

Regular Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Raquel D. González made the general announcements and called the roll.

Mayor Rusty Paul – present.

Council Members present: Council Member John Paulson, Council Member Steve Soteres, Council Member Chris Burnett, Council Member Jody Reichel, Council Member Tibby DeJulio and Council Member Andy Bauman.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion and Vote: Council Member DeJulio moved that the meeting agenda be approved for Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Council Member Paulson seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 2021-015 Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. 2021-016 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way, Permanent Easement for the Construction and Maintenance of Slopes and Temporary Construction Easement on property located in Land Lot 205 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs

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Motion and Vote: Council Member Bauman moved that the consent agenda be approved for Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Council Member Burnett seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. PRESENTATIONS – None.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. 2021-017 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of U20-0002 (4945 High Point Road) Request for a Conditional Use Permit for a Private School and Day Care Use, Both of Which Would Be Accessory to and Associated with an Existing Place of Worship that Predates the Code

Alexandra Horst, Planner II, Community Development presented that this Conditional Use Permit is for a private school and day care use associated with an existing place of worship that predates the Code, at 4945 High Point Road. The Church of the Atonement (High Point Episcopal Community Church [HPECC]) is no longer able to sustain the

property. The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta located a new user, St. Martin's Episcopal School (SMES). The U20-0002 Proposal is to:

- Maintain the subject property essentially as is with some exterior, mechanical and maintenance and interior changes to the existing 1-story building, including a lobby, 5 classrooms and offices;
- Relocate the early childhood program from SMES's main campus to the subject property, place office workers onsite, host school activities and allow for continued community and worship use onsite; and
- Serve 60 enrolled children, ages 8 weeks to 5 years old, and 15 office workers.

4945 High Point Road is in the RE-2 District and the Protected Neighborhood (PN) Character Area. Among the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Private School Use Standard considerations are that:

- No building, refuse areas or outdoor recreation areas are proposed within 100' of a PN; No parking areas are proposed within 50' of a PN;
- The applicant proposes the drop-off in a one-way direction with vehicles re-entering the street in a forward manner;
- The maximum proposed lot coverage is 26.66% of the site; and
- SMES plans to make internal changes to the existing building onsite.

Staff recommends conditions to no higher than the height of the existing one-story building and the applicant shall provide information regarding the need to install a deceleration and/or right turn lane at the time of permitting. The Planning Commission recommended approval with Staff's recommended conditions. Staff's recommended conditions are:

1. Only the existing building shall be utilized for SMES and the applicant must go through the Conditional Use Permit process again should plans change.
2. Maximum of 60 enrolled children, ages 8 weeks old to 5 years old, and 15 staff; and at any point the City may request enrollment verification.
3. Maximum lot coverage of 28%.
4. Maximum building height that is no higher than the existing one-story building.
5. At the time of permitting provide a carpool and traffic circulation and queuing plan, demonstrating that all stacking shall be provided onsite and no traffic shall back up onto High Point Road, as well as information regarding the need to install a deceleration and/or right turn lane.

City Clerk Raquel González stated that the City received five (5) public comments in support of the application.

Mayor Rusty Paul opened the public hearing, beginning with those in favor of the application. Public comment was called in the order public cards were received.

Mr. Den Webb, 1230 Peachtree Street, Atlanta GA 30309, presented on behalf of SMES. The property has been under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, and has had at least four different worship congregations. In addition to worship, there have been other activities that have taken place on the property, including after-school programs, a day school for toddlers, ministries, community activities and the like. In the last 10 years, 90% of the activities have been education related and worship participation has dwindled. Currently St. Martin's operates on seven acres of land on Ashford-Dunwoody. The proposed location would operate from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. In general, SMES will use this property with external perceptions as is. The use being proposed for the site is similar to how it has been used for the last 60 years. As currently configured now, it meets all the use permit criteria. The building and parking setbacks are already met. If the parking requirement is exceeded, there is plenty of stacking on property as well. The City has reviewed potential traffic impacts and concluded they will be minimal. The community response to this application has been very positive. In terms of the five staff conditions, the applicant would ask that the Council consider adding a sixth condition, as it relates to the busses. The applicant has heard that there have been two yellow school buses and four shuttle buses parked on the property. Those will be moved. SMES will need two shuttle buses for the day care. At SMES's existing campus there are a number of things that are not at the High Point site, like a Science Lab, an Art Studio and a Library. The intent is to allow the older

students at the day care to have access to these amenities and they will be ferried back and forth on the shuttles. The applicant requests that we be allowed to park those two shuttles onsite at night.

