

Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on January 16, 2024 Following Work Session, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:41 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, Councilmember Andrew Bauman

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rusty Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, seconded by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, 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 Melissa Mular**, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A. **2024-012** Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2024 City Council Meeting
January 9, 2024 City Council Special Called Meeting

VII. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VIII. Public Hearing

- A. **2024-013** U23-0003 - 590 Mount Vernon Hwy - Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to Allow for Improvements to an Existing Place of Worship in RE-2 Zoning District at 590 Mount Vernon Hwy

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning & Zoning Manager, presented a recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow for improvements to an existing place of worship in RE-2 Zoning District at 5920 Mount Vernon Hwy.

The Applicant, Misty Creek Baptist Church is considered a Place of Worship per the Sandy Springs Development Code. Regulated per use standards found in Sec. 7.4.1.F., Places of Worship are often located on larger lots in or near residential areas or traditional neighborhoods. Because of this, they are also often zoned under Residential Estate and are required to apply for Conditional Use Permits for any substantial changes to their site or larger use function. Misty Creek Baptist Church is seeking to develop their campus with a few moderate site improvements.

The site improvements proposed by the Applicant include a pavilion, playground, ADA-compliant ramps, retaining walls, and a baptismal. The pavilion footprint is proposed to be 2,054 located to southeast of the main church building. The pavilion includes a fireplace with a 33-foot-tall chimney. The playground is also proposed to have a footprint of about 2,000 square feet, just to the west of the pavilion with a fence enclosure. Between the pavilion and playground are three (3) tiered retaining walls, easing the topography between the two. The ADA ramp is proposed to be located on the right (north) side of the church entry, providing access to the existing parking lot. On the left side of the church entry the applicant proposes steps down to the pavilion, which include a water feature to be used as a baptismal.

Staff finds all elements of the proposal to be appropriate and positive for the surrounding community. The pavilion is aesthetically pleasing and publically viewable and engaging. The other improvements to the site notwithstanding, the request offers an opportunity for the city to see and support thoughtful reinvestment in an otherwise historical site. From making the building ADA accessible to providing a place for children to safely recreate, to investing in an outdoor amenity that encourages community gathering, this request is in line with the vision of The Next Ten Comprehensive Plan.

Staff recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. That the applicant improve and replace the cemetery fencing parallel to Mount Vernon Highway by constructing new fencing per regulations as set forth in section 8.3.10. Of the Development Code.
2. That the development of the site be done substantially per the site plan provided as an integral part of this application for Conditional Use Permit U23-0003.

At its December Public Hearing, the Planning Commission recommended Approval of Conditional Use Permit U23-0003 with staff's recommended conditions.

Mayor Rusty Paul opened the public hearing.

Support

1. Bradley Dunckel, 425 Oak Street, Gainesville, GA

Mayor Rusty Paul closed the public hearing.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, seconded by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow for improvements to an existing place of worship in RE-2 Zoning District at 590 Mount Vernon Hwy with Staff conditions.

Councilmember Reichel asked what are the plans with the fireplace and the structure?

Bradley Duncel, Rochester & Associates Representative, said the structure is an additional multi-use space that will be used during and after any fellowship gathering, for example the Easter Sunrise service. It is an outdoor environment for the church and membership. The wood-burning fireplace is an architectural feature intended for ambiance.

Councilmember Reichel said my concern is there will be a huge stack of firewood on Mount Vernon in public view.

Rochester & Associates Representative Duncel said we are committed to not having this stacked in view of the public roadways.

Councilmember Andy Bauman asked is this considered a front or side yard?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said the church entrance on Glenridge Drive is considered the side street, and Mount Vernon is primary.

Councilmember Bauman said this is a big gathering at the intersection of two major roads. Is it necessary to have any screening or some type of enclosure from an aesthetic and public safety standpoint?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said there is fencing further in for a playground, but fencing or another enclosure is not a requirement at this point. If there is need for additional screening, the plantings could be taller or whatever Council wishes to add.

Councilmember Bauman asked were there plans for any substantive screening?

Rochester & Associates Representative Duncel said no. Part of the purpose was to create an inviting space.

Councilmember Bauman asked is this open to the public?

Rochester & Associates Representative Duncel said no, but someone may inquire about opportunities at that place of worship. The setback is about 40 feet from the right of way on that side and not close for speeding cars that could cause problems.

Councilmember Reichel asked can Council require the entire area be fenced?

Mayor Rusty Paul said the perspective of having this building at the front will not necessarily be this imposing when driving down either road. How big is the structure?

Rochester & Associates Representative Duncel said it is 2,000 square feet. It measures about 40 x 50 feet and is about 12 feet tall.

Mayor Paul said the rendering looks bigger than the church. Perspective, not physical size, is the reason for the concerns. The architect may not have considered how this would look like an imposing structure at the front of the church.

Mark Swain, BCA Studios Project Manager, said the pavilion was designed to invite people into the church and encourage growth. The perspective appears overwhelming, but we are proud of the design.

Councilmember Bauman asked is the chimney 33 feet? I want to make sure this is all one shot to weigh in.

BCA Studios Project Manager Swain said yes. There is a requirement that it must be over the ridge line. It is a Frank Lloyd Wright chimney with a lot of emphasis on it.

Councilmember Reichel asked is the fireplace needed?

BCA Studios Project Manager Swain said that requested from the church. Also, there is storage designed for the firewood.

