

Regular Session Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:26 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at **6:26 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 were two public comments received, which were published with the meeting agenda.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion and Vote: Council Member DeJulio moved that the meeting agenda be approved for Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Council Member Reichel seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 2021-040** Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2021 City Council Work Session Minutes
January 19, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. 2021-041** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of the Dedication of Right of Way Located in Land Lot 17 of the 17th District (5775 Peachtree Dunwoody Road), City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia, as part of the Development Regulations Ordinance Requirements Related to Community Development File # LDP 18-00066

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- C. 2021-042** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of a Permanent Drainage Easement on Property Located in Land Lot 126 of the 17th District (140 Landsdowne Drive), City of Sandy Springs, Georgia

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Motion and Vote: Council Member Bauman moved that the consent agenda be approved for Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Council Member Paulson seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Presentations – none.

VIII. Public Hearing – none.

IX. New Business

- A. 2021-043** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Approve Updates to TSPLOST Budgets

Allen Johnson, TSPLOST Program Manager presented the Updated TSPLOST Budget with Summary, Finance Department Budget Adjustment Entry and Ordinance to document the budget amendments. Staff recommends approval of the TSPLOST amended budget.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved for approval of agenda item 2021-043, Ordinance to Approve Updates to TSPLOST Budgets. Council Member Reichel seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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- B. 2021-044** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Approval of a Contract with DAF Concrete, Inc. for 4878 Long Island Drive Drainage Improvement Project and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Contract

Marty Martin, Director of Public Works presented the recommendation to award a construction contract for a stormwater program to remediate a headwall located at 4878 Long Island Drive. The proposed design combines flows into a junction box and discharges into a 36" RCP that terminates at a new headwall, approximately 30' downstream of the existing outfall. The invitation to bid, No. 21-027, for construction of 4878 Long Island Drive Drainage Improvement Project was advertised on November 18, 2020. Seven (7) bids were received by the December 16, 2020 deadline. Of the seven bids, DAF Concrete, Inc. was the low bidder at \$111,523.50. Staff compared the engineer's estimate (\$143,999.90) with the bid's line items and the contractor's prices appear to be sound. Because the recommended contractor is new to the City, staff interviewed references and asked questions pertaining to the scope and scale of previous projects awarded to ensure a proper match with the City's job. The contractor received very positive feedback from the references regarding their work and this kind of work. Staff recommends award of the contract to DAF Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$111,523.50.

Council Member Bauman commented he was happy to see the top three bidders and their ranges; for him it showed competitive bidding at its finest. When is the estimated start and the estimated time to complete? Is there any anticipated interruption of traffic flow near the intersection? Does the work involve any utility relocations?

Director Martin replied it appears the work can be completed with lane closures. Staff expected the contractor to be mobilized within the next 45-60 days, and from start to finish, approximately 120 days are estimated for the work. There are no utility relocations involved with the project.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Bauman moved for approval of agenda item 2021-044, Approval of a Contract Award to DAF Concrete, Inc. for 4878 Long Island Drive Drainage Improvement Project and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Contract. Council Member DeJulio seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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- C. 2021-045** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Change Order and the Revised Contract for Engineering Design and Construction Services with Columbia Engineering for the Roswell Road at Grogans Ferry Road Intersection Improvement Project (TS105)

