

Regular Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 immediately following the City Council Work Session, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:39 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 Steve Soteres, Council Member Jody Reichel, Council Member Tibby DeJulio

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rusty Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comment

1. **Jane Kelley, 4590 Windsor Park Place, Sandy Springs**, regarding Arts Education.
2. **Ann Gilbert, 2320 Kimbrough Court, Sandy Springs**, regarding the Abernathy Arts Center.
3. **Trisha Thompson, 145 River North Dr., Sandy Springs**, regarding Arts Center.
4. **Bill Gannon, Sandy Springs**, regarding Goodbye to Steve Soteres and Chris Burnett

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Jody Reichel, seconded by Council Member John Paulson, to move Agenda Item 2021- 279, a Resolution to Adopt the City of Sandy Springs 2022 City Council Meeting Schedule from the Consent Agenda to New Business, and approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A. **2021-273** Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2021 Work Session
October 5, 2021 Regular Meeting
- B. **2021-274** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of a Purchase & Sale Agreement and a Permanent Drainage Easement on Property Located at 8845 North River Parkway Unit 2 in Land Lot 367 of the 6th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID# 06-0367-0005-002-5)

Resolution No. 2021-10-119

- C. **2021-275** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of a Permanent Drainage Easement on Property Located at 260 Drummen Court in Land Lot 74 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID# 17-074-0003-017-6)

Resolution No. 2021-10-120

- D. **2021-276** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of a Permanent Drainage Easement and a Temporary Construction Easement on Property Located at 270 Drummen Court in Land Lot 74 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID# 17-074-0003-018-4)

Resolution No. 2021-10-121

- E. **2021-277** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of an Agreement to Purchase a Permanent Drainage Easement on Property Located at 7355 Dunraven Place in Land Lot 85 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs (Tax ID# 17-0085-0005-001-5)

Resolution No. 2021-10-122

- F. **2021-278** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement on Property Located at 410 Dalrymple Road in Land Lot 75 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs (Tax ID# 17-0075-LL-037-7)

Resolution No. 2021-10-123

- G. **2021-280** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the City of Sandy Springs 2022 Planning and Zoning Schedules

Resolution No. 2021-10-125

VII. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VIII. Public Hearing

- A. **2021-281** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the Annual Capital Improvements Element

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning and Zoning Manager presented the final 2021 Capital Improvements Element Update. All local governments that utilize an impact fee system under the Georgia Development Impact Fee Act must include a Capital Improvements Element in their Comprehensive Plans and update the Capital Improvements Element portion of their plan annually. Sandy Springs collects impact fees from new development and is authorized to contribute these funds to eligible projects in the categories of public safety, road improvements, and parks and recreation. Following the City Council's August, 2021 approval to transit the draft Capital Improvements Element, the Atlanta Regional Commission and Georgia Department of Community Affairs reviewed and approved the submittal. Renewal of the City of Sandy Springs' Qualified Local Government status is contingent upon official adoption of the 2021 Capital Improvement Element Update and as an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Upon receiving notification that the Capital Improvement Element Annual Update has been adopted, the Department of Community Affairs will renew the City's Qualified Local Government status.

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 Jody Reichel, to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Annual Capital Improvements Element. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2021-10-126

- B. **2021-282** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of CA21-0001 (6669 Peachtree Dunwoody Road), Request for a Comprehensive Plan Character Area Map Amendment from Protected Neighborhood to Perimeter Center

