fee. Mr. Lee replied no. Mayor Wood asked maintenance of the gym or the repairing of the roof or turning on the lights is included. Mr. Lee replied no. Mayor Wood said then in addition to \$479,445 for the Recreation Participation subsidy the city is also providing them with the facility at no charge. Mr. Lee replied that he was not sure about "no" charge. Mayor Wood asked if it is being included in the recreation participation fee. Mr. Lee replied the facilities are maintained in the General Fund. Mayor Wood said then as far as what the city is furnishing for the recreation programs, the City is furnishing them with fields and maintenance of the fields and on top of that, the budget proposes a \$479,000 subsidy for those programs. Mr. Lee replied correct. Mayor Wood asked if the budget sets the recreation fees. Mr. Lee stated no.*

*Councilmember Price asked for an explanation of the indirect charge elimination for the Recreation Participation Fund. She said there are some offsets to this loss and asked at what percent does that cover or makeup. Mr. Lee asked if she meant in terms of what the indirect costs are or what they are covering. Ms. Price referred to items in red ink on the overhead slide and how that offsets the previous subsidy that is now missing. Mr. Lee responded prior to this fiscal year or the FY2012 proposed budget, all of the Enterprise Funds including the Recreation Participation Fund paid for the management of that Fund that was subsidized by the General Fund, meaning the operations that are in Finance and the operations that are the management of the City that have some oversight of the Enterprise Fund. That cost to the Recreation Participation Fund was \$205,499. As part of the proposed budget, the Mayor proposed not to have that indirect cost charged to the Recreation Participation Fund; therefore their Expenditure was reduced by \$205,499. They are not paying the General Fund for the management or the oversight of that program for things such as purchasing or running payroll or dealing with complaints. Councilmember Price asked if that was essentially a gain for the department budget. Mr. Lee said the department expenditure budget was reduced by \$205,499. The offset of that was the General Fund Revenue was reduced by that same amount. Ms. Price said then it is identical. Mr. Lee replied correct.*

*Motion: Councilmember Orlans moved for the adoption of the Second Reading of the FY2012 Budget, with the changes as presented on the Add/Delete List as of Friday, May 27, 2011 which include:*

- 1. Funding the Assistant Police Chief position*
- 2. Adding Operating Contingency*
- 3. Funding the Pension Plan Transition Costs*
- 4. Adding two (2) 911 dispatchers to the 911 Center*
- 5. Covering the city's cost of Stormwater maintenance*

6. *Elimination of Operating and capital for videotaping of M&CC Meetings*
7. *Elimination of Increase to city sponsored Special Events leaving it at the same level it was at*
8. *Increase to road resurfacing of \$347,000*

*This is for a new total for all funds of \$103,307,794 and all accounting entries to accomplish in effect the budget. He added that earlier Mr. Campbell (during Open Forum) had the question about the millage rate. The .11 millage was moved over to road resurfacing and they are adding \$347,000 in this motion that he just made for a total of \$847,000 in road resurfacing. Councilmember Wynn seconded.*

*Councilmember Igleheart said he had an additional amendment based on the amount that goes to the Recreation Participation fund. There are a lot of numbers involved with this program and a lot of time has been spent trying to figure out how much goes to what and a number of staff on the Recreation Department worked very hard to come up with those numbers. He said given the system that they are working with, difficulties in determining what goes where and how much is what and how much things go up or down, and fees go up a certain amount, the participation is decreased by a certain amount so it makes it difficult to make any kind of blanket statement. He said he thinks the general feeling is that when fees were increased 15% a couple of years ago, the participation rates did drop. Because there is so much uncertainty in that, he is concerned about the impact that an increase in fees would have right now. He said a meeting is being scheduled between the Recreation Commission and the Council to discuss the Recreation Participation Fund. There are questions of how much should be subsidized whether it should, how much it should and then any increases that may need to happen this year and or future years. He suggested holding off on any reductions in the Recreation Participation Fund until they have that meeting and that may come later in this next fiscal year that they do decide to make an increase or may not and that is yet to be determined.*

*Motion to Amend: Councilmember Igleheart moved to restore the \$179,000 currently taken out of the Recreation Participation Fund from the General Fund and that would come specifically from the extra money that is now going into the road resurfacing. So \$179,000 out of that and then the \$179,000 for road resurfacing because we must have that would have to come out of reserves as the rest of the funding is for resurfacing. Councilmember Diamond seconded.*

*Mayor Wood confirmed Mr. Igleheart's motion is to reduce Mr. Orlans' proposed increasing road resurfacing by \$347,000 and is proposing to reduce the amount of road resurfacing by \$179,000 and increase the Recreation Participation subsidy by \$179,000. Mr. Igleheart responded "that is correct and ultimately during this next fiscal year that may change and they will determine that at a future point and this is not finally decided". Mayor Wood said the Council can choose to amend the budget at mid-year or any point in time but for tonight Mr. Igleheart is asking to increase the subsidy from \$400,000+ to about \$500,000+. Mr. Igleheart replied correct or whatever that number is. Mayor Wood stated by \$179,000.*

*Motion: Councilmember Price moved for an amendment to the amendment and moved that from the Add/Delete list she moved to restore both of the first two items in order to allow people at home to view the Council meetings. She would like to delete the deletion and add in the \$18,000 for video cameras and \$12,000 for the operating costs for that program. Motion failed for a lack of a second.*

*Motion: Councilmember Price moved to amend the amendment of deleting the proposed budget's increase of \$10,000 and in lieu of that to restore the \$10,000 that was taken away plus add \$10,000 which brings the total Special Events budget to \$75,000.*

*Ms. Price said there is good reason to do that, because earlier there was a request for them to put up to \$100,000 and she has heard that amount mentioned by staff and she has also had a number of people say to her that they think Special Events especially multiple day events, are a huge economic boost for the city. A number of people would like to create new event type activities in the City that will draw people here and will increase our visibility in the region and overall improve the quality of life in Roswell. She added that in their committee meetings they spend an inordinate amount of time haggling over small amounts of money. The amount for special events went over budget this year and that was regrettable. Some people had to be turned away as far as sponsorship that the city would have offered to them so to be on the safe side restoring that and adding to it would put the City in much better shape next year. She stated the motion is to amend the Second Reading to add \$10,000. Mayor said Mr. Orlans is asking to reduce it to \$55,000 and Ms. Price is asking to increase it to \$75,000. Motion failed for lack of second.*

