

Regular Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 immediately following the Public Facilities Authority Special Called Meeting, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 9:29 p.m.

II. Roll Call and General Announcements

Members Present: Mayor Rusty Paul, Council Member John Paulson, Council Member Andrew Bauman, Council Member Chris Burnett, Council Member Tibby DeJulio, Council Member Jody Reichel, Council Member Steve Soteres.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rusty Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comment

Martha Luke, Peachtree Avenue, Atlanta - no response.

Marianne Overcash, 6987 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs read aloud the August 9, 2021 letter she sent Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr, regarding claims of civil rights abuse, age discrimination and abuse, fraud and dereliction of duties by Sandy Springs Police in relation to her May 8, 2021 automobile accident and lack of response to FOIA requests. **Council Member John Paulson** stated she would soon here from the City Attorney's Office.

Irene Schweiger, 7580 South Spalding Lake Drive, Sandy Springs discussed support for Fire Station 5 at Mount Vernon and Spalding Drive, and requested City Council's approval of the proposed Conditional Use Permit.

Charles Conklin, 4630 High Point Road, Sandy Springs discussed the short term rental at 550 High Point Lane in Sandy Springs. There has been loud noise, obvious marijuana list, and people peeking into strangers' windows. The case is not just about a case of people not parking on the sale lot as the rental unit. It is about the right neighbors to the quiet enjoyment of their homes and neighborhood.

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, seconded by Council Member Jody Reichel, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Andrew Bauman, seconded by Council Member Chris Burnett, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A. **2021-247** Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2021 City Council Meeting
- B. **2021-248** Acceptance of an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement on property located at 6280 Mt. Vernon Oaks Drive in Land Lot 36 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs (Tax ID# 17-0036-0001-060-5)

Resolution No. 2021-09-109

VII. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VIII. Public Hearing

- A. **2021-249** ABL_79092 - Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Seafood ATL, INC. d/b/a The Juicy Seafood – 8371 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30350. Applicant is Seafood ATL, INC., D/B/A The Juicy Seafood; Yi Zhu for Consumption on the Premises of Wine, Malt Beverages, and Distilled Spirits.

There was no public comment. **Mayor Rusty Paul** closed the public hearing.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Steve Soteres, to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Seafood ATL, INC. d/b/a The Juicy Seafood – 8371 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30350, applicant Seafood ATL, INC., D/B/A The Juicy Seafood, Yi Zhu, for Consumption on the Premises of Wine, Malt Beverages, and Distilled Spirits. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- B. **2021-250** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of U21-0004 (7800 Mount Vernon Road), Request for a Conditional Use Permit for a Government Facility (Fire Station 5).

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning and Zoning Manager presented U21-0004, 7800 Mount Vernon Road, a request for a Conditional Use Permit for a Government Facility (Fire Station 5). The proposed development includes an approximately 1.04-acre triangle property located between Mount Vernon Road and Spalding Drive. Factors considered include an improved response time to the panhandle area should the new fire station be approved for the proposed location, from 8 to 10 minutes to 2 to 5 minutes. Additionally, when Fire Station 1 is relocated to 620 Morgan Falls Road, the Public Safety Headquarters, 5.2 miles from property, response times would increase if FS5 is not constructed. Conditional Use Permit Considerations include: proposed use is compatible with adjacent and nearby residential uses; any significant adverse impacts resulting from proposed use in affected area will be effectively mitigated or offset; City and other service providers will be able to enhance fire and emergency medical services in Panhandle; as a Conditional Use, when the government facility (Fire Station 5) ceases, the underlying zoning (Residential Estate – 1 acre (min.) (RE-1)) regulations would again be the exclusive entitlement provisions for the property; and no recycling/waste center uses or similar will be permitted at the site. The Planning Commission recommended Approval with Staff's recommended Conditions. Staff recommends approval, subject to the following conditions:

1. That Fire Station 5 be constructed substantially similar to what is shown on the "New Fire Station 5: Preliminary Site Plan," prepared by Hussey Gay Bell, received June 1, 2021, the "New Fire Station 5: Building Elevation," prepared by Hussey Gay Bell, received June 1, 2021, the Mount Vernon Road Renderings, prepared by Hussey Gay Bell, received June 3 and 21, 2021, and the Spalding Drive Rendering, prepared by Hussey Gay Bell, received June 3, 2021.
2. To a maximum lot coverage of 36% of the total site.
3. To a maximum building height of two (2)-stories/40'.

Mayor Rusty Paul opened the public hearing.

Raquel Gonzalez, City Clerk read the Public Hearing Rules.