Ginger Sottile, Community Development Director presented an application for a Character Area Amendment for the property located at 6669 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, seeking a change from the Protected Neighborhood Character Area to the Perimeter Center Character Area. Presently the site is developed with an unoccupied house, a couple of out buildings, and a tennis court. For the Character Area Map Amendment stage of the zoning process, a proposed development is not considered. One must look at the proposed change and determine whether the request is appropriate from a holistic perspective. Existing property maintains similar zoning as it did prior to 2017. Development under Protected Neighborhood and Perimeter Center will inherently accomplish vastly different types and scale of developments. The proposal would incur a District Boundary Buffer to the north and a Protected Neighborhood Transition Buffer to the east. Staff does not see the current Character Area as appropriate for the future of the property in its context to Peachtree Dunwoody Road; however Staff does not believe that Perimeter Center Character Area would provide the most appropriate land use transition with the properties to the north and east in particular. Staff recommends denial of CA21-0001 to amend the Character Area of the proposed parcel from Protected Neighborhood to Perimeter Center. The Planning Commission recommended denial at the September 22, 2021 meeting. Two hours prior to the September 22, 2021 Planning Commission meeting, the Applicant formally provided a document to Staff that responded to Staff's previously issued comments. Neither Staff nor the Planning Commission had time to review the new materials. Additionally, there was no opportunity for the public to review the newly submitted materials. Therefore, the Planning Commission and Staff were not able to consider the new information. This was made clear to the applicant prior to the meeting. Staff's cursory review of the revised submission revealed the applicant's change from the Perimeter Center Character Area to the Urban Neighborhood Character Area. This would be a more sensitive transitional development. It is requested that the City Council remand the matter back to Staff so that the Applicant complete the formal process

again, which will include the two community meetings, a hearing by the Planning Commission and then returned by to the City Council for Consideration.

Public Comment Received in Support to the Question:

1. **Gary Hammond, Dunwoody, Georgia** spoke on behalf of the Applicant.

Public Comment Received in Opposition to the Question:

1. **Don Abernathy, 330 Burnt Oak Court, Sandy Springs** on behalf of the Glen Meadow Homeowners Association.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Jody Reichel, seconded by Council Member Steve Soteres, to require that the application be remanded back to the staff in order for it to be fully reviewed by the public through two community meetings on the completed application, and so that the Planning Commission can make a recommendation on the completed application. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- C. **2021-283** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of TA21-0004, an Ordinance to Amend the Following Development Code Division and Section: Div. 7.2. Allowed Use Table, Sec. 7.4.1. Civic.

Ginger Sottile, Community Development Director presented TA21-0004, an Ordinance to Amend the Following Development Code Division and Section: Div. 7.2. Allowed Use Table, Sec. 7.4.1. Civic. The proposed text amendment will allow private schools, museums, and libraries as a limited use in the Office Neighborhood zoning district (ON- District). The ON District is found south of I-285, primarily along Roswell Road and Glenridge Drive. It is intended for office and commercial uses and allows for civic, open space, and park uses. School, Private (K-12) is not permitted. Place of Assembly is permitted. Place of Worship is a limited use. The text amendment corrects an error, which is one of the approval criteria for a text amendment. Staff recommends that School, Private (K-12) be re-designated as a limited use, consistent with how it is currently regulated in most Corridors & Nodes Districts. The same change to limited use is also recommended for Library/Museum. Staff recommends that School, Private (K-12) Additional Use Standards be revised to require that schools be small-moderate in size. The Planning Commission recommended Denial of Text Amendment TA21-0004 at their September 22, 2021 Public Hearing.

Public Comment Received in Support of the Question:

1. **Karen Meinzen McEnerny, Mystic Drive, Sandy Springs**
2. **Trisha Thompson, 145 River North Drive, Sandy Springs**
3. **Jordan Edwards, 4062 Peachtree Road, Atlanta**

Public Comment Received in Opposition to the Question:

1. **Joe Shanley, 4659 High Point Road, Sandy Springs**
2. **Charlie Kontz, 905 Landmark Drive, NE, Sandy Springs**
3. **Dr. Troy Shulman, 114 Silverwood Road, Sandy Springs**
4. **Sallie Duncan, 475 Pine Forest Road, Sandy Springs**

Council Member Andy Bauman asked can a school currently go in what is defined a Residential Protected neighborhood.

Director Sottile replied yes.