*Mayor Wood asked if she was stating the amount would be changed to \$75,000. Ms. Price replied yes. Mayor Wood then said he presumed that money would come out of the Operating Contingency of \$150,000 which hasn't been programmed. Ms. Price replied correct.*

*Council comment:*

*Councilmember Diamond asked if the \$65,000 includes the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Mr. Orlans said the \$55,000 is similar to what was budgeted last year and includes the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Councilmember Price replied as she understands, nothing has changed except the proposed budget was \$10,000 more which was reduced by somebody who is yet identified. Mayor Wood clarified that this is not an allocation of the \$55,000, \$65,000 or \$75,000, it is setting a budget for all of these programs and it will be determined later how that will be spent and asked if that was an accurate statement. Mayor Wood asked how much money have they spent this year in this category. City Administrator Kay Love said the approved budget is \$55,000. Mayor Wood asked how much was actually spent, not approved. Ms. Diamond said the Nature Center is separate from the \$55,000. She wanted it clarified that the \$65,000 being proposed includes the Nature Center. Mayor Wood wanted to know how much did they approve to spend this year and how much did they end up spending. Mr. Lee replied approximately \$60,000 was spent this year. Ms. Price said this year they went over budget. Mr. Igleheart said they are \$5,000 over but then the Chattahoochee Nature Center is \$4,500 less so that is approximately \$500. Mr. Lee confirmed that was correct, the Chattahoochee Nature Center does not spend all of theirs. Mayor Wood stated "then they spent less than what was appropriated". Mr. Lee replied correct. Kay Love stated there is one event that has not yet occurred, The River Run for Hope, and they have not calculated those final costs so that can be adjusted some. She thinks it is fair to say they were very close to the \$55,000 and spent in FY2011. Ms. Wynn said this amendment adds \$20,000. Mayor Wood stated it would be budgeted and up to Council to decide whether or not to appropriate and spend on specific projects.*

*Councilmember Dippolito said as far as setting priorities they have had discussions about making sure that local events receive priority. Did they fund all of the local events that came forward last year for this current fiscal year. Mayor Wood said there were some that asked for funding but did not receive it but most of them were funded. Mr. Dippolito asked as far as local events were they all funded and he was told yes.*

*Councilmember Igleheart stated having an economic development aspect and bringing people to Roswell are valid and it is something they need to look but they are*

*working on an economic development plan. He thinks that needs to be considered in light of that. He said he is uncomfortable just putting more money for something that perhaps during the year, they come back and add more. He is comfortable where it is at so he won't second that change.*

*Councilmember Wynn stated she talked with Eric Broadwell and agreed with him that the Council needs to look at the economic impact of any type of event that comes here but that is not part of the Special Events budget. This special events budget is for our local non-profits that come in to do fundraising and it helps with the city departments that help with the events. She agreed with Mr. Igleheart that since they do have a Strategic Economic Development Steering Committee that is being formed to hopefully begin the first of July, this would be a component of that Committee to see how the City can integrate economic development; i.e., Special Events within the City's economic plan. She stated she is comfortable with \$55,000.*

*Councilmember Price's motion failed for a lack of a second.*

*Councilmember Price said in the wisdom of this Add/Delete list, again it is unattributed of who specifically wants the budget to be less but if that person would like to step forward and say why they want the budget to be less, her understanding is this would also compromise the bicycle event. She asked if anyone would address that since they are discussing things without motions or seconds.*

*Councilmember Orlans said he doesn't think it was meant to address any one item as the Mayor had said earlier; it is just in keeping consistent the budget of what was last year going forward next year.*

*Mayor Wood stated there is a motion by Councilmember Orlans and an amendment proposed by Councilmember Igleheart to restore the subsidy back to \$500,000+ up from \$450,000.*

*Councilmember Diamond commented on the videotaping of Mayor and Council Meetings and said she is a proponent of that concept but she would like them to look at how they are going to do it before they pay staff and multiple cameras to do it. She is hopeful that they can find an alternative. She said there are some policy decisions that need to be made before getting to the point about how the meetings are going to be taped.*

*Councilmember Price said to the Mayor "point of order. She said they have discussed this item and there was no second to that motion and Councilmember Diamond should not be discussing it at this point". Mayor Wood stated he would give Councilmember Diamond an opportunity to discuss this and also the public may discuss it as well. Councilmember Price requested that someone second the motion.*

*Public Comment:*

*Lee Fleck, Martins Landing, said there has been a lot of comment about recreational fees and Mayor and Council have started backstroking on increasing the subsidy. He said the FY2011 staffing for Recreation and Parks was 107 and has been reduced to 88. He said 19 employees were moved from the General Fund into the Recreation Participation department. He said the City transferred over one million dollars out of the General Fund into the Recreation Participation program and subsidized one million dollars last year so the fees weren't increased so this year they will be given \$479,000. He said that needs to be stopped. He questioned the Special Events account and said the FY2012 proposed figure is \$65,000, last year it was \$55,000 but there are no figures for the previous year and asked how suddenly the \$55,000 figure appeared. He said in FY2010, \$40,000 was spent for Special Events but*

*conveniently hidden in the General Fund under supplies and the year prior \$38,000 was funded the same way and the year prior to that \$30,000 was funded by local businesses. People who are physically able to support themselves should do so and said he opposes increasing Special Events funds year after year and said in three years they have doubled that account while fees are going up for children's sports and recreation.*

*He discussed water and sewage expenditures and said the amount of money paid to Fulton County to purchase water to subsidize the water plant was \$600,000 last year and spiked to \$1 million and was only budgeted at \$800,000 last year which is where it will go again this year. He said there was a \$200,000 spike last year and asked if it was because the water plant was down for a period of time or is it increased consumption.*

