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City to apply for a GDOT grant for new sidewalks

PEACHTREE CORNERS, Ga. -- Peachtree Corners City Council voted Tuesday to apply for a 2013 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) available through the Georgia Department of Transportation.

The grant, which can be used for paving and the addition of sidewalks, is in the amount of \$128,784.90 and requires matching funds from the city of \$38,645.47.

Tom Black, a resident of Peachtree Corners and employee of CH2MHill, gave a presentation on LMIG funding. Black said GDOT funding for 2014 projects would be coming out within 30 days, therefore, to receive funding for 2013 projects, council had to act quickly.

City Manager Julian Jackson recommended combining the 2013 funds with 2014 to nearly double the amount available for improvements.

A list of sidewalk projects being considered include: Crooked Creek Road, Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Holcomb Bridge Road, Jones Mill Spur and Spalding Drive.

Mayor Mike Mason asked if Black would recommend using LMIG funds to add sidewalks near city schools.

"I would not because there is a separate pot of money called Safe Route to Schools that is

available for that," Black said. "You can apply for that on an annual basis."

The vote to approve requesting the grant was unanimous with Councilmen Phil Saad and James Lowe absent.

Council also approved the addition of 17 Peachtree Corners businesses to the Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District (CID). Businesses within a CID consent to paying additional taxes to be used to improve the district in which their properties lie.

Council also approved the alcoholic beverage license applications for Life Time Fitness (formerly Racquet Club of the South) and Super Carniceria Jalisco, a new business located on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

The city's next meeting is a Public Hearing on the new Solid Waste Pick Up service. It will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The city also has a survey for citizens to take should they not be able to attend.

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