Motion and second. A motion was made by Council Member Andrew Bauman, seconded by Council Member Chris Burnett, to approve TA21-0004, an Ordinance to Amend the Following Development Code Division and Section: Div. 7.2. Allowed Use Table, Sec. 7.4.1. Civic., with the following modifications to the Staff's recommendation:

1. That the proposed use sections Sec. 7.4.1.E. (Library, Museum) and Sec. 7.4.1.H. (School, Private (K-12)) shall only have the option to be permitted as a "Conditional Use" in the ON zoning district on the Allowed Use Table (Under Div. 7.2), rather than "Limited Use," also;
2. That accordingly, the "Additional Use Standards" be placed in the "Basic Use Standards" for each section and with the following modifications:
 - a. To 7.4.1.H.3.d.iv., "There shall be no more than 150 students per Lot Area of 1-3 acres."

H. School, Private (K-12)

1. Defined An educational use having a curriculum at least equal to a public school, but not operated by the Fulton County Board of Education.
2. Basic Use Standards
 - a. Day care facilities (see Sec. 7.5.5) in association with the school do not require a separate conditional use permit.
 - b. No buildings and refuse area may be located within 100 feet of a Protected Neighborhood district used for residential purposes.
 - c. No active outdoor recreation area may be located within 100 feet of a Protected Neighborhood district used for residential purposes.
 - d. No parking areas may be located within 50 feet of any Protected Neighborhood district used for residential .
 - e. Student drop-off and vehicular turn-around facilities must be provided on-site so that vehicles may re-enter the street in a forward manner.
 - f. Off-site stadium:
 - i. Vehicular access is prohibited from a local street.
 - ii. A minimum 200-foot buffer and minimum 10-foot improvement setback must be provided along all common lot lines adjacent to a Protected Neighborhood or Urban Neighborhood district.
 - iii. The hours of operation are limited to 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM adjacent to a street right-of-way or residential district.

g. In the ON- District, the following Basic Use Standards apply.

- i. Lot area shall be a minimum of one (1) acre and a maximum of three (3) acres.
- ii. Access shall be from an arterial street.
- iii. The maximum lot coverage and maximum building height shall not exceed those in the ON- District.

- iv. There shall be no more than 150 students per lot area of 1-3 acres.
- v. There shall be no athletic facilities on site. Any requirement for student recreation areas shall be permitted, as is required by the appropriate regulating State Authority.
- vi. Day care facilities associated with K-12 Private schools are limited to a) early childhood education (not elder or senior care); b) located interior to the school facility; and c) included in the enrollment cap.

Council Member Bauman stated when used to correct an oversight, text amendments are appropriate. Schools are currently permitted in commercials and neighborhood zonings. ON- is a hybrid classification. We should default to the neighborhood standard, and that is what this proposal does by requiring a conditional use permit.

Council Member Chris Burnett stated the 150 student cap is a reasonable request.

Council Member Paulson stated text amendments are meant to catch oversights, and not subvert the process. This qualifies. It is concerning the school has been operating for two years, and the no one said anything.

Director Sottile replied the City advised the school two years ago that they would need to get a Character Area Map Amendment or find a new location. At the time they were already an established school. Unfortunately, they could not find a location outside of the ON- District. The City has been working with the school to bring them to compliance.

Council Member Tibby DeJulio stated this is a solution to a problem, and a correction to the oversight in the Next 10 Plan.

Council Member Jody Reichel asked is there a requirement for a buffer.

Director Sottile replied there is a requirement for the neighborhood transition buffer.

Council Member Steve Soteres asked could business operating in the wrong zoning district be identified through the business license application.

Director Sottile replied yes.