Dr. Luis Ottley – declined to speak during the public comment period.

Mr. Duffy Hickey, 5040 Vallo Vista Court, Sandy Springs GA 30342 stated he has lived here for 27 years and he is the current President of the High Point Civic Association. The church, which used to be on this property, was a long-time partner and host of civic association activities. The High Point Civic Association supports the application for conditional-use by SMES. The Association and the applicant have agreed to, other than what has already been mentioned, no use or creation of athletic field onsite, no external lighting that would impinge on the nearby neighbors, and traffic situation and traffic issues. This will be the fourth school in a half-mile stretch of High Point, including the preschool at the synagogue just to the north. There is rumored a request from the applicant to extend their enrollment to 100, but we are happy to now hear that they are not going that far. We want the applicant to begin with 60 children. We look forward to a successful school that enhances our neighborhood and creates a great relationship between our neighbors, our Association and SMES.

Ms. Ronda Smith, 76 Long Island Place Sandy Springs GA 30328 stated she spoke as President and on behalf of the Council of Neighborhoods. The Council supports this application for a 60 participant preschool at the former HPECC. This use will breathe new life into a currently nearly dormant church facility that just a year ago lost the last of its long-attending congregation. It is the Council of Neighborhoods' hope that this use will have minimal impact on the surrounding protected neighborhood, as it does add additional car trips during the peak hours to High Point Road, where three other school uses already exist. This impact does remain to be seen once SMES moves its existing preschool program and some administration from the school campus in Brookhaven and the school gets up and running at full capacity. Please do follow suit with the Planning Commission's approval of U20-0002 to allow for this 60 preschool participant daycare at 4945 High Point Road.

Ms. Susan Maziar, 5350 Timber Trail, Sandy Springs GA 30342 (read into the record by City Clerk González): My family and I have lived in Sandy Springs for 29 years this month. I attended both the CM2 and Planning Commission meetings, and I am speaking tonight as a nearby resident. I speak in support of the application at 60 participants with three major concerns/ reservations. First, the application has been going on since June and page 10 of the latest staff report indicates in that all four versions of the statements of intent by the applicant, the request is for 60 participants. Staff recommendations for 60 and the Planning Commission voted unanimously for 60. I think a wait and see approach is much more prudent before increasing the numbers. Next, I am concerned about the language in the staff report. Is there an "active" church on the property for this accessory use or will this solely be a daycare? It is not clear and I think it is a good question. It is my understanding that in our code a preschool is a daycare. The names are interchangeable. What isn't clear is how a daycare that is a commercial use be allowed in a PN if there is no longer a church on the property. The church is gone. It was sold to SMES last July for a large amount of money. Therefore, I don't think it's accurate to say that this is an "accessory use" or "associated with" an existing house of worship that is no longer on the site. And lastly, the daycare will affect the character of our neighborhood. It will increase traffic. Also, the site is surrounded by single-family homes on three sides and the impact will be felt especially by them because for years the site was relatively quiet one. For example, an issue was raised this past weekend by an adjacent neighbor concerning school buses parked onsite. Two full-sized yellow school buses are parked next to his fence. Four white buses are parked adjacent to the neighbors on the other side. We hope this property doesn't become a parking lot for SMES and we are wondering what the school buses will be used for. Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Webb stated that in terms of the number of participants, the applicant is only asking for 60. The church use will remain active on the site. In the agreement with the Episcopal Diocese, SMES will be allowed to have an occasional public service. These services will be once or twice a year for those who have been going and worshipping on that property for decades. Staff has concluded that the traffic impact will be minimal. As far as buses, the applicant will move the two yellow offsite. We request that two shuttle busses remain to be used to get participants back and forth to our main campus.

Mayor Paul ended the public comment period, as there were no additional public comment cards.

Motion and Second: Council Member DeJulio moved for approval of agenda item 2021-017, Approval of U20-0002 (4945 High Point Road) Request for a Conditional Use Permit for a Private School and Day Care Use, Both of Which Would Be Accessory to and Associated with an Existing Place of Worship that Predates the Code, with the conditions put in by the Planning Commission, with addition of No. 6 - to limit the school buses parked on the property to 2 of the small school buses. Council Member Reichel seconded.