Keith Sanders, Fire Chief, Sandy Springs Fire and Rescue, speaking in favor of the Conditional Use Permit application, presented a project overview development of Fire Station 5 project, including a summary of benefits, community meetings held, and the presentation of design, renderings, and the site plan. The Fire Station would improve response time to the Panhandle, and then building is intended to be designed to mix in with the neighborhood.

Richard O'Gorman, 150 Landseer Way, Sandy Springs spoke in favor of the Conditional Use Permit application, stating it would improve response time to the Panhandle, noise from sirens would be minimized in recognition of the neighbors, and the Sandy Springs firefighters would prove to be great neighbors.

Hazen Dempster, 130 Knightsridge Ct., Sandy Springs, speaking on behalf of the Deerfield North Homeowners Association, spoke in opposition to the Conditional Use Permit application, stating a fire station located within a single-family neighborhood is not found within at least ten miles of the proposed location. In adequate consideration was given to the option of leaving a truck at the existing Fire Station 1 and moving the existing Engine 55 into city limits. This would make it easier to the Panhandle. Should the Conditional Use Permit be approved, then there Conditional Use Permit should also include conditions that (1) no communications tower built on the property and (2) the lighting should be such that it would not bleed over onto adjoining property.

Vasilio Fafalios, 7764 Mount Vernon Road, Sandy Springs, spoke in opposition of the Conditional Use Permit application. In November 2020 the City advised that it desired to purchase Mr. Fafalios' property, but at the time the City could not disclose what the plans for the property were. Subsequent emails to the City were unanswered. When learning the City's intention to build a field station, Mr. Fafalios reached out to the City advising he was willing to sell because he did not want to live by a fire station. The proposed site is too small to build a fire station.

Motion and second. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, to approve U21-0004 (7800 Mount Vernon Road), a Conditional Use Permit for a Government Facility (Fire Station 5), with the condition that a cell tower not be constructed on the property.

Council Member John Paulson stated this is hard and complicated, but this is the best option. This is a small fire station, with two bays and small engines, and staffed by four people.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated the City could regular small cellular equipment build in the right of way.

Vote on the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2021-09-31

- C. **2021-251** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Approval of the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) for Submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning and Zoning Manager presented 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Reporter (CAPER) for Submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD requires that the City report on its program accomplishments annually for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The annual report follows the format prescribed by HUD regulations. A draft CAPER summarizing the status of the 2020 CDBG sidewalk project and other CDBG program information was advertised for the required public comment period. No public comment was received on the CAPER. To complete the process, a public hearing must be held prior to submitting the CAPER to the HUD Office of Community Planning and Development. Comments received will be included in the report. The following items were completed in Program Year 2020:

- Sub-phase I work was completed on the South Roswell Road Sidewalk Project, with nearly a mile of sidewalk, landscaping, driveways, and related drainage, and lighting.
- The goal of the South Roswell Road Sidewalk Project is to complete the sidewalk network in the qualified target areas along the Roswell Road corridor from Interstate 285 to Long Island Drive.
- All sidewalk improvements will meet the ADA design standards, and shall require paving accents, street lighting, landscaping and other improvements to complete the sidewalk network.
- The City distributed the CDBG-CV3 funds to local non-profits who assist and serve those of low or moderate income

There was no public comment. **Mayor Rusty Paul** closed the public hearing.

Motion and second. A motion was made by Council Member Andrew Bauman, seconded by Council Member Jody Reichel, to approve the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) for Submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Council Member Bauman stated the Roswell Road sidewalk project has been transformative, and it is utilized in many different ways.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated Sandy Springs is an entitlement city because it has pockets of income eligible areas, and does not compete for the federal funding. Given the current Census, is it anticipated the city will continue to receive funding as an entitlement city?

Planning and Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross replied that while Staff has not reviewed the current Census data, it is anticipated that the City will continue to receive funding through the entitlement program. Staff is also reviewing different ways to utilize the grant funding in qualifying neighborhoods.

Vote on the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2021-09-110

IX. New Business

- A. **2021-252** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the City of Sandy Springs to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the I-285 Westbound Auxiliary Lane Extension from State Route 9 / Roswell Road to Riverside Drive, Project P.I. No. 0017130 - Mt. Vernon Highway Bridge