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

Resolution No. 2021-10-34

- D. **2021-284** ABL # 76484, an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for La Cosecha Sandy Springs, LLC D/B/A La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant – 6600 Alastair Drive, Ste. 700, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is La Cosecha Sandy Springs, LLC D/B/A La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant; Martin Hernan Velasquez Benavides 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 Jody Reichel, seconded by Council Member John Paulson, to approve ABL # 76484, an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for La Cosecha Sandy Springs, LLC D/B/A La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant – 6600 Alastair Drive, Ste. 700, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant is La Cosecha Sandy Springs, LLC D/B/A La Parilla Mexican Restaurant; Martin Hernan Velasquez Benavides for Consumption on the Premises of Wine, Malt Beverages, and Distilled Spirits.. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. New Business

- A. **2021-285** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize a Change Order to Amend the Existing Contract for Construction Services with Vertical Earth, Inc., for the Sandy Springs Circle Streetscape Project – Mount Vernon Highway to Hammond Drive, CC-10 Project; to Provide for Changes to Project Scope and Increased Costs Due to Delays Caused by Utility Relocations; and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Change Order

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director stated paving on the site is almost complete. The Sandy Springs Circle Streetscape Project – Mount Vernon Highway to Hammond Drive, Project CC-10, is federally funded, with a City match of 20%. The construction contract was awarded to Vertical Earth, Inc. in July, 2019, in the amount of \$2,531,053.19 with a contract performance period of 200 days. As part of this Project, the overhead utilities (Georgia Power, Comcast, and AT&T) were required to relocate to an underground joint utility trench. As a result of Georgia Power delays, all other utility relocations were delayed. The utility work delays resulted in a delayed start to Vertical Earth. Project revisions plus accommodation for the still ongoing utility relocations increased the required contract performance period. A previous change order, Change Order 3, increased the performance period by 286 days, for a total of 486 days. The project is planned to reach substantial completion by the end of October, 2021. Due to the delayed start and the performance period extension, Vertical Earth is requesting additional funds to complete the Project. In addition to Project design changes that have affected the cost, Vertical Earth has documented increases in material and shipping costs and requests additional funds to cover those increases. Vertical Earth has requested an additional \$260,343.76 to cover those increased costs. In response to Project scope and design changes, items totaling \$59,104.90 have been removed from the Project, resulting in Staff requesting approval of Change Order 4 for a total of \$201,238.86 for the Project by Vertical Earth. If approved, Staff will request approval from the Georgia Department of Transportation for some funding match on Changer Order 4.

Motion and second. A motion was made by Council Member Chris Burnett, seconded by Council Member John Paulson, to approve the Resolution to Authorize a Change Order to Amend the Existing Contract for Construction Services with Vertical Earth, Inc., for the Sandy Springs Circle Streetscape Project – Mount Vernon Highway to Hammond Drive, CC-10 Project; to Provide for Changes to Project Scope and Increased Costs Due to Delays Caused by Utility Relocations; and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Change Order.

Council Member John Paulson asked if Georgia Power can take on some of the costs of the Change Order.

Director Martin replied he is not sure if that will be an option.

Mayor Rusty Paul asked if the construction delays at the Glenridge Drive and Roswell Road are also due to utility delays.

Director Martin replied yes, but different utilities involving water main relocations. The project should be completed by the end of the year. Although it is a Georgia Department of Transportation project, City Staff continues to monitor progress.

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

Resolution No. 2021-10-127

- B. **2021-286** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the Sandy Springs and Dunwoody Transit Signal Priority Implementation Plan

Caitlin Shankle, Transportation Planner reviewed the scope of work for the its Georgia Smart Communities Challenge Class of 2020- 2021 project, which included the execution of a City's Transit Signal Technology Pilot Study and the creation of Transit Signal Priority Implementation Plan for Sandy Springs. The City's project is innovative in that it studied the ability to identify a bus's location using a bus's existing automated bus location through an API as opposed to needing additional equipment on a bus to determine location.

Natalie Smusz-Mengelkoch, Kimlev Horn discussed the results of the Transit Signal Technology Pilot Study. The key finding was the Glance and SCOOT signal system successfully read the API data and provided priority when conditions were met. Additionally, there was no impact to the Emergency Vehicle Preemption and the SCOOT traffic signal system recovered within only one cycle. MARTA and Georgia Tech were excellent to work with, and their partnerships were essential. Efficient Transit Priority deployment requires optimized system parameters, including Glance, SCOOT and transit schedule optimization. Finally, schedule adherence needs to be updated more frequently than every two minutes. The Transit Signal Priority Study informed the Transit Signal Implementation Plan. The Transit Signal Implementation Plan outlines a phased implementation, and details recommendations, estimated costs, priorities and dependencies.