Council Member DeJulio stated for years the High Point Episcopal had been a meeting place for the church, with a daycare there at one time. The City has used it on numerous occasions, before and after we were a City. The High Point Civic Association has used it for many years. This is a good compromise. The community does not seem to want it developed. By limiting the students to 60 students and 15 staff members, not having a bus parking lot on it, this will work out well with everyone.

Vote on the Motion: Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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- B. 2021-018** ABL_72824 - Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Sonesta International Hotels Corporation DBA Sonesta Atlanta Northwest, 6345 Powers Ferry Road NW, Sandy Springs, GA 30339. Applicant is Richard Palmisano on behalf of Sonesta International Hotels Corporation for Consumption on the premises of Wine, Malt Beverages, and Distilled Spirits

Toni Jo Howard, Finance Director presented that this is a new application for Consumption on the Premises of Wine, Malt Beverages and Distilled Spirits alcoholic license for Sonesta International Hotels Corporate DBA Sonesta Atlanta Northwest at 6345 Power Ferry Road NW, Sandy Springs GA 30339. It is located between New Northside Drive and Northside Drive NW. The applicant, Mr. Richard Palmisano, on behalf of Sonesta International Hotels Corporation dba Sonesta Atlanta Northwest, has met all of the requirements and staff recommends approval. This business is located in District 6.

As there were no public comment cards, Mayor Paul closed the public hearing.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Bauman moved approval of agenda item 2021-018, Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Sonesta International Hotels Corporation DBA Sonesta Atlanta Northwest, 6345 Powers Ferry Road NW, Sandy Springs, GA 30339. Council Member Reichel seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. 2021-019** ABL_72750 - Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for HKB Hotel Group, LLC DBA Comfort Inn Sandy Springs 5793 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Prem Patel for Retail/Package, Wine and Malt Beverage

Toni Jo Howard, Finance Director presented this is a new application for Retail Package Wine and Malt Beverage Alcoholic Beverage License for HKB Hotel Group, LLC DBA Comfort Inn Sandy Springs located at 5793 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs GA 30328. It is located between Carpenter Drive and I-285. The applicant, Mr. Prim Patel, on behalf of HKB Hotel Group, LLC DBA Comfort Inn Sandy Springs, has met all of the requirements and staff recommends approval. This business is located in District 6.

As there were no public comment cards, Mayor Paul closed the public hearing.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Reichel moved approval of agenda item 2021-019, Alcoholic Beverage License for HKB Hotel Group, LLC DBA Comfort Inn Sandy Springs 5793 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Council Member Burnett seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. 2021-020** ABL_73158 - Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Anjana I Inc. DBA Biryani Place, 6115 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Unit 130, Sandy Springs, GA 30328.

Applicant is Venu Danda for Consumption on the premises of Wine, Malt Beverages, and Distilled Spirits

Toni Jo Howard, Finance Director presented this is a new application for Consumption on the Premises for Wine, Malt Beverages and Distilled Spirits alcohol license for Anjana I Inc. DBA Biryani Place, 6115 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Unit 130, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. This business is located between Dunwoody Chase and Hammond Drive. The applicant, Venu Danda, has met all requirements and staff recommends approval. This business is located in District 3. This is a restaurant.

As there were no public comment cards, Mayor Paul closed the public hearing.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Burnett moved approval of agenda item 2021-020, Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Anjana I Inc. DBA Biryani Place, 6115 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Unit 130, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Council Member Reichel seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. 2021-021 ABL_73178 - Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for TGM Sandy Springs, LLC DBA The General Muir, 6405 Blue Stone Road, Suite 240, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Jennifer White Johnson for Consumption on the Premises of Wine, Malt Beverages, and Distilled Spirits

Toni Jo Howard, Finance Director presented this is a new application for Consumption on the Premises of Wine, Malt Beverages, and Distilled Spirits alcohol license for TGM Sandy Springs, LLC DBA The General Muir, 6405 Blue Stone Road, Suite 240, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. This business is located between Galambos Way and Johnson Ferry Road. The applicant, Jennifer Johnson, has met all requirements and staff recommends approval. This is located in District 3.

