

City of Roswell

38 Hill Street Roswell, Georgia 30075

Meeting Minutes Administration and Finance & Recreation and Parks Committee

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

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

5:00 PM

Room 220

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Jere Wood; Council Member Nancy Diamond; Council Member

Rich Dippolito; Council Member Jerry Orlans; Council Member Betty Price

and Council Member Becky Wynn

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kent Igleheart

Minutes of the January 18, 2011 committee meeting were approved.

Staff Present:

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

Administration

1. Consideration of the Legal Organ for newspaper legal notices and advertisements

- Four proposals were received after a RFP was issued for selection of a legal organ for newspaper legal notices and advertisements. The proposals were from The Roswell Neighbor, Appen Newspapers/Revue and News, Fulton County Daily Report, and the Atlanta Journal Constitution. The Roswell Neighbor, who the city currently uses, and the Revue were the most competitive. The Fulton Daily Report and AJC were not competitive based on price and/or number of circulation.
- The Neighbor has a total Roswell circulation of 19,100 and the Revue has a total

Roswell circulation of 13,040. The Revue and News said that they have committed if they are the recipients of the Legal Organ to increase to 14,540 people with some multi-family distributions in the zip code 30022.

- The cost per United inch of space for the Neighbor is \$10.00 and the cost for United inch for the Revue is \$9.70. Based on the amount of money spent last year the Revue is at \$1,043 per year less than what the Neighbor would be. However, there are 6,060 fewer citizens within the city of Roswell. With the goal of communicating with as many Roswell citizens as possible for the City's legal notices and the minimal cost impact between the two responses staff recommended the Neighbor as the newspaper for Legal Notices and Advertisement for the City of Roswell
- Councilmember Wynn asked why the city needs to have a legal organ. David Davidson said the city has to advertise in newspapers of the general circulation. The city has always had a legal organ to make sure that everybody knows where the city's legal ads are.
- Councilmember Wynn asked about the 30022 zip code since some is in Alpharetta and some is in Roswell. Kay Love said there are more Alpharetta citizens in 30022. Michael Fischer added that it is multi-family distribution in the 30022. Councilmember Wynn asked if the Revue is getting their numbers by adding some of Alpharetta. Michael replied they went back and asked for a clarification and the numbers given are based only on the Roswell part of the zip code.
- Councilmember Orlans asked in order to compare these properly the Neighbor is more of a Cobb County paper. He wanted to know if the 30075 zip code was broken down between the Cobb County residents and the Roswell residents because the 12,450 number are not all Roswell residents. Kay Love said they have not done that. Councilmember Orlans said if breaking out the different zip codes, he said that needs to be done as well to get an equal comparison. Kay said they can go back and ask that. She said staff will get that information and email it to Council.
- Kay Love said the city is on a month to month with the Neighbor since the contract was up at the end of December. She said Council needs to make a decision as soon as possible, but it's not time sensitive since the legal requirements for advertising are being met.
- Councilmember Price asked how many united inches does the city put in every week. Kay said it varies from week to week but staff has a number for the year. Michael said the city spent \$45,000 last year over a ten (10) month which is 3,477 column inches over a ten (10) month period last year. Councilmember Price asked if there were any other entity that did not respond with a proposal that would have been appropriate. Kay said if they didn't respond it would not have been appropriate meaning they weren't interested in the business or couldn't compete. Councilmember Price asked if there was an entity that staff is aware of that has a greater circulation. Kay said the Current, but they are monthly. Councilmember Price asked if weekly is considered optimum. Mayor said weekly is better than monthly. Councilmember Price added that daily has an open advantage and the Mayor said that daily also costs a whole lot more.
- Councilmember Wynn said she would like to see what Councilmember Orlans is asking about regarding the 30075 zip code.

Staff was requested to get clarification for each of the zip codes since some of the zip codes the newspapers deliver to may not be Roswell residents. Staff will see if the newspapers can break out the Roswell residents. Staff will send that information to Mayor and Council.