*Mr. Moring stated the budgeted amount is \$700,000 and the estimated expenditure is \$700,000 and said he didn't understand what Mr. Fleck was referring to. Mr. Moring said Mr. Fleck is looking at City wide expenditures for all water expenses for fire stations, recreation facilities and some is purchased from City supplies and some is purchased from Fulton County. Mayor Wood asked why there was an increase from year to year. Mr. Moring did not know and said it would be individual accounts and Fulton County had rate increases but he assumed that much of an increase would also be from an increase in consumption. Kay Love stated part of the increase was due to previous years when the City had budgeted estimated amounts in departments and instead of making budget transfers at the end of the year, money was used from other line items and in preparing the budget for FY2011 those amounts were righted according to what was actually spent based on all of those factors and then was budgeted more appropriately. She added it is not so much that the bottom line went up but it is a combination of line items within the operating budget and it was just shoring that up and having a more accurate dollar amount budgeted for that utility.*

*Councilmember Price asked for clarification to a question from Mr. Fleck regarding the Special Events budget and what costs the City provides. Kay Love said the majority of the cost is for salaries for setting up the venue or for road closure that are charged back to that event. Ms. Love said in response to Mr. Fleck's comment that in some previous years there was a zero budget for Special Events, it is not that there was a zero budget, it was paid for on other lines and supplies was one that was also across salaries. She said the Mayor determined it would be more appropriate from an accounting standpoint to show what was spent for Special Events so Special Events began to be budgeted on a specific line item. Ms. Love added that every month the Community Development and Transportation Committee determines what events the City will sponsor or co-sponsor and each event is approved separately so there is a transparent record throughout the year. She stated this budget is only an estimate and the Committee will make decisions on each event throughout the fiscal year.*

*Ernest Campbell, 545 Creekwood Crossing, Terramont Subdivision said Councilmember Orlans had mentioned the \$300,000+ would go to road resurfacing. He asked if the City maintains a list of shovel ready resurfacing projects and is the money being used to accelerate those or will the money be used for new projects. Councilmember Orlans replied the .11 millage rate that Mr. Campbell is talking about was \$500,000 and that was put into road resurfacing at the First Reading. This was an additional \$347,000 to go into road resurfacing once action takes place, giving a total of \$847,000 in next year's budget for road resurfacing. The City has a 20-22 year road resurfacing program and keeping them up to date. In order to do that, they need to budget approximately \$2 million per year for road resurfacing so as of this*



point in time in the Operations Budget, they only have a total of \$847,000. It will be addressed later in the capital budget. They still need to make up additional money to get to that \$2 million level for road resurfacing. This is based on a schedule the City already has and the city already knows the condition of the roads and they know which roads are going to be done in the next year. Mr. Campbell said essentially they are accelerating with this extra money the production of that list.

Councilmember Orlans said no, that they are just trying to keep up with the list if they have \$2 million. Mr. Campbell said if they didn't have the money they wouldn't be doing it. Mr. Orlans said if they didn't have the money they wouldn't be doing a lot of things. Mr. Campbell added that the extra \$500,000 buys them further down the list. Mr. Orlans said it helps them trying to get to that maintenance of \$2 million per year.

Mr. Campbell said regarding recreation and parks, he noticed the increase in the cost of those things has to do with the increased cost of providing these things. The idea that we have a lot of supplementing that is being cut, he thinks they also have to look at where those increased expenses are coming from but he's not sure the City has the money for all of it.

Jennifer Hielmann, 910 Brookfield Parkway, Brookfield County Club is a member of the Lacrosse community. She wanted to go on record to make it clear that the Roswell Youth Lacrosse Invitational that they have created over eight years is run through volunteers and is solely funded by the RYLA. They pay for the Police, field and park staff. They provide the foremost successful youth Lacrosse Invitational over Mother's Day weekend with 1200 hours of volunteers, 120 teams and 7,000 people each day in the Roswell area parks and it is 100% funded by the organization. She said this gift of economic impact is given to the City and she does not want anything misconstrued that the numbers that are being discussed regarding Special Events are taken from the youth recreation program. They are very proud of their success and it is something that they welcome continuing to give to the City.

Frank Padula, 605 Sailwind Drive, Martins Landing subdivision asked if the amendment to the motion allowed the budget for Recreation to go back to \$175,000 to the original amount of last year and based on that if the meeting discussed is a meeting to determine the fees. Mayor Wood Council will not be setting fees for the Recreation Department. Mayor Wood said there is a motion to restore or increase the amount of the subsidy from about \$450,000 to about \$500,000 from what it was originally proposed in his budget. Mr. Padula asked if that gives them the option to not increase the fees. Mayor Wood said that is correct and the motion is only to increase the subsidy from the proposed budget.

Mike Nyden, 580 Indigo Drive, asked for an explanation for eliminating the \$30,000 for cameras and operating expense to televise Council meetings.

Councilman Orlans said some of the thought process is that Council hasn't addressed the issue of how the meetings would even be handled in order to begin taping them. He said that Roswell has always been very generous of people coming in and speaking for however long they want. His opinion is that if people take the time to come to City Hall they should have whatever time they need to convey their ideas to Council. If they start taping and going into producing the meetings and putting them online, they need to address that issue whether they put time limits on, how it is going to be done, if the topic will have a time limit similar to what the Planning Commission does now so there is just a lot of issues that need to be addressed before they start putting money in to set it up. Mr. Nyden asked if those issues could be overcome in a year. Mr. Orlans said you never know with seven different people and their opinions. Mr. Nyden said this helps with transparency in government and it seems the issues described should be worked out to provide

greater transparency to Roswell citizens. Mayor Wood said he agreed and Mr. Igleheart is suggesting to increase their subsidy by \$179,000 to work it out with the Recreation Commission later without having any real decision on that. For \$30,000 he thinks those issues could be addressed. Before they would implement the program they would have to approve a contract for videotaping to purchase the cameras and there would need to be further discussions. It is not self-implementing and he hopes Council will reconsider putting the money back in.