As there were no public comment cards, Mayor Paul closed the public hearing.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Burnett moved approval of agenda item 2021-021, Alcoholic Beverage License Application for TGM Sandy Springs, LLC DBA The General Muir, 6405 Blue Stone Road, Suite 240, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Council Member Bauman seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

- F. 2021-022 ABL_73003 - Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Lidl US Operations, LLC DBA Lidl at 6337 Roswell Road Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is Mr. Richard McLeod, Manager on behalf of Lidl US Operations, LLC for Package Wine and Malt Beverages, and Wine Tasting

Toni Jo Howard, Finance Director presented this is a new application for Retail Package Wine and Malt Beverages, and Wine Tasting alcohol license for Lidl US Operations, LLC DBA Lidl at 6337 Roswell Road Sandy Springs, GA 30328. It located between Vernon Woods Drive and Mt. Vernon Highway. The applicant, Mr. Richard McLeod, on behalf of Lidl US Operations, LLC, has met all the requirements and staff recommends approval. This business is located in District 4.

As there were no public comment cards, Mayor Paul closed the public hearing.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Reichel moved approval of agenda item 2021-022, Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Lidl US Operations, LLC DBA Lidl at 6337 Roswell Road Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Council Member Burnett seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2021-023 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of a Real Estate Agreement for the Purchase of a Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement on Property Located in Land Lot 15 of the 17th District, City

of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia for the Peachtree Dunwoody at Telford Project, T0064

Marty Martin, Director of Public Works presented the right-of-way acquisition, which includes both Permanent Drainage and Temporary Construction Easements at 500 Telford Place is in support of Project T0064, the Peachtree Dunwoody Road at Telford Roadway Safety Project. The acquisition includes 200.07 square feet of Permanent Drainage Easement and 2,537.66 square feet of Temporary Construction Easement. Staff conducted an appraisal of the properties and made an initial offer of \$13,700 for the use of the properties involved. The homeowner countered with a slight increase of \$1,300.00, for a total of \$15,000 affecting approximately 9.5% increase in overall value. When staff reviewed the appraisal, they deemed that the counter offer was within the range of values assessed within the appraisal. Staff recommends approval in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Motion and Vote: Council Member DeJulio moved approval of agenda item 2021-023, Approval of Acceptance of a Real Estate Agreement for the Purchase of a Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement on Property Located in Land Lot 15 of the 17th District (500 Telford Place), City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia for the Peachtree Dunwoody at Telford Project, T0064. Council Member Reichel seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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- B. 2021-024** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Authorize Amending the City of Sandy Springs FY2021 Budget to Authorize a Transfer between Projects and a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for the SR400 Express Lane Bridges Enhancements Features for Spalding Drive, Pitts Road, and Roberts Drive

Marty Martin, Director of Public Works presented there are two actions proposed within this agenda item tonight, first is the recommendation that Mayor and Council through the Mayor's signature enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the enhancements to the three bridges / overpasses that will be reconstructed as a part of the GA SR400 Managed Lanes Project. There is also a budget item before you tonight to fund the improvements outlined in the IGA for approximately \$5.9M, to fully fund those bridge enhancements. The enhancements that we have reviewed, previous agreements and previous discussions are now codified within this IGA and as well we propose that we fund those at the \$5,900,940.00 estimated in the IGA.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved approval of agenda item 2021-024, Approval of Ordinance to Authorize Amending the City of Sandy Springs FY2021 Budget to Authorize a Transfer between Projects. Council Member DeJulio seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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Council Member John Paulson asked is the City encumbering this money. When is payment due to GDOT?

Director Martin replied that GDOT provided an estimate of approximately February 2022 for financial close as stipulated in the IGA.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved approval of agenda item 2021-024, a resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the SR400 Express Lane Bridges Enhancements Features for Spalding Drive, Pitts Road, and Roberts Drive. Council Member DeJulio seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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- C. 2021-025** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Change Order and Revised Contract for Engineering Design with Atkins North America, Inc. for the SR400 Managed Lanes Bridge Replacement Enhancement Study

