

Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 following the City Council Work Session, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

II. Roll Call and General Announcements

Members Present: Mayor Rusty Paul, Councilmember John Paulson, Councilmember Melody Kelley, Councilmember Melissa Mular, Councilmember Jody Reichel, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, and Councilmember Andrew Bauman.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rusty Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comment

1. Sandra Burchardt, 6110 Black Water Trail, Sandy Springs - Integrity and safety
2. Josh Burr, 165 Tower Trail - NYO / Community Inclusion
3. Megan Harris - 9165 Carroll Manor Drive, Sandy Springs - Expectations for Sandy Springs (Residents)
4. Alex Wan - 177 North Ave NW, 3rd Floor, Suite 11, Atlanta - 2022-28 Nonprofit Recreation Grant Program

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, seconded by Councilmember Melody Kelley, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Councilmember Jody Reichel, seconded by Councilmember John Paulson, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A. 2022-25 Meeting Minutes

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- B. 2022-26** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of the Acceptance of an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement on Property Located at 1309 Spalding Drive in Land Lot 384 of the 6th District, City of Sandy Springs (Tax ID# #06-0384-0001-055-6); TS-111 Pitts Road at Spalding Drive Intersection Project

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VII. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VIII. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings.

IX. New Business

- A. **2022-27** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Agreement to Purchase Permanent Drainage Easement on Property Located at 1240 Spalding Drive in Land Lot 378 of the 6th District, City of Sandy Springs (Tax ID# 06-0378- LL-039-3); TS-111 Pitts Road at Spalding Drive Intersection Project

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented the agreement to purchase Permanent Drainage Easement on property located at 1240 Spalding Drive (Tax ID # 06-0378-LL-039-3). The property is owned by Ronald Elliott Cook and Marjorie M. Cook. The acquisition of 2,664.06 square feet of Permanent Drainage Easement on the subject property is necessary in order to construct the TS-111 Pitts Road at Spalding Drive Intersection Project. The City's Appraised Fair Market Value offer was \$31,000.00. The City staff has reached an amicable settlement in the amount of \$34,100.00 with the property owners. Included in the City's offer was mitigation compensation, also known as a "Cost-To-Cure", in the amount of \$17,138.00 due to the project's negative impact on landscaping and electrical improvements along the property's frontage along Spalding Drive. The property owners are seeking an additional \$3,100 for landscape buffering to help restore privacy across the frontage of the property where the Permanent Drainage Easement will be visible. The balance of \$16,962.00 is appropriated towards the purchase of the Permanent Drainage Easement.

Motion and second. A motion was made by Councilmember John Paulson, seconded by Councilmember Jody Reichel, to approve the purchase of Permanent Drainage Easement on property located at 1240 Spalding Drive in Land Lot 378 of the 6th District, City of Sandy Springs (Tax ID# 06-0378- LL-039-3); TS-111 Pitts Road at Spalding Drive Intersection Project.

Councilmember John Paulson asked are additional property purchases needed.

Public Works Director Martin replied yes, there are several others that will come before the Council.

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

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- B. **2022-28** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Award of Funds to Eligible Nonprofit Organizations from the Nonprofit Recreation Grant Program and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contracts with such Nonprofits

Michael Perry, Recreation and Parks Director, presented award recommendations to eligible nonprofit organizations from the Nonprofit Recreation Grant Program. The City of Sandy Springs created a pilot program (Program) to collaborate with duly organized nonprofit organizations to offer new programming or

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to expand eligible existing recreational programs targeted to underserved populations and low-income communities within the City. To advance the Program, during Budget Workshop #2, Mayor and City Council set aside up to \$150,000 for a Nonprofit Recreation Grant (NRG) program for Fiscal Year 2022. On November 3, 2021, the City issued a Request for Proposals #22-027 (RFP) to solicit responses (Proposals) from qualified nonprofit organizations (Offeror(s)) to partner with the City's Recreation and Parks Department to provide programs and recreational activities for the benefit of residents of the City. Each eligible nonprofit organization proposing and meeting the requirements of the RFP were allowed to request up to \$30,000 in NRG funding. Proposals were due on December 6, 2021.