Councilmember Diamond stated there is already a camera here and that camera can go on a wide shot and shoot the Council meetings for no money and we would not have to pay someone to edit. As soon as you put in two cameras, you increase the cost because now they are talking about hourly people to edit it and it changes the whole picture. Ms. Diamond said she doesn't know if they need the up close and personal so much as they need to cover the subject. You can go online and listen to all the Council meetings now. She said they have cameras and they need to decide how to use them and to spend extra money to televise. She is not against televising within the parameters but she doesn't know if they need to spend money to do it. That has not been demonstrated to her yet.

Community Relations Director Julie Brechbill stated the main issue is a staffing issue. They don't have the amount of staff in the office to actually operate the cameras. Mayor Wood asked if that is what the \$12,000 is for – a part-time employee. Ms. Brechbill replied yes. She said when the cameras are turned on a staff person is needed in the back booth to run them and they only have one staff person. She said there are issues with the existing cameras shaking and everything being out of focus due to the air conditioner handling units in the room and said cameras with new technology would alleviate that issue.

Motion: Councilmember Price made a motion to proceed with televising Council meetings and set into motion the policies and procedures thereof and at some point if not tonight entertain what type of equipment will be used and a person to man it. Mayor Wood asked if there is a dollar amount connected with this motion. Councilmember Price replied no just to set the policy that they will do it and then they can address it as a line item because it is an Add/Delete item that they will come to. Mayor Wood replied there is a motion to do it without a dollar amount connected. He asked Julie Brechbill if it would be possible to televise with a shaky camera for \$12,000. Ms. Brechbill said it is possible. Councilmember Price said if that gets them moving in that direction then yes with a shaky camera and one person to operate it.

Mayor Wood asked Councilmember Price if her motion is to add \$12,000 to the budget to add a part-time person to televise council meetings. Councilmember Price replied yes. Mayor Wood asked for a second. The motion failed to pass for lack of a second.

Mayor Wood commented on Councilmember Igleheart's motion to restore \$179,000 to the Recreation and Parks Department budget. He said the Council does not set recreation fees and does not set policy as to whether Booster Club or staff supervises. That is a Recreation Commission policy. There has been discussion that by reducing the subsidy we will be damaging the recreation program by raising fees in the coming year at an average of about 4.5% by reducing the subsidy by \$175,000. He said this is the first time he understood you get better product when you subsidize it than when you pay for it. The City is furnishing the pool and furnishing a \$450,000 subsidy that is a generous subsidy to the program and said he thinks the City needs to look at what the programs actually cost and the user should be paying those fees particularly in the adult field. He doesn't believe subsidy is a

good program in the long run to the extent that the City is subsidizing our programs. He supports reducing the subsidy and said he has been asking this question for fourteen years and the question has been dodged for years. They found out last year the true cost of the recreation program was a subsidy of around \$1 million. He is asking Council to support a reduction of another \$179,000 whether there are further reductions is up to Council in the future. He doesn't understand why people in the program like the adult swim program cannot afford to pay the true cost of that program. He said to the extent there are children who cannot afford a program because their families have a financial difficulty, the city should subsidize those children. He doesn't think it is the purpose of government to subsidize programs that people can afford and he asked Council to reduce the subsidy from about \$500,000 to about \$400,000.

Councilmember Dippolito said there are programs within Recreation and Parks that wouldn't exist unless the government was involved because there are certain things where there is low participation and it would be difficult for a private group to offer those services and if they did provide them, it wouldn't be something that individual citizens could afford. There is a function within City government to help provide educational experiences for children, adults, seniors or for anyone who couldn't necessarily afford it or it couldn't be offered within the marketplace and he thinks there is an opportunity for that. He trusts the Recreation Commission is doing a good job of keeping an eye on those items and making sure the city is offering programs that are important to the City. There are programs that can be self-sufficient such as the Lacrosse program which seems to be extremely self-sufficient but there are some things that wouldn't exist without and those are vital to the community and they provide educational experiences to the children and said he supports the Recreation and Parks Department and supports this motion.

Councilmember Orlans said he didn't necessarily disagree with Mayor Wood. They have talked about some of the subsidies for certain areas such as children or maybe seniors and there have been issues about which participation fees would go up and which ones wouldn't; some an average of 4% and some going up 20%. He is willing to hold off until there is a meeting between Council and the Recreation Commission with the stipulation that it occur very soon to address this issue. These funds may stay or may not stay during the budget year.

Mayor Wood said all last year he asked for this meeting and never got it and hasn't gotten a justification as to why the City continues to subsidize some programs more than others. He said giving people a field and giving them a gym, paying for the lights, etc. – that is a subsidy. He believes \$450,000 is still a substantial subsidy. Councilmember Dippolito has said there are programs that wouldn't exist unless they were subsidized. He doesn't understand why the City has to pay for programs that the citizens don't believe are worth what they cost.

Councilmember Igleheart said a meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2011 and said he agrees that they should have had this discussion. He does agree with the Mayor's point that programs should be self-sufficient and has always supported fees increasing if that needs to happen. He said however, as the liaison to the Recreation Commission, he has learned more about the recreation program and has changed some of his thinking in terms of how the programs impact what happens in the City and as Mr. Dippolito has said, so many people say they come to Roswell for the programs that are available here. He said that is an economic development and property value driver. If the City subsidizes a bicycle race for \$25,000 for middle aged men riding \$12,000 bikes why can't the City also help children who live here some of whom may not be able to afford the participation. Every year every program does increase cost if that program's specific direct cost has increased. He said they

*are talking about making a change of philosophy and covering a cost that has never been covered before by the participation fund and that is a discussion that needs to be had and decided upon and part of that may come into the cost in the future. That is a different thing than just saying the costs have increased over time. He said he doesn't know now if \$479,000 plus \$179,000 is the right number but at this point he wants to hold off and see where that goes.*

*Mayor Wood suggested if Mr. Igleheart wants to hold off on the budget then hold off on the budget and don't pass the budget piecemeal. He added that Council doesn't want to pass the budget on the televising because it can be discussed later and now Mr. Igleheart wants to discuss this later and pass it now and said he doesn't understand.*