Marty Martin, Public Works Director presented the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will replace the bridge at Mt. Vernon Highway as part of the I-285 Westbound Auxiliary Lane Extension from SR 9 (Roswell Road) to Riverside Drive Project. GDOT's bridge replacement would only provide a six-foot sidewalk for pedestrians, and would not include any bicycle facilities or any aesthetic improvements desired by the City. The City requested GDOT include the bicycle accommodations and additional pedestrian accommodations to enhance the proposed six-foot sidewalk program. Enhancement features include pedestrian lighting and decorative elements which provide the City-desired aesthetic elements established in previous bridge enhancement agreements with GDOT. Construction is currently forecasted for late 2022. Current concept plan includes a slight alignment in the Mt. Vernon Highway bridge so some portion of bridge can be built in conjunction. In a Council Retreat two years ago, the City stated it desired that there not be a protracted detour and bridge closure, which GDOT has received as a requirement in moving forward with the project. Per the Memorandum of Understanding, the City will be responsible for the additional cost of the enhancement features, which is \$3,203,000.00. The funds will need to be paid to GDOT no later than April 30, 2022 and are proposed to be provided by Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) 2021 funds. Should the TSPLOST 2021 not be approved by voters, Staff will return to the City Council for additional guidance.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Jody Reichel, to approve the Resolution to Authorize the City of Sandy Springs to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the I-285 Westbound Auxiliary Lane Extension from State Route 9 / Roswell Road to Riverside Drive, Project P.I. No. 0017130 - Mt. Vernon Highway Bridge. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2021-09-111

- B. **2021-253** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Sandy Springs FY2022 Budget to Authorize a Transfer between Projects and a Resolution to Authorize a Change Order to Amend the Existing Contract for Bridge Enhancement Engineering Design with Atkins North America, Inc., to Provide for Additional Scope, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Change Order

Marty Martin, Public Works Director reported the SR400 Bridge Enhancements contract with Atkins included providing concept design and concept cost estimates for the three bridges (Spalding Drive Bridge, Pitts Road Bridge, and Roberts Drive Bridge), and for the three options: GDOT Like for Like, GDOT Required Bridge, and City of Sandy Springs Request Section. The concept design required one rendering, one overall plan view, one final bridge elevation of proposed enhancements for each of the three bridges, and one final power point presentation of the recommended improvements. Presented Change Order 4 includes a feasibility study for installing the end column logo improvements at the three outermost bridges on I-285 and on GA 400. The Roberts Drive Bridge entering the City on GA 400 from the north already includes signage as a part of the current GA 400 memorandum of agreement. The study includes concept design including visibility study and construction / foundation study for each sign wall, coordination with

GDOT, and cost estimates. The study will address the current bridge and lane configuration as well as the proposed managed lane improvements on I-285, the proposed managed lane bus transfer improvements at Roswell Road and the proposed GA 400 Trail improvements. The Change Order also includes view-shed analysis and sight line graphics for Mt. Vernon Highway Bridge on I-285 and Roberts Drive Bridge on GA 400 with end column logos plus provision for additional study as required. The total proposed fee for this Change Order is \$100,000. The current contract fee is \$140,357.40. This Change Order will bring the total contract value to \$240,357.40. The original design work was funded by capital contingency.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, seconded by Council Member Andy Bauman, to approve the Ordinance to Amend the City of Sandy Springs FY2022 Budget to Authorize a Transfer between Projects. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2021-09-32

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Andrew Bauman, seconded by Council Member Jody Reichel, to approve the Resolution to Authorize a Change Order to Amend the Existing Contract for Bridge Enhancement Engineering Design with Atkins North America, Inc., to Provide for Additional Scope, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Change Order. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2021-09-112

- C. **2021-254** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Contract Award to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the North End Roadway Safety Analysis Project, RFP 21-066, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract

Marty Martin, Public Works Director reported Staff recommends awarding the North End Roadway Safety Analysis contract to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. ("Stantec") in the amount of \$160,000. As the selected consultant, Stantec will develop a prioritized list of viable safety project recommendations with high benefit/cost ratios which could be candidates for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding and/or other safety-related funding programs. This project will address one of the highest concentrations of high crash locations - the North End - comprised of parts of Roswell Road, Northridge Road, and Dunwoody Place corridors. The City received eight proposals in response to the project's June 23, 2021 Request for Proposals. Based upon scoring results, the evaluation committee invited the three top ranking firms, Stantec, Kimley-Horn and KCI Technologies, to interview to confirm the results of the paper scoring. As a result of the interviews, the evaluation committee unanimously rated Stantec as having submitted the most responsive and responsible proposal.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Steve Soteres, seconded by Council Member John Paulson, to approve the Resolution to Approve a Contract Award to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the North End Roadway Safety Analysis Project, RFP 21-066, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2021-09-113

- D. **2021-255** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Contract Award to GTG Traffic Signals to Construct the Interstate North Parkway Fiber Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract

Marty Martin, Public Works Director presented in conjunction with Interstate North Parkway Sidepath Project, TS170, the City completed design of an expansion of its traffic signal interconnected fiber system. The proposed fiber installation will connect the traffic signal at Interstate North Parkway and River Edge Parkway and add additional CCTV coverage on Interstate North Parkway and Powers Ferry Road. The Scope of Services includes the installation of approximately 9,900 linear feet of fiber; the installation of pull boxes, CCTV, and field switches; and as-built details of fiber installation. The City received four bids in response to the project's July 7, 2021 Invitation to Bid. Purchasing staff conducted a reference check and responses from references for GTG was satisfactory. Public Works staff reviewed the bids with the design engineer. Staff recommends that award be made to the low bidder, GTG Traffic Signals, in the amount of \$250,113.25. The engineer's construction cost estimate for the Project is \$204,465.77. It is noted that the past year has taken a toll on equipment prices and availability of construction materials which contributes to the low bid higher than the engineer's estimate. Estimated costs are based on historical averages.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Chris Burnett, seconded by Council Member Steve Soteres, to approve the Resolution to Approve a Contract Award to GTG Traffic Signals to Construct the Interstate North Parkway Fiber Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2021-09-114

- E. **2021-256** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Contract Award to Ruppert Landscape for Landscaping Services for City Facilities and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract

Dave Wells, Deputy City Manager stated Staff recommends approval of a contract award for \$164,784.00 to Ruppert Landscape for landscaping services for City Facilities. On July 14, 2021, the City issued its Invitation to Bid for landscaping services for City facilities. The purpose of the solicitation was to identify a qualified contractor to provide landscaping services for six City facilities at the following locations: 145 Hilderbrand Drive, 182 Hilderbrand Drive, 6110 Bluestone Road, 620 Morgan Falls Road, 7477 Trowbridge Road, and 1 Galambos Way. The scope of services to be provided include mowing, aeration, fertilization, pruning, pre- and post-herbicide treatments and irrigation system inspections. The scope also includes the services of a gardener who will be on the grounds of City Springs during the week.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Jody Reichel, seconded by Council Member Chris Burnett, to approve the Resolution to Approve Contract Award to Ruppert Landscape for Landscaping Services for City Facilities and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2021-09-115

- F. **2021-257** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Sandy Springs FY 2021 Budget and FY 2022 Budget

Toni Jo Howard, Finance Director presented budget amendments for the FY 2021 Budget, which is to adjust the budget for items not anticipated, such as additional litigation expenditures and emergency management expenditures for costs incurred from Zeta. Also included in the amendment are additional budget amounts for increased bond payments related to the new bonds issued during the year. The effects of the Georgia Municipal Association lease for the fire truck, which included a revenue and expenditure, have also been added. There are also four special revenue funds require equal increases in the revenues and expenditures. Those funds are confiscated assets, E911, Hotel/Motel, and Motor Vehicle Excise Tax. The increases in revenues in these funds allowed or required additional expenditures and the budget adjustment reflects the increases. The FY 2022 Budget proposed amendment includes a cost of living increase for employees. The cost of living is 5% for all employees with an additional 15% for sworn police personnel at a rank of sergeant and below and an additional 5% for non-sworn police personnel. The amendment includes a request to transfer salary and related items from the performing arts center to finance for a personnel transfer. Additionally, it provides funding for facilities projects that were included in FY 2021 operations but not completed at year-end and are currently underway. Lastly, the amendment allocates funding for the outdoor art program for FY 2022.

Andrea Surratt, City Manager reported the Sandy Springs Police Department Command Staff will receive a 5% cost of living adjustment. They will also be a part of the class and compensation plan review, which should be completed in January, 2022. The City is experiencing a gap in filling the Police I and Police II positions.

Motion and second. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, to approve the Ordinance to Amend the City of Sandy Springs FY 2021 Budget and FY 2022 Budget.

Council Member Andy Bauman stated the City has always provided itself on best in class to work for and pay. How does this impact retention? The ramifications of this is beyond wage, but also quality of life. There are many components to housing affordability, including earnings.

City Manager Surratt replied while the City leads in the region in terms of compensation, benefits and leadership in the Police Department, it is losing police officers possibly because they are making different choices with their career. So we are addressing the pay, and also ensuring there is a progression in pay with the pay plan. We want to ensure officers are making a career at the City of Sandy Springs.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated we need to make sure that everyone is compensated appropriately with the City's first responders, including the Fire Department. We need to do the same sort of compensation study with our firefighters.