Discussion of potential changes to the City of Roswell Retirement Plan - Guidance

- GMA drafted an Amendment to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Retirement Plan to: 1) Prohibit participation by employees hired on or after March 1, 2011. 2) Prohibit participation by Elected Officials or Municipal Court Judges who first take such office on or after March 1, 2011. 3) Change Pension Committee Secretary. 4) Clarify that City Attorney hired on or after December 18, 2000 will be treated as eligible regular employee under plan. 5) Make a technical correction relating to participation by Municipal Court Judge.
- Kay Love said the specific item that is on the agenda is related to prohibiting new interest in participation in the city's current defined benefit (DB) plan for employees hired on or after March 1, 2011.
- David Davidson said this freeze of any new participation after March 1, 2011 would need to be done through an ordinance which requires two readings. He said Mayor and Council could have a Special Called Meeting for the first reading and the second reading could be at the February 28th meeting and then would be in effect March 1st. There would be freeze on the benefit plan for any new hires, and it is important that these new hires sign a waiver knowing that there isn't a plan now but they will go into whatever plan the Council decides to go with. He added that it can be retroactive so whatever plan is decided it will go back to their hire date.
- Councilmember Diamond said one of the options Council discussed at the Work Session was creating a contributory DB plan as part of the one the city has. Kay said that will be an element in an amendment. She added one of the things for Council's consideration is the timeline of how much time Council wants to give themselves to implement changes. There are a couple of other considerations because there has to be an amendment to the document. She said it is better to do a hiring freeze until the ordinance is passed so that this is not done in phases. She said it is better to do this compressively. She said they need to take a look at what they want to do regarding people who are reconnecting service, someone who used to work for the city and comes back after March 1 and what do they want to do with elected officials.
- Councilmember Orlans said there are questions about the rehires. David Davidson said the way it is worded is if they come they are credited with their previous service they started before. Councilmember Orlans said what they are trying to do with any new hires would be waiving out of this until Council decides what they are going to do and he thinks any rehires would be handled the exact same way.
- Councilmember Price said that the way it is written now is that rehires will be considered from their previous hire date. Councilmember Orlans he doesn't want it that way. David Davidson said staff needed that clarification from Council and that will be changed in the ordinance.
- Councilmember Diamond asked to have it clarified about what happens to anyone hired after March 1st. Kay replied they have to sign a waiver saying they understand that they are coming in but they don't know what they are coming into. She said that can be a challenge in recruiting people because they don't know what retirement plan they are coming into.
- Councilmember Wynn asked what happens if someone hired comes from another GMA city. David said they are credited with their previous experience with that city.
- Councilmember Orlans said depending upon what they end up with, that is another reason to look at alternative vendors so the city has control over the plan rather than being controlled.
- Councilmember Wynn asked if the deferred benefit plans have a waiting period before anyone can start in that. Kay said no and added that they come in and work a year and then get service credit. The city is not paying out any money for them in the plan until the annual evaluation. Councilmember Wynn said if Council decides to

freeze this and decides to stay with the current plan, will this hurt the employee in that year and Kay replied no.

- Councilmember Igleheart said he was frustrated even talking about this, because he said 6 months ago they said that no one was going to be hired under the DB. David said legally the city couldn't do that. Councilmember Igleheart said there has been a misunderstanding on direction and they are just getting to this now. He said they should just have a hiring freeze until March 14th. Councilmember Dippolito asked if that is practical. Councilmember Diamond said she has concerns about the 911 operator that has been given an offer. Councilmember Wynn said if the city has already committed to them and that plan that commitment is not being followed through. Councilmember Orlans said this was discussed months ago so he wanted to know if the city is making those commitments to the recent hires. Councilmember Diamond said we couldn't commit to anything else until we have done this. Kay Love said there are several vacancies and people are working overtime and these public safety positions are critical positions.
- Councilmember Orlans said if is a critical position that affects the safety of our citizens, then that is an exception, but for general hire employees, this has been in the works before and kept getting delayed.
- Councilmember Diamond said she would like to see the 911 person be an exception, because that person is needed and a good person was found and she would hate to lose that person. Kay added that the Police Officer that has been offered the position is also a public safety issue and it is critical.
- Councilmember Price asked what the changeover date is is it March 1st or March 14th. David replied it would be when Council adopts the ordinance and it will be up to them whether they want to have a Special Called Meeting.
- Councilmember Dippolito asked if anyone will be hired between March 1 and March 14th. Kay said they could still interview and they would be alright for two weeks.
- Councilmember Dippolito asked if GMA took a long time to do this or was it the city. David said GMA had a lot of questions that he didn't have the answers to and they had to work through the whole agreement and they have a new plan adoption that they wanted to include and that they needed to include to make our plan IRS compliant. There was a lot of intense paperwork.
- Councilmember Orlans asked Mayor to communicate that there will be a Special Called Mayor and Council Meeting over this next week so that it will be finished on February 28th.
- Councilmember Diamond suggested having it on February 22nd at Hembree Park at 8:30 a.m. since many of the Councilmembers will be there for another event that morning.
- Councilmember Price stated she would like another viewpoint on it because this plan seems biased towards the DB. Kay asked who she would suggest to get for the other viewpoint. Councilmember Price said she has nobody in mind, but thinks the city could find someone who would have a different perspective. Councilmember Wynn thought that would add another 2-3 months to this process.