*Mayor Wood asked for a vote on Councilmember Igleheart's motion to restore \$179,000 to the Recreation Participation subsidy. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Councilmember Orlans explained that the amendment that was just passed changes the amount of \$347,000 toward road resurfacing from \$347,000 down to \$168,000.*

*Councilmember Price said procedurally in the policy book it says that road resurfacing is a capital expense. She said when the millage rate was restored, when questioned Councilmember Orlans said it would be put in road resurfacing. She didn't want them putting it into both budgets. They are budgeting here in the operating budget and then she sees later it in the capital budget. However, according to their Budget policy book, it says road resurfacing will be taken up as part of the capital budget. She asked if it is useful to put it in one place and leave it there or do they need this sort of flexibility? She asked what is the categorization for road resurfacing and which budget does it come out of and why would they put one amount in this budget and a different amount in the other budget.*

*Kay Love said the policy of the categorization is up to the Council and there are accounting definitions of infrastructure and capital. She stated many years ago they had road resurfacing which was considered maintenance and road reconstruction was considered capital. She said the city would work with a contractor and then the city was getting LARP funds to help supplement what the City pays for road resurfacing, but when the work begins they find things on the ground are very different than what they thought. It starts as road resurfacing but then they find the road has been compromised and suddenly it becomes a road reconstruction so therefore it is a different pot of money. At the end of the day it is all the revenue that has come into the city that they have to allocate. In their wisdom of taking up way too much time on senseless accounting measures, when the bottom line is the road needs to be fixed, the Council at that time combined the pots of money to say road reconstruction and road resurfacing. As those numbers have increased over the years, there has not been enough money in the maintenance side in the operating budget to cover what was needed to be on a 20-25 year resurfacing program; therefore, they have used capital funds that have been in reserve and it has been this Council's practice to appropriate capital out of reserve. It is not a requirement; it has just been policy. Ms. Love stated the money is in the pot and can be appropriated for anything the Council deems appropriate including operating expenses. She added the Council can come up with a new policy and there can be a definition but bottom line it can be appropriated between both pots of money, out of one only, or only on the capital side out of reserves. This is completely up to Council.*

*Councilmember Diamond said she feels very strongly that road resurfacing and repair is a basic City service and should be in the maintenance and operating budget. She said it has been coming out of capital because it could be done and it qualifies*

*and there were good reasons for doing it that way. She added they have \$12 million in the capital budget and it will not last forever and they are not adding to it as before and if \$2 million is taken out every year, it will end. A step is being taken to move it into the operating budget and said it would be neater to put it all in there.*

*Mayor Wood said if they take the operating budget every year and determine what it costs the City to operate versus what is left over at the end of the year, the City has never had less than \$4 million left over at the end of the year. He said he is anticipating \$2-3 million this year and that is why he believes there is sufficient money to pay for road resurfacing and give the taxpayers a \$500,000 rollback because every year for the thirteen plus years he has been Mayor there has been money left over. He said if \$8 million is spent on capital this year, they will spend it down but if they only cover road resurfacing there is more than enough to cover road resurfacing every year, year after year, from the prior year subsidy.*

*Councilmember Orlans stated he wanted to respond to Councilmember Price's question. He said over the history of the City, road resurfacing has been in the regular Operations budget. They have had it in one-time capital maintenance budget. When the budgets got a little pinched it kept getting moved around and moved out and the City ended up using the capital budget out of reserves to cover road resurfacing. He said one of the things he has heard from many people this year is that the City needs to get the \$2 million back into the operating budget as best they can going forward. He said an attempt was made this year to get a good part of it back into the Operations budget for this year. They will still need to take money and add to it through the capital budget. He said in the future there will be an attempt to get it into the one-time maintenance capital budget. Mayor Wood said he hoped the Council would reconsider the \$500,000 rollback. He said there is \$26 million in reserves and a \$4 million surplus expected this year. He is disappointed this Council is not willing to give the taxpayers a break and this Council believes they need the money more than the taxpayers.*

*Councilmember Price asked if this vote was being taken line by line or as a total motion. Mayor Wood stated there is an amendment that will be voted on and that will be the final vote and said if the Council wants to discuss line by line they have the opportunity. Ms. Price asked which amendment would be voted on. Mayor Wood said Councilman Orlans' amendment. Councilman Orlans stated it was actually a motion. Mayor Wood said it is a motion to pass the budget with amendments by Councilmember Igleheart. Councilmember Price stated she had two questions. She said that Councilmember Orlans said there has been an effort this year to get the road resurfacing back into the operating budget. All she can see is an addition of \$347,000. The only reason there is an additional \$500,000 is because the rest of Council rejected the millage rate rollback. She said that \$500,000 wouldn't have been there except that the millage rate rollback was not approved. If there is an effort to put road resurfacing back into the operating budget and they want the \$2 million then \$347,000 is not anywhere close to moving in that direction. She said therefore perhaps there are some other ways to get that in there if there is a real will to do that. She asked since Councilmember Orlans has presented this Add/Delete list then she assumes he is assuming responsibility for the three deletions that are on the list as well as the additions; unless any other members of Council wish to share in his folly.*

*Mayor Wood stated he had a question in reference to the Assistant Chief of Police Position. He said it has never been explained to him why one more person needs to be added to the management of the Police Department.*

*Police Chief Dwayne Orrick replied that when he first came to the City he was told*

that he needed to assess the current organizational structure of the police department and said he formed a committee of officers. He said they reorganized to meet the function from the way it had been done previously. He said previously there were two Majors in which one ran half of the department and the other ran the second half. Chief Orrick said that was reorganized in such that they are converting what was a Major's position into a Chief's position and said there are no more additional police being added. It is just a restructuring. He said essentially there will be one person responsible for the organization and maintaining supervision of some of the day to day affairs and also take on additional responsibilities that he is currently doing. This will allow Chief Orrick to work out in the community with people that he has not been able to do. He said he could use this other person so he could begin focusing on the vision of the organization and where it is going in six-months, three-months or a year from now opposed to getting involved in day-to-day activities. Mayor Wood asked if that structure has been approved by Council. Kay Love responded that the organizational structure is not approved by the Council because it is an operational issue. She said Council approves full-time equivalent positions and department directors. Departments may reorganize their structure if needed. She said a Major position was eliminated due to the early out program. It was determined that an Assistant Police Chief was "to be determined upon the arrival of a new Police Chief when the organization would be reassessed." She said that position must be approved by the Council and that is what is on the floor now. Mayor Wood stated he has met with Police Chief Orrick once a month since he came to the City and asked if there was a reason why this had not been brought to him prior to tonight. Kay Love replied it had been brought to him in the update meeting when the Chief presented the organizational chart. Mayor Wood reiterated that he doesn't recall this being brought to his attention earlier.