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director noted that Staff has forecasted approximately \$250,000 to implement the Transit Signal Implementation Plan in the City's five-year capital improvement program.

Council Member Andy Bauman asked that data related to ridership and other elements will be included in the implementation of the program. Additionally, the can the condition of the MARTA bus shelter be reviewed.

Transportation Planner Shankle stated an inventory of MARTA bus shelter is included in the Transit Signal Implementation Plan.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Steve Soteres, to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Sandy Springs and Dunwoody Transit Signal Priority Implementation Plan. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2021-10-128

- C. **2021-287** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Sandy Springs FY 2022 Budget to Authorize the Additional Funding for a Project and Consideration of a Resolution to Award the FY 2022 CIP and Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Paving Contract with Blount Construction, Inc.

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director stated at the June 15, 2021 City Council meeting, the City's consultant, MDS Technologies, Inc., presented its findings for the FY2021 pavement condition index (PCI) study performed on all City-owned streets and recommended a list of streets for resurfacing based on these findings. PCI scores for these streets ranged from 11 to 42, and were identified to be the next priority for resurfacing in the continuation of Operation Pave On. Blount Construction is the apparent most responsible and responsive bidder in response to the City's Invitation to Bid for the paving work, at \$6,856,872.19. The approved contractor will perform all of the subsurface, resurfacing, striping, and related work on the approved streets, as well as the streets that were deferred from the FY2020 and FY2021 resurfacing contracts (Additive Alternate #1). Material testing is planned to be provided by a separately contracted consultant to help ensure a high level of quality assurance and consistent materials through an independent reviewing authority.

Motion and vote. 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 2022 Budget to Authorize the Additional Funding for a Project. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2021-10-35

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, to approve the Resolution to Award the FY 2022 CIP and Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Paving Contract with Blount Construction, Inc. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2021-10-129

- D. **2021-288** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Sandy Springs FY 2022 Budget to Authorize a Transfer Between Funds for the T0064 Peachtree Dunwoody at Telford Place Roadway Safety Project

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director stated the City has redesigned the existing roadway and drainage in order to reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents along Peachtree Dunwoody Road near Telford Place and has a construction contractor under contract to proceed with the work. There is a The project is currently requires support services for project delivery requiring a project budget increase of \$100,000, to cover the costs of Construction Phase Services during the 300 day Construction period in the amount of \$74,982.50 and materials testing support during construction for \$64,500.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, seconded by Council Member Jody Reichel, to approve the Ordinance to Amend the City of Sandy Springs FY 2022 Budget to Authorize a Transfer Between Funds for the T0064 Peachtree Dunwoody at Telford Place Roadway Safety Project. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2021-10-36

- E. **2021-289** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Appoint Members to the Board of Ethics

Mayor Rusty Paul nominated Evan Barron and Julie Smith to the Board of Ethics. It is important that younger people are appointed to City boards and commissions in order to bring the next generations of leaders forward.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Chris Burnett, seconded by Council Member Steve Soteres, to appoint Evan Barron to the position of Member to the Board of Ethics. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Jody Reichel, seconded by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, to appoint Julie Smith to the position of First Alternate to the Board of Ethics. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2021-10-130

- F. **2021-279** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the City of Sandy Springs 2022 City Council Meeting Schedule

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Jody Reichel, seconded by Council Member Steve Soteres, to approve the Resolution to Adopt the City of Sandy Springs 2022 City Council Meeting Schedule, striking the October 4, 2022 meeting date. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Rusty Paul advised at any point the Council can add or cancel meetings.