A motion was made that the Adoption of an agreement with the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) and the amendment of the GMEBS be placed on a Special Called Mayor and City Council agenda for 2/22/2011. This will be for the First Reading. The Second Reading will be on February 28, 2011. The meeting will be at the Hembree Park Activity building at 8:30 a.m. Staff was also requested to see what other cities have gone to the Defined Contribution plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Discussion of the results of the Citizen Survey - Guidance

- The City has received the final report of results for the 2010 Roswell Resident Survey from the National Research Center (NRC). A total of 2,300 randomly selected Roswell households were mailed the Survey in late October/early November. 588 responded to the survey for a response rate of 27%. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4 percentage points.
- The last Citizens Survey that the City did was conducted by the NRC in 2007. The purpose of the survey was to provide residents with the opportunity to give staff feedback on city services, taxes, public policy, customer service, communications, etc. The city is going to use this input to make improvements or changes where appropriate and the city will benchmark itself and will see how Roswell came up against other similar size cities across the U.S. Julie Brechbill said in order to do benchmarking, they wanted to go with the NRC because they do a lot of surveys for cities across the U.S. and Roswell benchmarks very well. The City of Roswell ranked in the highest category, which is above in almost every benchmark nationally with jurisdictions of like size and jurisdictions not our size. In other words, they compared our city to everybody.
- Councilmember Price asked if the demographics of the responders vary much from what is known of our demographics. Julie replied they are a pretty much a complete match.
- Julie said one of the questions asked dealt with the quality of life in Roswell and 95% of the residents rated it as excellent or good. In 2007 that rating was similar at 94%. For safety 96% responses were very safe or somewhat safe in their neighborhoods at night. In 2007 the response was 96%.
- Julie continued and said the people were asked why they wanted to live in the City of Roswell and to check all the answers that apply. The replies were: 69% live in our city because of location; 46% because of the neighborhoods; 36% the schools; 36% parks; 32% wanted to be close to family and friends; jobs, size and history came in at the bottom.
- Julie said when people where asked about the overall quality of services provided, 78% said they were good or excellent. In the 2007 survey this came in at 86% which is down but the NRC had asked the question differently in 2007. She added that the economy is not the greatest right now and a lot of people are not happy with government. This was taken in the October/November timeframe when elections where going on and there was a lot of bad news out there about government.
- Julie said another question asked people if the city had to reduce services which area would they be willing for the city to reduce: 39% said they were not willing for the city to reduce any services; 19% said the city could take longer to respond on Code Enforcement violations; 14% said Recreation programs; 14% said environmental programs; and at the bottom was fire, safety, and crime prevention programs. People were also asked to rate each of the services as essential and very important and these are the services that came up as essential and very important: Fire protection, police protection, garbage pickup, traffic flow, street maintenance, storm drainage, and traffic signal timing.
- Julie said the question that surprised them more than any of the others was the one that residents were asked if they were willing to pay more in property taxes each month to maintain the current level of services. 58% were willing to pay something more; 42% were not. The breakdown is: 38% is willing to pay \$1-3 more a month; 11% would pay \$4-6 more a month; 6% would pay \$7-10 more a month; and 3% would pay over \$10 more a month. She added again this was taken before the midterm elections.
- Julie said when the citizens were asked if they were willing to pay more in property taxes each month to increase city services and those numbers are very similar to the previous. The breakdown is: 31% is willing to pay \$1-3 more a month;

17% would pay \$4-6 more a month; 6% would pay \$7-10 more a month; 3% would pay over \$10 more a month and 43% were not willing to pay anything more.