Mayor Wood repeated the motion and called for a vote. He stated the motion is to add the items shown on the FY2012 Proposed Budget of June 1, 2011 Add/Delete list with one change. That change would be the road resurfacing fund is reduced by \$179,000 and there is a new item included which will be increasing the subsidy to the Recreation Participation Fund by \$179,000.

Councilmember Price asked if this could be divided and taken line by line. Mayor Wood said it could at the request of Councilmember Price.

Councilmember Orlans said that there is one motion on the floor for one vote. Mayor Wood said as presiding officer, he is taking it line item by line item. Mr. Orlans said each item can be discussed but there is no vote on each item. There is one motion and only one vote. Mayor Wood told Mr. Orlans that they are going to vote on each item and he told Mr. Orlans he was out of order. Mr. Orlans told Mayor Wood he was out of order and Mayor Wood added again that Councilmember Orlans was out of order and that he is the presiding officer.

Councilmember Igleheart asked Assistant City Attorney Hulsey if Council can vote to determine what the order will be. Mr. Hulsey said Mayor Wood is the presiding officer and he is making the rules. Mayor Wood said they will be voting line by line. Mr. Orlans asked Mr. Hulsey how they can have separate votes when there is only one motion on the floor. Mr. Hulsey said the Mayor wants to do it this way so they will have to consider his motion as a whole after they get through. Councilmember Orlans asked if they can do that without any motions on the items. Mr. Hulsey said Mr. Orlans' motion is there and all of these items are within that motion and he understands that Ms. Price's request was to divide it and to vote on each line separately and the Mayor has said alright and they will do that and that is part of the motion.

*The meeting recessed for a break and resumed at 10:00 p.m.*

*Mayor Wood called for a vote funding the Assistant Chief of Police for \$114,004. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Mayor Wood called for a vote on adding \$150,542 to Fund Operating Contingency. The motion passed 5-1. Councilmembers Orlans, Wynn, Dippolito, Diamond and Igleheart voted in favor. Councilmember Price opposed.*

*Mayor Wood called for a vote in support of the revised number of \$668,000 for Fund Additional Road Resurfacing. The motion passed 5-1. Councilmembers Orlans, Wynn, Dippolito, Diamond and Igleheart voted in favor. Councilmember Price opposed.*

*Mayor Wood called for a vote for restoring the \$179,000 to the Recreation Participation Fund. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Mayor Wood called for a vote on deleting \$18,000 to eliminate cameras for videotaping of Mayor and City Council Meetings. The motion passed 5-1. Councilmembers Orlans, Wynn, Dippolito, Diamond and Igleheart voted in favor. Councilmember Price opposed.*

*Mayor Wood called for a vote on deleting \$12,000 to eliminate operating costs associated with videotaping of Mayor and City Council Meetings. The motion passed 5-1. Councilmembers Orlans, Wynn, Dippolito, Diamond and Igleheart voted in favor. Councilmember Price opposed.*

*Mayor Wood called for a vote on deleting \$10,000 to eliminate an increase in city sponsored Special Events. The motion passed 5-1. Councilmembers Orlans, Wynn, Dippolito, Diamond and Igleheart voted in favor. Councilmember Price opposed.*

*Mayor Wood called for a vote on adding \$468,000 to Group Benefits Fund. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Mayor Wood called for a vote on adding \$69,029 to Create and Fund two (2) 911 Dispatcher positions. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Mayor Wood called for a vote on adding \$166,000 to Fund contracting of Stormwater maintenance operations. Councilmember Price asked if this was related to the Stormwater Utility Fee or is it separate. Kay Love replied it is part of the Stormwater Utility Fund and will be supported by the fees brought in on the revenue side. She said this is maintenance and operations for contracting engineering services in lieu of hiring positions. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Mayor Wood asked Assistant City Attorney Bob Hulsey if a vote should now be taken on all items as a whole. Mr. Hulsey replied a vote has not been taken on the motion which included these items; therefore, a motion is needed to adopt the budget. He added that a vote has to be made on the motion that has already been made.*

*Mayor Wood stated there is a motion to adopt the budget with the proposed Add/Delete list with the revised number of \$668,000 for Fund Additional Road Resurfacing and restoring the \$179,000 to the Recreation Participation Fund. The motion passed 5-1. Councilmembers Orlans, Wynn, Dippolito, Diamond and Igleheart voted in favor. Councilmember Price abstained stating she was on record with the previous division.*

*Motion: Councilmember Orlans moved to Approve to appropriate \$6,038,700 for One-time Capital from General Fund reserves and \$1,500,000 from Impact Fee Fund for Fire Station #4 Relocation. Councilmember Wynn seconded. The motion passed unanimously*

*Mayor Wood asked Council to consider deferring this vote on one-time capital because this is the first time the public has been made aware of a \$6 million change to the budget which is a substantial change and waiting to the last minute to add \$6,217,000 to the budget without prior notice to the citizens is not the right thing to do. He added there have been several budget meetings and he had asked Council at each meeting for their requested additions to the budget and said he had not heard from any Councilmember until this meeting on the requested capital projects that make up \$6.2 million. Mayor Wood stated at the last Council meeting, Council voted to approve the budget without bringing the \$6.2 million and said if he was proposing a budget tonight and sprang \$6.2 million on the Council, the Council would cry foul and say they needed time to consider.*