Marty Martin, Director of Public Works presented the City has worked with Atkins North America to develop the City's presentation and understanding of the bridge enhancements for the previously mentioned IGA with GDOT has for the last year. In the last few months, Atkins has been asked to perform additional studies as well as the creation of some special provisions that would be the technical documents that have gone into the solicitation that GDOT is posting for its potential design build teams. The quoted services for the special provisions plus the final studies add up to approximately \$6,857.00 in additional expenses and costs to produce the requested documents by GDOT. Upon review of the estimates and quotes provided by Atkins, staff recommends Council approval of this Change Order in the amount of \$6,857.40 to compensate them for the additional required services.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved approval of agenda item 2021-025, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Change Order and Revised Contract for Engineering Design with Atkins North America, Inc. for the SR400 Managed Lanes Bridge Replacement Enhancement Study. Council Member Soteres seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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- D. 2021-026** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Contract Award to Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc. for the Construction of the Back-up 911 Center located on the 4th Floor of City Hall, and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Contract

Dave Wells, Deputy City Manager presented this is a contract for Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc. to construct the Back-up 911 Center located on the fourth floor at City Hall. In June 2020 the City performed a needs assessment to relocate the Back-up 911 Center into the City Springs City Hall building. The City contracted Hughes, Turner and Phillips, an architectural firm to assist in the assessment. The team that conducted the assessment was comprised of Joe Hughes (Lead Architect), Keith Sanders (Fire Chief), Jonathan Crowe (Director of IT) and Ron Durmire (Facility Manager). At the June 16, 2020 City Council meeting, council approved a \$350K contribution to the capital fund as part of the FY21 annual budget for the build-out of the Back-up 911 Center. Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc., an approved Fulton County general contractor, proposes a project cost of \$198,334.43, which includes all of the structure and finishes of the project, connecting the Back-up 911 Center to emergency back-up generators; connecting the HVAC system into our existing building automation system; connecting to EOC UPS system; and installing a four inch raised floor to aid in cable management. Staff recommends a contract award to Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc. to complete the work in the amount of \$198,334.43.

Council Member Chris Burnett asked would the back-up 911 center only be staffed during emergencies. Also, is this being accomplished at \$1 \$150K less than what was budgeted?

Deputy City Manager Wells responded that this would be for emergency reasons. If ChatComm was damaged for some reason, or if there is a COVID case and they need to isolate and sanitize their building and transfer their personnel here. This will not be staffed permanently. We plan for a minimum staff of 7. This is a build-out portion of the project. The second part will include installing the trunk lines, etc. and will be a higher cost outside of this budget as it will be paid for by ChatComm. There may be an additional \$50K added to the City's cost because a security system and sprinkler system will be installed. All computer systems, etc. are part of the ChatComm budget.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Burnett moved approval of agenda item 2021-026, a resolution to Approve a Contract Award to Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc. for the Construction of the Back-up 911 Center located on the 4th Floor of City Hall, and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Contract. Council Member Soteres seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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- E. 2021-027** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution Reappointing and Appointing Members to the Sandy Springs Board of Ethics

Mayor Rusty Paul stated the City can reappoint Gary Alexander, Jeremy Becker, Kim Gay and appoint Briana Harrison. Briana Harrison has been an alternate member of the Ethics Commission. One of our members has served the maximum number of terms allowed, so the City can move her from an alternate to a full member. There are still two members serving on the Board whose terms have not yet expired.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved approval of agenda item 2021-027, Approval of a Resolution Reappointing and Appointing Members to the Sandy Springs Board of Ethics. Council Member Reichel seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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X. REPORTS