- Julie said the citizens were asked what the three biggest issues were to them facing the City of Roswell. 50% said traffic and lights; 17% said crime; and 15% said budget. Mayor Wood said to put this into perspective, 83% don't think crime is a big issue facing Roswell.
- Another question asked about value of services for their taxes paid: 70% rated this as good or excellent; and in 2007 this rating was 86%. They were asked the degree in which the city acts in the best interest of our community: 66% rated this as good or excellent; and in 2007 it was 86%. This was still high when compared with other jurisdictions. They were asked to rate the job at welcoming citizen involvement: 60% rated the city at good or excellent; and 2007 it was 85%. They were asked how well the city does at listening to the citizens: 50% rated good or excellent, and in 2007 it was 84%. They were asked to rate customer service when coming into City Hall: 42% did have contact with an employee and a large majority rated that contact as excellent or good. They were asked if they were satisfied with the availability of the information from the City of Roswell and 91% were either somewhat satisfied or very satisfied; only 1% was not satisfied.
- Julie said the results will be posted on the website. Julie said they would like to do monthly surveys on the City's website to involve residents, which means asking a question of the month. Councilmember Price asked if it would be like an immediate response. Kay said it could be set up that way.
- Councilmember Orlans said he would like to see an action plan created based on those things that the city can do better. This shows that most of the people are happy and that staff does a good job but there is always room for improvements.

Staff was requested to create an action plan for improvements. Staff has requested that if Mayor and Council have some particular areas they would like staff to focus on, staff will also include those as well. Staff will bring that back to committee. Councilmember Price asked staff to focus on the comments. Kay said staff will do some analysis with that and come back and break down some of those categories so they can incorporate that into the action plan as well.

Discussion of participation as a sponsor for the GNFCC Business Expo on March 4, 2011 - Guidance

- The GNFCC Business Expo will be held on Friday, March 4, 2011 at the Windward Parkway Marriott. Progress Partners and the six North Fulton cities are slated to be title sponsors. The cost of sponsorship for each city is \$1,500. Mayor and Council are invited to the Expo breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on March 4th and then to participate in the "kickoff" opening of the Expo.
- Kay Love said they have embarked on the progress partners and City Managers and Public Relations people have been attending monthly meetings to talk about how the Chamber is rolling out that program. Julie went to the last meeting where they discussed this and then the city received the invoice for \$1,500 for that for our part. Kay Love said staff was surprised to get this invoice and found out that the Expo website already has all the North Fulton cities logos on it so they just assumed all the cities were participating.
- Julie said Roswell would be sharing a booth with all of the other cities, and the city will be under the Progress Partners logo. A city employee needs to be at the Expo. The GNFCC would like all the elected officials to attend the Breakfast and to open the Expo with them.
- Mayor said it is appropriate for us to join this. Kay said even though this came as a surprise when the invoice came, at this point we did not want to pull out when the other cities are in it. It will give Roswell an opportunity to get the word out about the city. Kay feels we should go forward this year and this can be discussed for next year. Kay said there will still be the monthly meetings and talking about how this works for this year and what our expectations are for next year.

A motion was made by Mayor Wood, seconded by Council Member Orlans, that Roswell participates as a sponsor for the GNFCC Business Expo. Roswell along with the other five North Fulton cities will join together with Progress Partners to be Title Sponsors of the Expo. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Status Report of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Stimulus Funding

- Danny Blitch reported that the city has actually received about \$3.1M of the stimulus funding and through January 31, 2011 the city has spent \$1.6M leaving the city with \$1.4M left to spend. He added that the first dollar spent began on January 22, 2010.
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6. FY11 Monthly Budget Status Report