The City received Proposals from the following eight (8) Offerors:

1. Heart of Namari
2. Horizons Atlanta
3. Jennifer Ann's Group
4. Los Ninos Primero
5. Northside Youth Organization
6. Phoenix Gymnastics
7. Sandy Springs Charter Middle School PTO Foundation
8. The Healthy Youth USA Foundation

Proposals submitted by Phoenix Gymnastics and Heart of Namari were deemed non-responsive to the requirements of the RFP. The Proposal submitted by Jennifer Ann's Group failed to demonstrate how it could serve Sandy Springs residents exclusively, lacked clarity on program partnerships and promotion, and did not meet an identified need of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan. As a result, the aforementioned three Offerors were eliminated from consideration for funding.

Following individual Proposal review and scoring, the Evaluation Committee members met as a group to discuss the Proposals. Following discussion and final scoring, the Evaluation Committee recommends funding for the following five (5) nonprofit organizations for the programming indicated:

Nonprofit Organization	Program	Amount
Horizons Atlanta	Support cohort expansion of 15-students at the Holy Innocents' Episcopal School summer learning program. Offerings include academics with an emphasis on literacy and STEAM, field trips, swimming, yoga, art, dance, physical education, and music. Horizons students all qualify for free or reduced lunch, and no tuition is required to participate in the program.	\$ 30,000
Los Ninos Primero	Fund new family performing arts and music program that will serve 150 low-income, Latino families. Programs are provided at no cost to participants.	\$ 30,000
Northside Youth Organization ("NYO")	\$15,000 to provide 28 scholarships for children to cover the registration, participation, and equipment needs to be involved in the selected sport. \$15,000 to introduce sports by providing free camps and clinics for up to 66 underserved students.	\$ 30,000*
Sandy Springs Charter Middle School PTO Foundation ("SS Charter")	\$1,200 for the newly formed golf team to purchase six sets of clubs to share; and \$300 to expand badminton program.	\$ 1,500**
The Healthy Youth USA Foundation	\$30,000 for a new summer camp program for 65 elementary age children. The program requires students to provide free or reduced lunch verification or other explanation of need to qualify, and is provided at no cost.	\$ 30,000
	TOTAL	\$121,500

*NYO submitted two (2) requests for \$30,000, exceeding the \$30,000 limit per organization detailed in the RFP. The first request was for \$30,000 to provide 56 scholarships for children to cover the registration,

participation, and equipment needs to be involved in the selected sport. The second request was for \$30,000 to introduce sports by providing free camps and clinics for up to 133 underserved students. When asked during the interview, the NYO team indicated that they would split the funding across both programs if awarded \$30,000.

****SS Charter** requested \$10,000 to fund sports equipment, including: \$3,000 for basketball jerseys, practice shirts, and warm-up suits; \$3,900 to replace basketballs, soccer balls, and volleyballs; \$1,600 to replace tennis racquets; \$1,200 for the newly formed golf team to purchase six sets of clubs to share; and \$300 to expand badminton program. The RFP strictly limited awards to only new programs or program expansions, so the Evaluation Committee considered only the golf and badminton program expenses of \$1,500 eligible for funding.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Councilmember Andrew Bauman, seconded by Councilmember Melissa Mular, to approve the award of Funds to Eligible Nonprofit Organizations from the Nonprofit Recreation Grant Program as presented in the amount of \$121,500, and work with the award receipts to identify opportunities to expend the remaining \$28,500 for eligible services.

Councilmember Andy Bauman recognized former Councilmember Chris Burnett for his effort to help create this program. The sum of the allocations leaves a balance of the available balance. Are there options to spend the remaining funds?

Recreation and Parks Director Perry replied the City could rebid to spend the balance, or work with eligible vendors in an informal way to identify other funding support opportunities.

Councilmember Melody Kelley asked if the City's current grant program is limited to new programs and program expansions, then will the City prohibit the presented recipient projects from receiving funds next year.

Recreation and Parks Director Perry stated the City did not want to subsidize existing programming. But, this is a fluid process, and the City will learn from this current program. Future options could be to support applicants so as to encourage them to increase program capacity.

Councilmember Bauman replied the City Council will set the rules for the future of the program.

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

Resolution No. 2022-02-16

- C. **2022-29** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of the Award of a Task Order for Call Center Services and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Same

Jason Fornicola, Communications Director, recommended the City Council approve the issuance of a Task Order to Faneuil, Inc. for call center services for FY2022 in the amount of \$582,964. On May 14, 2019, City Council approved a contract award to Faneuil for call center services. The contract called for service delivery over a five (5) year period, with the annual issuance of a new task order, assuming contract terms and conditions are complied with by Faneuil. There is a three percent (3%) annual escalator built into the contract. Two task orders have been issued pursuant to the contract. The first task order in the not-to-exceed amount of \$549,498 was approved by the City Council on May 14, 2019 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. The second task order in the not-to-exceed amount of \$565,983 was approved by the City Council on June 2, 2020 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. The presented task order represents the third task

order to be issued under the contract and covers the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. With the annual escalator, the not-to-exceed amount of the new task order is \$582,964.