Marty Martin, Director of Public Works stated Columbia Engineering is under contract with the City to provide design services for the Roswell Road at Grogans Ferry Road intersection improvement project. Their original contract and scope of work, dated March 2017, did not include post-design/bidding services. Due to the size and complexity of this project, construction services provided by the design consultant are needed to make the transition from design to construction seamless. The change order is required to provide additional funding to Columbia for the needed construction services scope of work, which includes: Assist contractor in coordination with utilities from design phase; Coordinate closely with the project inspector; Respond to issues and give direction in a timely manner; Attend pre-construction meetings; Attend monthly meetings; Review and process product submittals (up to 50), RFIs (up to 10) and potential change orders (up to 5); Coordinate execution and incorporation of approved change orders; Visit site two (2) times per week to review construction progress, Address issues and provide guidance; Communicate and coordinate with City's project manager; and, Prepare a punch list for review by the design engineer and City project manager. The total proposed fee for this Change Order is \$92,387.50. This Change Order will bring the total design and construction services contract to \$297,990.50. Sufficient funds are available in the TS105 project budget to fund this 18-month, \$4M project. The project has approximately six weeks before the construction can begin.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Soteres moved for approval of agenda item 2021-045, Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Change Order and the Revised Contract for Engineering Design and Construction Services with Columbia Engineering for the Roswell Road at Grogans Ferry Road Intersection Improvement Project (TS105). Council Member Paulson seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

2021-02-16 RES

- D. 2021-046** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt 2021 Priorities

Andrea Surratt, City Manager presented the proposed 2021 Priorities, as discussed at the January 26 City Council Retreat. The 2021 proposed priorities have combined some of the 2020 priorities together and are presented in action statements, and are:

- Set the standard for excellence in CUSTOMER SERVICE and CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT.
- Create and support targeted ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT opportunities, with an emphasis on the NORTH END.
- Promote SUSTAINABLE GROWTH and foster ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.
- Provide inclusive and diverse RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT.

- Enhance multi-modal TRANSPORTATION ACCESSIBILITY and maintain high COMMUNITY APPEARANCE standards.
- Deliver the highest quality PUBLIC SAFETY services.
- Ensure long-term WATER RELIABILITY for all residents and the business community

The priorities are all important aspects of the City's community service delivery strategy.

Council Member Andy Bauman stated merging Sustainable Growth and Environmental Stewardship is not redundant. In the context of this priority, Sustainable Growth is a broad topic that includes roads, infrastructure, schools, etc. with purpose.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Smith replied Sustainable Growth goes back to the standard definition of meeting today's needs without compromising the needs of future generations. Environmental Stewardship is thinking about the responsible use and protection of the natural environment.

Council Member Bauman stated in regards to Public Safety there is not a single thing that binds and unites our community more than the support for our public safety departments.

Council Member Chris Burnett expressed that the adopted priorities assist the City with measurable goals. Is there a dashboard staff can create to track accomplishments as it relates to these initiatives.

City Manager Surratt stated staff will package the presentation of the priorities in a new way, beginning with the budget season. That too will look different with more graphics, performance indicators, and how we are doing with the budget dollars allocated.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved for approval of agenda item 2021-046, Approval to Adopt 2021 Priorities. Council Member Soteres seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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E. 2021-047 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Authorize Amending the City of Sandy Springs FY2021 Budget

Toni Jo Howard, Finance Director presented the proposed budget amendment, which includes increases in the general fund revenue budgets and related expenditures and the necessary transfers to the capital projects fund. Also included is the correlated budget impacts for the capital project fund budgets. The proposed amendment includes the bond activities as adjustments to Public Facilities Fund. These adjustments would align the budget with the accounting entries for the two issuances, the transfer of money to the custodian for the refinancing of the 2015 bonds, and the establishment of the project funding from the 2020B series. The transfer from the Public Facilities Authority to the general fund is shown as a one-sided entry based on the original budget entry that was posted.

Council Member Andy Bauman stated the City's FY2021 budget was cautious in bringing about a 21% reduction to the budget due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The actuality is that revenues look better than was budgeted. The continuation of the Housing Study has not been taken out of the budget, as it just has not been added to the FY2021 budget due to the processes that will need to take place in going forward, such as stakeholder engagement that is challenging at this time.

