

Special Called Public Facilities Authority Meeting of the Sandy Springs was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:37 p.m., Chairperson Rusty Paul presiding.

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

STAFF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Administration

1. **PFA19-24 CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Rusty Paul
2. **PFA19-25 ROLL CALL** – Secretary Coty Thigpen

Secretary Thigpen called the roll.

3. PFA19-26 APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion and Vote: Member DeJulio moved to approve the Meeting Agenda for the September 3, 2019 Special Called Public Facilities Authority meeting. Member Jody Reichel seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. **PFA19-27 Approval of the August 20, 2019 Special Called Public Facilities Authority Meeting Minutes**

Motion and Vote: Member Paulson moved to approve the August 20, 2019, Agenda Item PFA19-27, Special Called Public Facilities Authority meeting minutes. Member Burnett seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **PFA19-28 Consideration of Approval of a Policy for the Sale of Bricks and Seats for the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center**

Assistant City Manager Jim Tolbert presented the Policy for Brick Paver and Seat Marker programs at City Springs. There are 1500 bricks to sell for a proposed amount of \$300 each, with a 10% discount for purchase of multiple bricks. The PAC staff will actually handle the sale of the bricks and run the program. Facilities staff will take them have them engraved and put them in place. Allocation of the cost is as follows: 26% to cover the cost of engraving and installation; 37% would go to the support Arts education; and, 37% to support general programming of events to back up those in our facility.

The seat marker program proposed will have approximately 1,000 seats at \$1,000 per seat. Those dollars would be allocated as follows: 3% to cover the cost of engraving and installation; 71% to support programming; and, 26% to support the Arts education program.

The current ticketing system can actually facilitate the sales. As advised by the City Attorney, following a purchase, a letter will be generated saying thank you for your donation and will indicate the cost of the item.

Motion and Vote: Member Bauman moved to approve Agenda Item PFA19-28, Consideration of Approval of a Policy for the Sale of Bricks and Seats for the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center. Member Reichel seconded the motion.

Council Member DeJulio the majority of people these days, under new tax laws, cannot deduct charitable contributions anymore, so most people who give charitable contributions give them out of their retirement plans and they have to be given to a 501(c)(3). It effectively does not give them a tax deduction, but it does not give them taxable income. There has to be a way for this to be given into a 501(c)(3). The City of Sandy Springs does not have the same status as a 501(c)(3). and will be eliminating a large majority of people who will not give money if it is not deductible. He also asked about the increase in price for the bricks from \$150 to \$300.

Council Member Bauman questioned the tax deductibility of the donation and to who will it be made payable?

City Attorney Dan Lee remarked that these funds are payable to the Public Facilities Authority. He responded that the City, as a tax-free entity, has the same status. Staff has vetted this process with a tax attorney.

Mayor Rusty Paul clarified these monies are not going into the General Treasury, it is going to be segregated and expended only for the purposes of Arts education and programming, other than the cost of the program itself.

The motion carried 5-1; Member DeJulio voting No.

PFA RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09-24

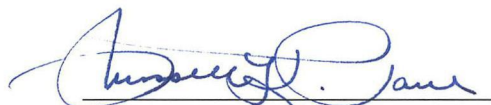
6. PFA19-29 ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Member DeJulio moved to approve Agenda Item PFA19-29, Adjournment. Member Paulson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Date Approved: October 15, 2019


Russell K. Paul, Chairperson


Coty Thigpen, Secretary