A. 2021-028 Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Rusty Paul reported that although it was planned to present the City Council with the members appointed to the new commission, in follow-up to the Civic Dinners series, the presentation will have to wait until the next meeting. This will allow time to bring the full membership before the Council, which has been delayed because of the holidays. For an update on the COVID-19 vaccine, the City has actually no involvement or control of vaccinations. As the City receives updates, the information is shared as soon as possible. Dr. Kathleen Toomey, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health, recently provided a comprehensive overview of Georgia's vaccination program. All of the vaccine allocations come from the federal government, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The State and local authorities do not control it. The biggest challenge right now is that there is simply not enough doses. The State is getting approximately 80K doses a week, to vaccinate 2M people. The fact that it takes two doses, 80K doses a week is going to take a while as it translates to 40K vaccinated. Dr. Toomey projected that it will be many months before everyone is vaccinated, though she did not quantify what is many months. The state has doubled the number of vaccinations from last week to this week. These vaccinations are paid for by federal funds, so if you are a Fulton County resident, you do not have to wait to get your vaccination in Fulton County. They are working on a centralized appointment website to see where appointments are available, but it will be at least two weeks before this is accomplished. The State is working with home healthcare providers to be able support elderly residents that cannot get out or are not able to stand in line for a vaccine. The federal government has released all doses. They are not holding second dose appointments until they have the vaccine in hand. The manufacturers are ramping up. There is not yet an approved vaccine for those under 16 years of age. That vaccine is still in testing. The governor has authorized dentists to be able to administer the vaccination, so they will begin to be assisting in the distribution of the vaccine, when it is available. Both current vaccines have to be kept under very precise conditions. The Pfizer vaccine has to be kept at 90 degrees below zero and Moderna has to be kept frozen. Once they are thawed, they have to be used. Dr. Toomey advised that just getting the first dose of the vaccine will not result in any long-term protection. And finally, as it relates to events on January 6 in Washington D.C.; the statement released is meant to speak to maybe the emotions of our community, how it made everyone feel to watch it happen.

Fire Chief Keith Sanders reported that Sandy Springs continues to provide staff, working along with the Fulton County Department of Public Health. They most they could vaccinate is approximately 600 each day. There is still a high rate of infected personnel and their families. As of last week, the City is using every bit that was provided. There is an alternate list of people that can be mobilized should additional vaccines become available. The City has been very successful in not wasting the doses. We strive to make sure that anyone who has received the first dose of vaccine will receive their second dose.

Council Member Andy Bauman the Mayor's social media information has been helpful to assist people with their frustration. It is good to have a singular message based on the facts and information, and everyone should to check out the Mayor's posts. Also, how are Sandy Springs police and fire personnel doing with vaccine? Also, is there any issue with waste in a quest for people to make sure they are qualified in those 1a categories? Some media have reported vaccines are going to waste.

B. 2021-029 Staff Reports

Andrea Surratt, City Manager stated the City Council Retreat will be Tuesday, January 26, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. We are creating the 'bubble' in that we will be socially distanced in the 3rd floor Conference Room but all the presentations will be virtual and there will be COVID testing prior to that time. This will be broadcast live on Facebook. Also, thank you to Create Sandy Springs staff for the Martin Luther King, Jr. video. It is located on our website. Finally, thank you to the Emergency Management staff, the fire and police departments, for their role in assisting with the vaccinations. It is a tremendous amount of work.

1. 2021-030 November 2020 Unaudited Financials

Toni Jo Howard, Finance Director reported that at 41.67% of the fiscal year is complete. The identified COVID sensitive revenues are at 67.84%. This is well beyond the 41.67% of the year that we have completed and approximately 7% of where we were in the prior year. Slightly below that, we have spent approximately 77% of COVID related expenditures. With the four months of sales tax collected at this point we have received approximately \$8.7M. Looking at the same four month period in the prior year we were at \$9.4M received. While this is down slightly, about 7%, that budget was down 20%. This means that our actuals are trending stronger than the budgeted amount. The current year property taxes are at almost 100%. Currently, we are exceeding our budget for those property taxes. We have already exceeded the budgeted amount Motor Vehicles TAVT Fee. The Local Options Sales Tax and the Insurance Premium Tax have also exceeded our budgeted amount. We will continue to watch those revenue types that are in currently in at or below 24% of our budget. Unfortunately, due to COVID, our Hotel/ Motel Taxes are only at approximately 23.29% of what was budgeted. Again, good news that our Expenditures are coming under budget expectations.

XI. Executive Session - Real Estate & Litigation

Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved to suspend Regular order and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of real estate discussions. Council Member DeJulio seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously. Executive Session began at **8:24 p.m.**

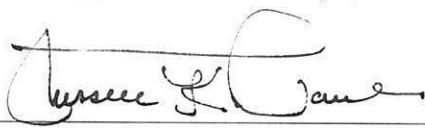
Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved adjourn Executive Session and return to the Regular Session. Council Member DeJulio seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried by majority (5-0), Council Member Soteres was absent for the vote. Executive Session ended at **8:52 p.m.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Council Member DeJulio moved adjourn the meeting. Council Member Paulson seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **8:52 pm.**

Dated approved: February 2, 2021.



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Raquel D. González, City Clerk