Mayor Rusty Paul stated that after listening to the consultants, Council discussion and community expectations about this very important project, there is a need to take a step back, rethink, and go back to the folks who will be conducting the studies to make sure Council will receive the information needed to make good policy decisions. The process needs refinement. The City is still committed to housing as a major goal, particularly as applied to the North End Redevelopment. There is no diminution of housing and housing gaps in this community.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Bauman moved for approval of agenda item 2021-047, Approval of an Ordinance to Authorize Amending the City of Sandy Springs FY2021 Budget. Council Member DeJulio seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

2021-02-05 ORD

- F. 2021-048** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution Reappointing Member to the Sandy Springs Board of Appeals

Mayor Paul commented that current Board of Appeals member Ms. Sherri Allen has done a phenomenal job on the Board.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Reichel moved for approval of agenda item 2021-048, Resolution Reappointing Member (Sherri Allen) to the Sandy Springs Board of Appeals. Council Member Burnett seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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X. Reports

- A. 2021-049** Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Rusty Paul announced that the Georgia General Assembly is in session. A bill presented recently would allow school boards to appoint members to local planning commissions. Another proposed bill has to do with short-term rentals. It is not nearly as harsh as the full-prohibition of last year, but still not necessarily a good piece of legislation. The Georgia Municipal Association Legislative Policy Council has regular phone calls to discussion pending legislation. So far there are only a few bills that have to do with the City. Also, the City will make an announcement in April, operating under the assumption that sometime in early summer vaccination rates will be sufficient that people will begin to feel comfortable coming back out. The City will begin with outdoor, ticketed events to control crowd size and social distancing. Staff is planning a complete, grand re-opening of the campus, the Byers Theatre, Studio Theatre, outdoors concerts at City Springs and Heritage. The PAC will present an exciting, diverse, cultural and entertainment roster of performances and events attractive to a broad segment of our community.

Council Member John Paulson reviewed discussions had the recent North Fulton Mayors Meeting. Each city discussed their council's preference regarding TSPLOST 2. Item 3a appeared to be the selection of the majority. Also, there is housing assistance coming from the federal government, which will be managed by the counties.

Mayor Paul stated that this is one of the reasons the City will delay the Housing Study, in order to see what the Biden administration does in the way of housing. The mayors and the County Commissioners will meet on Friday, February 5, and will probably vote to put TSPLOST 2 on the ballot this coming year or in 2022.

B. 2021-059 Staff Reports

1. **Small Business Relief Assistance Program**, City Manager **Andrea Surratt** reported that the City received 182 applications, of which 159 are eligible for funding. The total available funding is \$1.3M, made up of \$1.2M from the City and \$100K from the Sandy Springs Development Authority. 125 applications were funded totaling \$1.298M. There is a funding gap of \$323,805 for those remaining applicants who met the criteria. Applicants were awarded on first-come, first-serve basis. Is the Council interested in receiving a full presentation and possibly a budget amendment? The City did receive CARES funding that would cover this but the funding gap.

Council Member John Paulson reported that the Sandy Springs Development Authority had pledged the \$100K and were internally contemplating a fundraising campaign within the community, in partnership with the Chamber. The City could be a part to that. The Development Authority is waiting for the completion of this first round of the program and work on the community fundraising effort.

XI. Executive Session - 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 (6 to 0). Executive Session began at **7:17 p.m.**

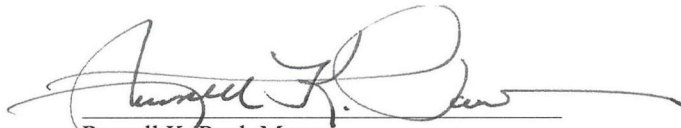
Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved adjourn Executive Session and return to the Regular Session. Council Member DeJulio seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried by unanimously (4 to 0), Council Member Burnett and Council Member DeJulio were absent for the vote. Executive Session ended at **8:43 p.m.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved adjourn the meeting. Council Member Reichel seconded. Mayor Paul called for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously (4 to 0). Council Member Burnett and Council Member DeJulio were absent for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at **8:45 p.m.**

Dated approved: February 16, 2021.


Russell K. Paul, Mayor


Raquel D. González, City Clerk