*Councilmember Orlans said this is not unlike the .11 millage rate reduction that was sprang on Council by the Mayor at the last meeting that there had never been any discussion on. He stated there have been multiple work sessions and budget discussions on the capital budget as well as an exercise of blue dot, red dot, green dots on what the priorities were for the different items and it has been pared down from an original request of \$8,295,000 to the current level of \$6 million. He said this is not something new and it wasn't just sprung on him.*

*Mayor Wood said this is the first night that anyone on the Council has proposed a Capital Budget. There have been capital projects discussed but that is not the same as proposing a budget. Councilmember Orlans said this is a continuation of the Capital Budget that has carried forward year after year so they have also discussed this in the past.*

*Mayor Wood said he actually supports all the budget proposals that are on the list with the possible exception of one. He disagrees with the process of presenting something at the 10th hour without notifying the citizens in advance.*

*Councilmember Igleheart stated he did not totally disagree with the Mayor on this issue. He said one of his concerns is the City does not have a long term plan as to how the capital money should be spent. He said there are ideas but they have not been laid out and he expressed his concern about whittling away some of that money without a long term plan. He stated all of the items on the budget are things that will likely be done and he said he is generally okay with that. He hoped a plan would be laid out to determine what things will be done and when and how they will be paid, because there is at least \$100 million in need now. He said he agreed that \$26 million is too much to be holding on to and there is well over \$100 million that needs to be spent.*

*Mr. Igleheart referred to the item in the Impact Fee Fund for the Mansell Road Extension of \$350,000. He said most of Council has stated they are uncertain of this project and he is not convinced this project should go forward. He asked that a motion be made to pull this item for now, but it will remain in the Impact Fee Fund and as he understands there is nothing to be paid for at this time. He said ultimately it may be done but given the fact that the Council is not supporting it, he is uncomfortable going forward. He made a motion to remove this item from the proposed CIP list.*

*Mayor Wood asked for clarification of what Councilmember Igleheart was asking to*



*be removed from the current CIP budget.*

*City Administrator Kay Love stated this is an addition of one-time capital. She said that \$350,000 is included in that and said that budget was just adopted, but they can make a change to that budget. Mayor Wood told Councilmember Igleheart that it would require another vote to amend the budget that was just passed.*

*Councilmember Igleheart stated that was why he asked the question earlier about what was capital and what was operating. Ms. Love replied this is one-time capital that is on the Add/Delete list.*

*Mayor Wood said they passed a budget and Councilmember Orlans has asked to pass a Capital Budget to be funded from reserves and asked if that was correct. Councilmember Orlans replied correct. Mayor Wood asked if Mr. Orlans' motion includes all of the projects showing on the June 1, 2011 Capital Budget that is before them. Mr. Orlans said yes. Mayor Wood said they are discussing these projects and if the Council wants to add to them, that would be an amendment; however, if Council wishes to amend the budget that was just passed, then hold off on that until this Capital Budget is addressed and voted on.*

*Councilmember Price asked if Mayor Wood was entertaining other additions and deletions. Mayor Wood said not amendments to the budget that was just passed but they will consider additional capital projects. Councilmember Price stated she wanted to clarify if this will be voted on line by line and if all additions and deletions will be considered at this time. Mayor Wood replied that Councilmember Orlans had made a motion and there was a second to adopt all items to include an amendment to the number on City wide resurfacing.*

*Councilmember Price made an amendment for an addition to the list and requested that Keith Lee display an overhead slide. Mayor Wood said the slide referred to the Capital Projects Fund. Councilmember Price stated she did not understand where the other list came from. Mayor Wood replied it was presented by Councilmember Orlans and seconded. Ms. Price asked if that was the only other addition or deletion from Council. Mayor Wood replied thus far on the floor that is the only other addition but a motion can be made with a second and then there will be other items to discuss. Ms. Price asked Councilmember Orlans if the Add/Delete list is a fair representation of the majority of Council. Councilmember Orlans said he asked everyone on the Council for input on the Capital Projects Fund but doesn't recall how each responded on particular items and he then put the lists together based on the input received. Ms. Price then asked if it would be fair to say that there are up to five supporters. Mayor Wood said he believed Mr. Orlans feels he has the support to pass it. Mayor Wood told Councilmember Price that she could now make a motion to make additions or deletions. Councilmember Orlans clarified that the input he received is from all Council members and discussions with department heads who indicated which items needed to be and could be done this year. The input is from multiple sources.*

*Councilmember Price said in going through the capital request projects over the past few months she didn't think there had been a good discussion or meeting of the minds on prioritization although there was a rapid exercise at one point where dots were put on projects that were thought to be good ideas. She added this was after the departments had prioritized their requests and said some of these items that are now in Councilmember Orlans' Add list seem to have no dots and apparently at that time no support and some were low in priority from the departments. She requested to add to the list State Road 9 Automated Traffic Maintenance System (ATMS) mainly because she has received many complaints from citizens about the timing of the lights. She said this request is based on the dot exercise and the prioritization of the*

departments who prioritized it higher than the Dump Truck (Replacement) and Motor Grader (Replacement) and these two together are more than \$300,000 and were lower priority from the department and received no dots and therefore she suggested it would be more appropriate to take a higher prioritized item from the department that also had no dots but would save a couple hundred thousand dollars and add an item that would be more recognized by the citizens. Ms. Price asked Mr. Orlans if he had more information that would indicate this is not appropriate at this time. Mr. Orlans stated he had a discussion with Steve Acenbrak, about this item and discussed it with many other people and compiled a lot of information and said he did not remember a lot of detail about the item but said he did recall Mr. Acenbrak indicated it would not be accomplished in the next year or could wait for future years to do it.