Resolution No. 2021-10-124

X. Reports

- A. **2021-290** Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Rusty Paul reported he attended the Deluxe FinTech and Customer Innovation Center ribbon cutting. Deluxe will bring people in to jointly develop technology applications for the financial services industry. It is setup like a mini Silicon Valley for startups.

Council Member John Paulson discussed his participation in the recent Municipal Elected Officials Summit, which was presented by the Fulton County District Attorney's Office. District Attorney Fani Willis discussed office initiatives, include campaigns involving human trafficking, elder abuse and fraud, crimes against children, domestic violence, gangs, rape kit backlogs and pre-trial diversion programs. The District Attorney's Office hosts the Municipal Elected Officials Summit twice a day.

- B. **2021-291** Staff Reports

1. August 2021 Unaudited Financials

Toni Jo Howard, Finance Director presented the August 2021 Unaudited Financials. Only 4.89% of the overall general budgeted revenue collection were realized during the reporting period. Local Option Sales Tax was 22% over the prior year collections, as reported at the end of July. Other revenue categories up from the previous year include Motor Vehicle TAVT Fee, Building Permits, and Facility Rentals. Revenues reporting down include Municipal Court and Hotel/Motel. Overall, expenditures are at 12.93%.

Council Member Jody Reichel asked how does the City know that we are receiving the correct amount of property taxes from the County.

Finance Director Howard replied that information is received. Fulton does do a reporting tests, and the City ask specific questions. This is part of the agreement the City has with the Tax Commissioner's office to complete the City's billing. During the City's audit, this is reviewed closely.

Mayor Rusty Paul replied that information is published in the Fulton County Tax Digest, and Sandy Springs has generally had a high collection rate.

2. COVID-19 Staff Update

Imani White, Executive Officer of Emergency Preparedness presented the Covid-19 Update. Significant updates include CDC approves booster vaccinations, COVID patients account for 13.3% of total hospitalized, statewide ICU beds are at 87.9% capacity, and Fulton County Schools continues to require masks in facilities in areas with high case rates. In the recent two week reporting period (September 25 – October 8), there were fewer new cases of COVID-19 in Fulton County than in the previous two weeks (September 11 – September 24). There has been a decrease in COVID-19 Case Counts across in every city in Fulton County. Fulton County is providing booster shots at this time. At the City's third Educate and Vaccinate event, 21 individuals received a vaccine.

Mayor Rusty Paul thanked Executive Officer White and her team for their work.

XI. Executive Session

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, to enter an Executive Session for the purposes of Real Estate and Pending Litigation discussion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Passed Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0

Yeas: John Paulson, Andrew Bauman, Chris Burnett, Tibby DeJulio, Jody Reichel, Steve Soteres

Nays: None

The Executive Session began at 8:43 p.m.

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

Passed Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0

Yeas: John Paulson, Andrew Bauman, Chris Burnett, Tibby DeJulio, Jody Reichel, Steve Soteres

Nays: None

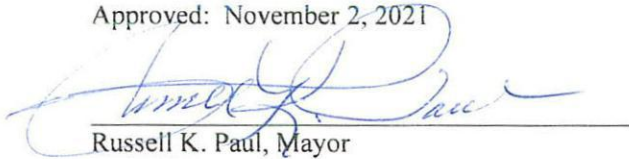
The Executive Session ended at 9:43 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

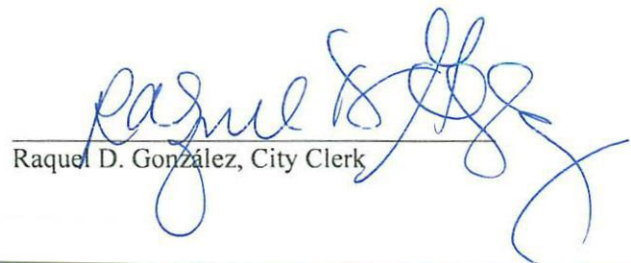
Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, seconded by Council Member John Paulson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Approved: November 2, 2021



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Raquel D. Gonzalez, City Clerk