
The Regular Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 6:01 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Invocation: Rabbi Bradley G. Levenberg, Temple Sinai

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Deputy City Clerk Lia Jones reminded everyone to silence all electronic devices at this time. Individuals wishing to provide public comment are required to complete a public comment card. Public Comment Cards are available online and at the Chamber entrance and must be submitted to the City Clerk before the meeting begins.

III. ROLL CALL AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy City Clerk Lia Jones called the roll.

Mayor Rusty Paul – present.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rusty Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy City Clerk Lia Jones stated that she received three (3) Public Comment Cards.

Lisa Callahan, 285 Skyridge Drive, Sandy Springs GA 30350 – Came forward to speak about 5G services and activities in the city of Sandy Springs. She talked about the human health impacts of 5G antennas.

Brad Smith, 346 Carpenter Drive NE, #84, Sandy Springs GA 30328 – Spoke in opposition of billboard raising as a resident of Laurel Grove. Mentioned that there is a gag order and litigation against the HOA of speaking against the raising of the billboard. Asked that the raising of the billboard be delayed until the sound barrier material is installed on I-285.

Scott Ennis, 346 Carpenter Drive, #89, Sandy Springs GA 30328 - Spoke in opposition of billboard raising as a resident of Laurel Grove. Many were opposed to the initial billboards installation. Unfortunately, we have this billboard installed right next to our community, which is an eyesore.

Mayor Paul closed the Public Comment period.

VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion and Vote: Council Member DeJulio moved that the meeting agenda be approved for Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Council Member Reichel seconded.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **2020-64** Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. **2020-65** Acceptance of a Real Estate Agreement, Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement for the Seville Chase Stormwater Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-33

3. **2020-66** Acceptance of a Temporary Driveway Easement in connection with the TS-105 Grogan's Ferry at Roswell Road Intersection Improvement Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-34

Motion and Vote: Council Member Bauman moved that the consent agenda be approved for Tuesday, March 3 2020. Council Member Burnett seconded.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **2020-67** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of an Agreement to Purchase Real Estate in connection with the TS-105 Grogan's Ferry at Roswell Road Intersection Improvement Project

Allen Johnson, Public Works TSPLOST Program Manager staff acceptance and approval of an Agreement to Purchase Real Estate on the tract or parcel of land lying and located in Land Lot 24, 17th District, Fulton County, Georgia. The property owner is RRE Sandy Springs Holdings, LLC and is shown on the attached exhibits and located at 7889 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, Georgia. The acquisition of 565.90 square feet of Fe Simple Right of Way; 4,040.33 square feet of Permanent Easement for the Construction and Maintenance of Traffic Signal Equipment; and, 8,507.69 square feet of Temporary Construction Easement necessary in order to construct the TS-105 Project. Staff recently entered into an amicable settlement with the property owner, in the

amount of \$265,000.00. The City's appraisal was \$231,300.00. The property owner submitted a counter offer which indicated a higher cost to restore the entrance to the apartment community than what the City's appraisal indicated. The \$33,700.00 increase above the City's appraisal (15%) is considered reasonable and staff recommends acceptance and approval.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Soteres moved for approval of Item 2020-67, Acceptance of an Agreement to Purchase Real Estate in connection with the TS-105 Grogan's Ferry at Roswell Road Intersection Improvement Project. Council Member Paulson seconded.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-35

2. 2020-68 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Approval of the Transmission Relocation Agreement for temporary fencing with Georgia Power Company for the Mt. Vernon Highway Multipurpose Path Project (T-0062-2)

Wesley Waters, Public Works CIP Unit Manager staff recommends approval of the Temporary Fencing Agreement with the Georgia Power Company (GPC) for construction activities and oversight by Georgia Power in support of the Mt. Vernon Multipurpose Path Project. The project will include a 10-foot wide concrete path, providing pedestrian access from Mt. Vernon Highway to Hilderbrand Road, and aesthetic enhancements on three sides of the substation. The aesthetic enhancements include the construction of a new fence with brick columns. In order to construct the new fence, the existing fence on three sides needs to be temporarily relocated. This agreement is for GPC to install the temporary fence, remove the existing fence, and repair the existing grounding grid as needed. The agreement also provides for the required GPC inspection oversight of the City's construction contractor's work. The temporary fencing work and GPC project oversight is necessary in order to move forward with construction. The total "Relocation Fee" outlined within the agreement for the Project is \$169,491.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Burnett moved for approval of Item 2020-68, Acceptance of Transmission Relocation Agreement for temporary fencing with Georgia Power Company for the Mt. Vernon Highway Multipurpose Path Project (T-0062-2). Council Member Soteres seconded.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-36

3. 2020-69 Request for Mayor and City Council for Approval of a Resolution Appointing Raquel D. González as City Clerk for the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, Pursuant to Article III, Section 3.09 of the City Charter

Mayor Rusty Paul stated that mostly all staff knows Raquel, 'Rocky' as she is affectionately called. She was responsible for Mayor and Council responsibilities during his first 3-4 year tenure, and the previous City Manager. Gonzalez became the City Clerk at the City of Doraville. There

was a vacancy in the City Clerk's office. Staff interviewed some really good candidates. It came down to two extremely qualified people. Rocky having been a City Clerk already, tilted the scale a bit. Mayor Paul is delighted to present the recommendation to Raquel D. González as the next City Clerk.

Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved for approval of Item 2020-69, A Resolution Appointing Raquel D. González as City Clerk for the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, pursuant to Article III, Section 3.09 of the City Charter. Council Member DeJulio seconded.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-37

IX. REPORTS

1. 2020-70 Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor Paul reported that not much has happened at the Legislature. All the things discussed last meeting are still pending. Any bill that becomes law in this session has to be approved by one of the two chambers by day 25. As members of the legislature cast are looking for a vehicle to attach their bill to and keep it alive. There are a lot of resurrections that occur during the last 15 days of the session. The City has TAVT, the license tag, they think they may have gotten that so that it will restore us to the levels of revenue that they promised when they first did it. They have also passed the hotel / motel tax legislation for short-term rentals that kicks off April 1. Facilitator's sales and use tax for things like Amazon, and other online retailers also kicks off April 1. That is expected to generate about \$100 million in sales taxes for the state. Of course, that is portioned out according to the current form. Mayor Paul will keep the general public up-to-date on what will be going on there.

Council Member Bauman wanted to acknowledge Shaun Albrechtson and the PAC team for a job well done of the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival that concluded last week. The number of people in attendance was probably over 20,000. Comments are flowing about the City's space. The public is aware of the great festival and everybody acknowledges that Sandy Springs is now pretty much the home of that festival.

Second, earlier this afternoon Council Member Chris Burnett and Council Member Bauman had the opportunity to see the Laurel Grove Condos in person to view the billboard up close and underneath. There are real impacts, several meetings ago Council deferred the item. There were known pluses potentially with the removal of static billboards and getting the light out of the immediately adjacent windows. There were some unknowns, such as the impacts on several of the residents. The poles are now going up for the sound barriers, so while this item is scheduled for two weeks because Council deferred it, we need more data. Council will bring it up then, but wanted to inform the public of this. Brad and other residents have brought up good points that there are still a lot of unknowns.

2. 2020-71 Staff Reports

1. January 2020 Financials

Karen Ellis, Director of Finance reported the City is at 58.33% of the year; revenues are trending over budget, about 74%, there are some revenues that do not happen monthly. Expenditures are trending a little bit under budget. The Franchise Fee was not received, which does not show in January; it will show in the February financials, which was over budget, so that will be a good surplus to the Franchise Tax for Georgia Power.

2. City Manager's Vision and Organizational Framework

Andrea Surratt, City Manager announced that she wished Fire Chief Keith Sanders to make a quick presentation before she began her presentation.

Fire Chief Keith Sanders provided an update to the coronavirus and discussed the City plans to move forward. Staff currently meets daily with the local county Emergency Management Director, as well as the Medical Advisor, Dr. Alexander Isakov. To date, staff has implemented best practices that are being utilized across the nation with this concern. The City has adequate resources in place to ensure good stocks, soft goods, and items that are used in medical response. Staff is working hand-in-hand with the City Manager to conduct meetings throughout the week with Department Heads ensuring that there are sufficient operations in place to ensure continuity of operations. There is a conference call with local and the state's Dr. Toomey's office at the CDC and federal specialists every Friday at 9:30 am to ensure that we stay on top of those things. Staff will monitor as we progress.

Mayor Paul mentioned that he was on a call with the Governor when he was addressing what the state is doing and had a brief Q&A with him. The City is fortunate that the state is providing resources. The State Public Health Officer is Dr. Kathleen Toomey, and she used to be the Fulton County Medical Director and was State director before that. She has a tremendous amount of background and experience in public health. Then, obviously, the fact that the CDC is located here in the metro area gives us a lot of resources. The City is putting protocols in place to provide each department with supplies and resources. Wash your hands, try not to touch your face. There are still a lot of unknowns, it may not be quite as dire as we thought at first, but it is still serious and significant. Under City Manager Surratt's leadership, staff level is taking on what we believe are the right steps. Listening to the Medical Director and the CDC, the State Public Health officials to implement the protocols that exist today. The City will continue to push the information out to the general public. The City encourages citizens to sign up for Sandy Springs Alerts!

Andrea Surratt, City Manager presented an organizational framework and vision organization for carrying out the policies of the City Council. The work at the City is pivotal to the success of the community. How we approach our job every day is how we are seen in the public. Mission: The Lead the Best People. Vision: Provide an operation that can pivot...that word is important to me this year; Core Values: Integrity, Service, Quality, Teamwork, and Leadership. Everyone Has a Pivotal Role. Staff will work toward aligning the budget with the priorities established by the City Council. The senior leadership team created a list of five items: Customer Oriented, Innovative, Trustworthy, Inclusive and Principled, that they felt were most important. Amazingly,

we had similar ideas in mind and our thoughts aligned nicely together as a team. Staff also defined City Manager actionable goals to start checking off this list. She mentioned some staff changes, Kristin Smith as Assistant City Manager covering Innovation, Business and Technology. Also, Dave Wells covering Capital Assets and Jim Tolbert covering Community Enhancement. They have shared or traded the departments, and there is much more of a team work effort that the City will build.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved to suspend regular order and move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Litigation. Council Member DeJulio seconded the motion.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

1. **2020-72** Litigation and Real Estate.

Executive Session began at 6:36 pm

Motion and Vote: Council Member Paulson moved to adjourn Executive Session. Council Member Burnett seconded the motion.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:37 pm

2. ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Council Member DeJulio moved to adjourn. Council Member Paulson seconded the motion.

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Date/Approved: March 3, 2020



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Lia Jones, Deputy City Clerk