Steve Acenbrak said this ATMS has been under design and finally going forward with construction to synchronize all of the signals along State Road 9 which is a joint venture with the Sandy Springs and Alpharetta and stated it exceeds the City of Roswell's boundaries. Sandy Springs is the proponent and the City of Roswell is supporting them as a sister city along with Alpharetta. He said this project is fully funded and under construction and it has taken a long time for federal highway to approve the SKOOT system which is a proprietary system for the adaptive controls. He said a year has been lost with federal highway's research on the adaptive control systems. It is the opinion of the department that this item although important could wait another year until the adaptive control system is fully deployed into the current system. Mayor Wood asked if Mr. Acenbrak believed the priority would be to add the Dump Truck and Motor Grader replacements over the ATMS system. Mr. Acenbrak replied yes.

Councilmember Price stated there was another item on the Add/Delete list that seems to have disappeared which is the City Municipal Complex landscaping which had been requested in the amount of \$30,000. Ms. Price would like to put it back in to include the possibility of a labyrinth in the landscaping behind City Hall which had been discussed with Independence High School or one of the other high schools. Mayor Wood thought the school would install the labyrinth at their cost.

Councilmember Price replied it may require some prep work; probably not \$30,000 but some combination of that with the tree removal. Mayor Wood asked for clarification of what Ms. Price believed the \$30,000 would cover. Ms. Price replied the initial request was by Joe Glover and possibly included some prep work to assist the school with the startup.

City Administrator Kay Love responded when the department requested this item, \$30,000 was an estimate for the potential of several things behind City Hall to include tree removal and connectivity between City Hall and Canton Street and stated Mr. Glover provided an estimate for tree removal for items that city staff could not handle and pending selection of said trees to be removed if any, that money was placed in the budget.

Councilmember Dippolito stated the Transportation Department has engaged a design firm to move forward with sidewalks and connectivity to City Hall which would be part of that and said he will support adding the money for tree removal and associated landscaping for the paths that will be used for connectivity between City Hall and Canton Street. He said he didn't know anything about the labyrinth and couldn't support that at this time.

Councilmember Orlans stated through conversations with Mr. Glover and the department, the original intent of the \$30,000 was for tree removal which is almost complete and there isn't a need for this money and then said if this is for something new then that is another topic. He said Mr. Glover had told him he doesn't need the

*\$30,000 in this budget year for the original landscaping purpose discussed.*

*Mayor Wood asked Councilmember Price for a motion on this item to clarify what is being proposed.*

*Councilmember Price stated she is basing this on discussions with Mr. Glover regarding the*

**A motion was made by Council Member Orlans, seconded by Council Member Wynn, that the FY2011 Budget be approved as Amended, on the Second Reading. Council Members Orlans, Council Member Wynn, Council Member Dippolito, Council Member Diamond and Council Member Igleheart cast their vote in favor. Council Member Price abstained.**

**The Final Motion Included the Following:**

- 1. The motion included Council Member Igleheart's amendment, restoring the \$179,000 to the Recreation Participation Fund.**
- 2. The motion also reduced \$179,000 from the General Fund Add/Delete list for Road Resurfacing bringing the total for resurfacing to \$668,000.**
- 3. The motion included approving the items on the FY2012 Add/Delete List for the General Fund.**
- 4. There were separate motions to approve the FY2012 Add/Delete list for the Group Benefits Fund, E-911 Fund and Stormwater Fund. Those were approved unanimously.**
- 5. A motion was also made to approve the Add/Delete list for the FY2012 Capital Project Fund for a total of \$6,247,700 which included adding in \$30,000 for City Municipal Complex Landscaping (requested by Council Member Price). The motion to approve the complete FY2012 Add/Delete Changes for the Capital Projects Fund passed 5-1. Council Members Orlans, Council Member Wynn, Council Member Dippolito, Council Member Diamond and Council Member Igleheart cast their vote in favor. Council Member Price opposed.**
- 6. A motion was made by Council Member Orlans, seconded by Council Member Diamond to approve the Impact Fee Fund addition for Fire Station #4 Relcation. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 7. A motion was made by Council Member Orlans, seconded by Council Member Wynn to take a second look at funding one-time employee compensation at the mid-year budget adjustment from FY 2011 carry over funds later in the year. The motion passed 5-1. Council Members Orlans, Council Member Wynn, Council Member Dippolito, Council Member Diamond and Council Member Igleheart cast their vote in favor. Council Member Price opposed.**

**In Favor: 5**

**Abstain: 1**

2.

**Approval of the Millage Rate of 5.455 mills for the FY 2012 Budget. (Second Reading)**

*Assistant City Attorney Bob Hulsey read AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT MILLAGE RATE stating, the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell wish to establish a millage rate of 5.455. The millage rate has a component of 4.059 for the general fund, operating and capital improvements budget, and a 1.396 mills component for servicing bonded indebtedness. The millage rate may require adjustment upon approval of a certified Tax Digest for the year 2011.*

*Motion: Councilmember Orlans moved for Approval of the Millage Rate of 5.455 mills for the FY 2012 Budget (Second Reading). Councilmember Diamond seconded. The motion passed 5-1. Councilmembers Orlans, Wynn, Dippolito, Diamond and Igleheart voted in favor. Councilmember Price opposed.*

*Council Comment:*

*Mayor Wood said for the record he does not support the millage rate vote because the City can afford to reduce the millage rate by \$500,000 and give the taxpayers a break. It would be a strong gesture of sympathy for the taxpayers and there would still be plenty of money to cover contingencies, road resurfacing and salary increases.*

*Councilmember Price restated her previous position of being in favor of the millage rate decrease which was confirmed by the response she received from a number of citizens in the interim since the last vote and said she must stand by with her original vote and said she will not be supporting the increased millage rate over the proposed budget from staff and Mayor.*

*There was no further council comment.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Orlans, seconded by Council Member Diamond, that the Millage Rate Ordinance (Millage Rate of 5.455 mills) be approved on Second Reading. The motion carried by the following vote: Councilmembers Orlans, Wynn, Dippolito, Diamond and Igleheart voted in favor. Councilmember Price opposed.**

**In Favor: 5**

**Opposed: 1**

**Adjournment**

*After no further business, the Special Called meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m.*