Councilmember John Paulson asked why is the Task Order presented late in the year.

Communications Director Fornicola replied the time to approve the current fiscal year's task order occurred during the transition between City's communication directors.

Motion and second. A motion was made by Councilmember John Paulson, seconded by Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, to approve the award of a Task Order for Call Center Services and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Same.

Councilmember Paulson stated the City Council used to receive detailed reports on the performance of the Call Center. Can this start again?

Communications Director Fornicola replied yes. City Staff regularly reviews performance metrics with the Call Center. In 2021, the Call Center answered calls within 24.1 seconds, on average, meeting the contractual goal of answering calls within 30 seconds. The Service Level, which is calculated as the percentage of calls that are answered within the 30-second threshold, for 2021 was 83.82%, exceeding the goal of more than 80%. The Call Center is meeting all contract requirements.

Councilmember Andy Bauman stated recently it seems the Call Center has been having issues with answering calls. Can the City check between now and June, perhaps performing shopper activities.

Mayor Rusty Paul agreed the City should spot check the service.

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

Resolution No. 2022-02-17

- D. **2022-30** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of the Appointment of Members to the Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority

Dan Lee, City Attorney, stated in 2006 when the Public Facilities Authority local legislation was enacted, it allowed the Council to serve as representatives of each district. Historically, the Council has appointed the current councilmembers. With two new councilmembers, it is an opportunity to re-appoint all members to the Public Facilities Authority.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Councilmember John Paulson, seconded by Councilmember Melody Kelley, to approve the appointment of members to the Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2022-02-18

- E. **2022-31** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of the Appointments of Members to the Next Ten Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update Advisory Committee

Mayor Rusty Paul presented a slate of nominees to appoint to the City of Sandy Springs Next Ten Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update Advisory Committee. Nominees include Ronda Smith, Sandy

Springs Council of Neighborhoods; Trisha Thompson, Citizen Member; Jim Squire, Citizen Member; Reed Haggard, Sandy Springs Planning Commission; Nate Kongthum, Sandy Springs Board of Appeals; Jim Bostic, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force; Jack Misura, Sandy Springs Conservancy; and Tom Mahaffey, Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber. This is required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. There will be four additional appointments made at the February 15, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Councilmember Melody Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Jody Reichel, to approve the appointment of members to the Next Ten Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update Advisory Committee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2022-02-19

X. Reports

A. 2022-32 Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Rusty Paul reported the Georgia General Assembly is in its third week of the current legislative session. There have been several pre-emption bills filed. Of note, are those pre-emption bills regarding short-term rentals; long-term rentals; and one that limits permitting fees charged by local governments to pay for permitting service. There is also a bill making movement that will require first responders to participate in training regarding how to deal with persons experiencing a mental health crisis; however, the bill does not include detail on how to accomplish this. Finally, House Bill 328 reduces the fiber fees that City's charge in the right-of-way to \$1,000 per mile. Currently, the City charges what \$5K per mile, like the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). But, GDOT will no longer charge fees, and their fee schedule end in July, 2022.

The City Council Retreat is Thursday, February 3, 2022 at City Hall in the Terrace Meeting Room. It begins at 8:00 a.m.

B. 2022-33 Staff Reports

Eden Freeman, City Manager, reported over the next several weeks she will meet with individual Councilmembers, as well as City departments and various neighborhoods.

XI. Executive Session

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Councilmember John Paulson, seconded by Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, to recess from regular order and enter executive session for the purposes of real estate discussions. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Executive Session began at 7:23 p.m.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Councilmember John Paulson, seconded by Councilmember Jody Reichel, to adjourn the executive session and return to regular order. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

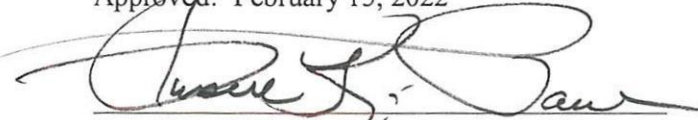
The Executive Session ended at 8:26 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Councilmember John Paulson, seconded by Councilmember Melody Kelley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Approved: February 15, 2022

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Russell K. Paul, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Raquel D. González", written over a horizontal line.

Raquel D. González, City Clerk