Vote on the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2021-09-33

X. Hearing

- A. **2021-260** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of the Revocation of Business Occupational Tax Certificate License No. 21-74561, Mountain Sights Rentals, LLC, 550 High Point Lane, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30342

Dan Lee, City Attorney stated City ordinances allow that there can be uses in residential neighborhoods for short rentals. Such uses require an occupational tax license. It is requested that the City Council revoke the license held by 550 High Point Lane, in the name of Mountain Sights Rentals, LLC. This property received a notice of violation in August 2020 for operating a short term rental without the required license. Given the chance to correct the action, the applicant has gained the necessary license. Since, the City has received 21 complaints about the property and has issued four citations. Fines have been paid once. There are two active cases pending now before the Sandy Springs Municipal Court. Violations include use of the street, noise, and overt commercial activity in the home. The owner of the property continues to violate the ordinances.

Motion and second. A motion was made by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, seconded by Council Member Andrew Bauman, to approve the Revocation of Business Occupational Tax Certificate License No. 21-74561, Mountain Sights Rentals, LLC, 550 High Point Lane, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30342.

Council Member Tibby DeJulio stated he has received numerous complaints about the residences, and has witnessed the violations. The property owners have been disturbing the neighbors, and the neighbors should not have to put up with it. The City needs to send a strong message because this is not the only one. This needs to be shut down.

Council Member Andy Bauman stated short terms rentals are an important topic and can be an important element of a family's income, but this beyond pale. And what this Council can do, this is what support for our law enforcement and support for quality of life in the neighborhoods look like.

City Attorney Lee reported this is a problem throughout the state, and the Georgia Municipal Association is looking into opportunities for cities to strengthen their ordinances to address such situations.

Vote on the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

XI. Reports

A. 2021-258 Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Rusty Paul reported the Food that Rocks food festival will be held Thursday, September 23 - Saturday, September 26. Also, he, along with Council Member Jody Reichel, recently met with Mount Vernon Towers residents to discuss many issues, including safety in Sandy Springs.

Council Member John Paulson shared a short video of his recent visit to the Grand Canyon.

Council Member Tibby DeJulio remarked he was pleased to see work had begun again on the Glenridge Drive at Roswell Road realignment project. **Marty Martin, Public Works Director**, reported the Georgia Department of Transportation anticipates the project will be complete by the end of the calendar year.

B. 2021-259 Staff Reports

1. July 2021 Unaudited Financials

Toni Jo Howard, Finance Director, presented the July 2021 Unaudited Financial Report. During the reporting period, less than 1% of budgeted revenues are realized and the City is at 6% of anticipated expenditures. This is the first reporting period for Fiscal Year 2022.

2. COVID-19 Staff Report

Imani White, Executive Officer of Emergency Preparedness, Fire Department, presented the September 21, 2021 Covid-19 Update. As of September 14, 2021, intensive care unit beds were at 95.5% capacity statewide. Fulton County Schools continues to require masks in their facilities whose communities have an infection rate that exceeds 100 per 100,000 residents. Currently, the mask mandate is in effect across the entire school district. The latest Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency scorecard reports a decrease in COVID cases over the 7-day reporting period. However, hospital beds and hospital beds in critical care units' availability have slightly decreased. Seven-day average COVID deaths have increased from 2 to 4.1. In Fulton County there were more COVID cases in August, 2021 (11,570) than in August, 2020 (7,217). People are getting vaccinated, and should continue wearing masks and social distancing in-doors. Breakthrough infections for vaccinated individuals are not significantly resulting in hospitalizations, but there is a concern about long-haul COVID recovery. Finally, with the announcement of the Pfizer vaccine possibly being made available for children ages 5 - 11, the Sandy Springs Fire Department has contacted local schools and Fulton County Schools to advise that the Department is available to assist with vaccination efforts.

On Saturday, September 18, the Sandy Springs Fire Department hosted its first Vaccinate and Educate event at the Legacy Key Apartments. There were 80 attendees. The Fire Department provided first and second dose vaccinations, with no appointment required. Four vaccines were administered. It was a successful event.

Andrea Surratt, City Manager, reported there are currently two known COVID cases at City Hall. The vaccination rate among City employees has increased to 55%. Notably, the lowest vaccination rates are among the City's part-time staff. On Wednesday, September 22 there will be an all-call City Staff Meeting, where Dr. Alex Isakov will be available to respond to questions about COVID and vaccines from City employees.

XII. Executive Session

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, to recess regular order and enter the Executive Session for the purpose of Real Estate discussions. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Executive Session began at 8:35 p.m.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, to end the Executive Session. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Executive Session ended at 9:29 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

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Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, seconded by Council Member John Paulson, to approve the Adjournment. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Approved: October 5, 2021.



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Raquel D. González, City Clerk