- The sixth month of the fiscal year budget report was discussed. Keith Lee said this report is for FY11 and is through December of this year. Overall the City's General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund and Recreation Participation revenues meet expectations for the month of December. Hotel/Motel Fund revenues exceed expectations for the month of December. Overall City expenditures meet expectations for the month of December.
- General Fund revenues are exceeding last years by about \$300,000 and expenditures are \$2.3M less than last year to-date. To date the city has collected 66.37% of the revenues and has spent 45.41% of the expenditure budget. Expenditures are \$600,000 less than expected.
- The Water and Sewer Fund revenues are exceeding FY10 and the expenditures are less. To date the revenues are over expenditures by \$282,000. To date the city has collected 35.29% of the revenues and spent 20.87% of the expenditures.
- Solid Waste Fund revenue collections through December this year are ahead of last year for the same time period. Solid Waste Fund collected \$970,638 more in revenues than expenses for the FY to date. To date the city has collected 52.16% of revenues and has spent 39.35% of the expenditures. Councilmember Dippolito asked why the revenues for the solid waste are significantly higher than a year ago. Julia Luke said one month is longer than another month, so you will see this up and down billing so it is just a timing issue.
- The Recreation Participation Fund FY 2011 revenues exceed FY 2010 revenues for the same time period. To date the city has collected 38.27% of the overall revenue and expensed 48.17% of the expenditures.
- The Hotel/Motel Fund has collected \$92,000 more in revenue than in expenses. FY 2011 revenues exceed FY 2010 revenues for the same time period. To date the city has collected 61.9% of the budgeted revenues for the year and have spent 42.02% of the overall budget.
- Councilmember Price asked if this is the timeframe for which staff projected the \$2M surplus, based on this report. Keith said that is basically a reflection of what will happen with revenues and expenses as staff begins preparing the FY12 budget.
- Staff will keep the committee updated on a monthly basis.

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2011 Legislative Session Update

- Michael Fischer presented the GMA Legislative Alerts for January 14, 21 and 28 for 2011. He added that there is certain legislation that they like to track that they feel is important and could make a big difference to the city.
- Michael said he will be tracking these bills and he will make sure Committee has a copy of what the GMA is tracking and he will offer any bills or other things going on that Council would like him to track.
- Councilmember Orlans asked if staff knows how much the city gets from insurance premium tax. Kay said she does not know and but will e-mail the information. She said she does know it is down significantly. Councilmember Orlans stated one of the bills in the legislature is talking about a sales tax on food and he is not in favor of that. He would like to see the city approve a resolution saying that the city doesn't support this. Mayor Wood did not agree with doing this kind of resolution

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because he said he is not sure all the citizens share that position. He said to state a position, it should be on core issues.

• Staff will start including information about the legislative updates from GMA on a monthly basis. Staff also requested if Mayor and Council have specific issues they would like staff to track to let them know. Staff was also requested to find out what is going on regarding the tax bill that has been moving forward.

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Finance

8. Investment Report

- Julia said the portfolio exceeds where we were last year and the city is still ahead of the two benchmarks. She said there was a maturity that came in on 2/4/11 that will show up on the next report. That maturity paid 3.5% and will impact the rates even lower when that one disappears.
- Councilmember Dippolito asked why the city has so much money in Georgia Fund One. Julia replied that was the property tax that came in. She said Georgia Fund One is very liquid and money is available very quickly but the rates are low. She said we don't want that money tied up for 2 to 3 years. She added that there is payroll every two weeks and check runs every week and they need to make sure that money is covered and available and occasionally Council will come up with something suddenly that wasn't planed so they need to have the money ready to go.
- Julia also said that when the economy was much better they could rely on bigger sales tax revenues coming in.
- Staff will continue looking for the best rates for the city investments. Committee will be updated on a monthly basis.

Staff reported that the city's investment portfolio exceeds where the city was from last year. Staff will continue looking for the best rates for the city investments.

Committee will be updated on a monthly basis.

Recreation and Parks

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Consideration of a Budget Amendment for Leita Thompson Memorial Park in the amount of \$45,000

- Joe Glover said 10 years ago the city inherited 170 acres of Leila Thompson Park and with that inherited 16 apartment units. During this time period there has not been a great deal of maintenance on those buildings. He said they have accumulated a fund balance of \$150,000 in that cost center, and now staff needs catch up on some of the repairs and maintenance that need to be done. Funding in the amount of \$45,000 will be used for these aged apartments.
- Councilmember Orlans asked how many original residents remain and Joe replied three.
- Councilmember Orlans thought the original intent was to keep these for the original residents to finish up until they moved or passed. Joe replied that was for a five (5) year term. Councilmember Orlans said the city was going to get rid of the apartments. He wanted to know if we are close to the end point and should we

spend this money if we are at this point. Joe said that the rent received is also paying for the maintenance of the gardens so this is a benefit. Councilmember Orlans said he understands but that was not the original intent. Joe said that the Recreation Commission and the Leita Thompson Foundation Board both said there was no need to stop renting the units. He said at the end of the five years there was a lot more of the original tenants and now there are three original tenants at the end of ten years. He said it is still serving a benefit that was originally set up for which was to have a low rent facility for retired individuals.

- Councilmember Orlans asked if all the residents are still meeting the criteria and who is overseeing the renting. Joe replied that the Recreation Department oversees this.
- Councilmember Orlans asked if this is where we want to go and if not what are we going to do with this. Joe replied at this point he does not see any reason not to continue operating the apartments because these apartments are bringing in revenue and this helps so money does not have to be taken out of the general fund for maintenance. This money also helps with the upkeep of the park. Councilmember Price asked if the rent goes into that fund and Joe replied yes.
- Mayor Wood said that Councilmember Orlans is correct and this was a policy decision. He said they do need to come up with a long-term strategy. Long term this was envisioned with these apartments not being there. He added that currently, the city doesn't have a current use for it, and it is bringing an income and until we have a current use for it there is no reason to cut-off that income flow but an exit strategy needs to be discussed. Joe replied they have been doing it on a year-to-year basis and that is why they have not spent a lot of money on these.
- Mayor suggested that staff take this to the Recreation Commission and get a recommendation on a long term plan. Councilmember Orlans asked how do we determine who rents it. Kay Love said there is certain criteria they must meet.

A motion was made by Mayor Wood, seconded by Council Member Wynn, that this budget amendment be placed on the Mayor and City Council agenda for 2/28/2011 with the understanding that staff will come back to the March committee meeting with the information requested. Staff was requested to go back and have the Recreation Commission look at what their recommendation is long-term for these apartments since there was a policy about what was going to be done with these. Staff will get a Recreation Commission and staff recommendation for Mayor and Council to consider. Staff was also requested to get the information about the criteria for renting the apartments and also what the timeline expectations are. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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Consideration of a Budget Admendment for the East Roswell Park Sprayground in the amount of \$125,000

- Funding in the amount of \$125,000 will be used for shade structures for UV protection, picnic pavilion, park benches, and additional concrete decking for sunbathing. The funds will also be used for a small storage/operations building in order to be in compliance with Fulton County Health Department's code. \$249,996 is currently available in Recreation and Parks Impact Fees (unallocated fund balance). The total cost of the sprayground project will be approximately \$367,155.
- Councilmember Diamond asked when this work will be completed. Joe replied everything is ready to go and is scheduled to be open in May.
- Councilmember Wynn asked about the additional concrete for sunbathing. She thought the sprayground was for family and the shade structures are important and so are the benches and pavilion. She said this is not a pool so she does not see any need for additional concrete decking for sunbathing. She asked to change the wording to "additional concrete decking" and take out sunbathing.
- Mayor asked what was the original cost at Riverside and what did the new one cost. Joe said he will need to get him the numbers. He said there was so much extra spent on Riverside because of all the problems. He said Riverside cost a lot more than the new one. Mayor suggested to account for these two as separate funds so that they will know how much they cost us and how much they generate.
- Councilmember Orlans asked how did the revenues work on Riverside for last summer. Joe replied around \$35,000. He said participation was greater than anticipated. He said adding the shelter and the rental made a big difference.

A motion was made by Council Member Diamond, seconded by Council Member Wynn, that this budget amendment for the East Roswell Sprayground be placed on the Mayor and City Council agenda for 2/28/2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

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