Councilmember Mular said this is a busy intersection. Was consideration given for trees or shrubbery along the road to allow for more privacy?

Mayor Paul said my suggestion is for the landscaping to be reviewed to see what can be done to soften it.

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

Ordinance No. 2024-01-01

IX. New Business

- A. **2024-014** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Reappointment to the Board of Appeals - Jason Bodwell

Rusty Paul, Mayor presented a recommendation to approve the reappointment of Jason Bodwell to the Board of Appeals.

Jason Bodwell is an accountant who served an uncompleted term on the Board of Appeals. His background includes experience in loan work with various developments and his expertise is beneficial to the board. Please consider him for reappointment to a full-term on the Board of Appeals.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to approve the reappointment of Jason Bodwell to the Board of Appeals. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2024-01-06

- B. **2024-015** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Declare as Surplus Certain Property Owned by the City and Directing Disposal of the Same

Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer, presented a recommendation to declare as surplus certain property owned by the City and directing disposal of the same.

When the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sandy Springs were established, it allowed that the under the supervision of the City Manager, the City Purchasing Agent should arrange and negotiate for the sale or otherwise disposal of all surplus equipment and supplies or real estate of the City or any using agency (Section 2-334. Purchasing Agent). Sandy Springs Purchasing Policy requires all Departments to report all surplus or obsolete goods to the Purchasing Agent; and that they be declared Surplus by Mayor and City Council.

The Surplus consists of goods from the following Departments as listed in Exhibit A:

1. **Fire**
2. **Recreation and Parks**
3. **Fleet**
4. **Police**

Upon review of the goods listed in Exhibit A, staff recommends that they be declared Surplus and for the Purchasing Agent under the supervision of the City Manager to dispose of surplus property in a manner as is determined to be the most advantageous method of disposing the goods, including transfer; donation; recycle; trade-in; and/or sale.

All equipment is used and is sold as is with no warranty expressed or implied. The goods listed for Surplus in Exhibit A represent a limited dollar value for the City.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to declare as surplus certain property owned by the City and directing disposal of the same.

Councilmember Paulson asked are computer monitors on the list? If so, will they be wiped clean?

Chief Financial Officer Carlisle said yes. Our IT Department ensures this happens before they go to auction.

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

Resolution No. 2023-01-07

- C. **2024-016** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Adopt an Update to the Sidewalk Master Plan Network Map for Sandy Springs, Georgia

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to adopt the proposed updates to the Sidewalk Network Master Plan.

The Mayor and Council initiated a Sidewalk Program in April 2006. Since that time, the Council has periodically reviewed its sidewalk policies, and the Council adopted its initial Sidewalk Master Plan Network Map in February 2008. The Mayor and Council reaffirmed the utilization of the Sidewalk Master Plan Network Map for use in evaluating capital Sidewalk Program projects as well as for development-driven sidewalk construction on July 7, 2015. An update to the plan was adopted shortly thereafter on January 5, 2016.

Additional updates were discussed with a Capital Sidewalk Program Update to Mayor and Council on March 15, 2022. Upon review of the proposed additions, staff presented draft recommended additions to

the Sidewalk Master Plan Network Map on September 15, 2023. Staff was directed to perform community outreach and received additional citizen feedback by an established deadline of October 13, 2023. Staff incorporated feedback from citizen responses and presented an updated list at the December 5, 2023 Council Work Session.

These are the current recommended additions to the Sidewalk Master Plan Network that are being presented for adoption.

- **Burdette Road**, between Lake Forrest Drive and Long Island Drive
- **Colewood Way**, between River Valley Road and Bridgewood Valley Road
- **Denmark Drive**, between Roswell Road and Boylston Drive
- **Dunwoody Road**, between Spalding Drive and Dunwoody City Limits
- **Edgewater Drive**, between Riverside Drive and Mountain Brook Way
- **Forest Hills Drive**, between Roswell Road and High Point Road
- **Franklin Road**, between Roswell Road and High Point Road
- **Glen Errol Road**, between Mt. Vernon Highway and Long Island Drive
- **Grogans Ferry Road**, between Roswell Road and Adair Lane
- **Hannover Park**, between Roswell Road and Huntcliff Village Court
- **Heards Creek Drive**, between Old Creek Trail and Heards Ferry Road
- **Hedden Street**, between Roswell Road and Windsor Parkway
- **Hightower Trail**, between Roswell Road and Cherokee Country Club
- **Holcomb Bridge Road**, between Spalding Drive and Chattahoochee River
- **Huntcliff**, between Hightower Trail and Roswell Road
- **Hunters Crossing Drive**, for 750' off of Peachtree Dunwoody Road
- **Jett Ferry Road**, between Spalding Drive and River Circle
- **Londonberry Road**, between Powers Ferry Road and Long Island Drive
- **Long Island Drive NW**, between Burdette Road and Long Island Way
- **Mabry Road**, between Spalding Drive and Glenridge Drive
- **Maryeanna Drive**, between Roswell Road and Lake Forrest Drive
- **Mountain Brook Way**, between Edgewater Drive and Old Creek Trail
- **Mountain Creek Road**, between Carpenter Drive and Cul-de-sac
- **N River Drive**, between Dunwoody Place and Winding River Drive
- **Nesbit Ferry Road**, between Spalding Drive and Winters Chapel Road
- **Northridge Parkway**, between Roswell Road and Dunwoody Place
- **Old Creek Trail**, between Mountain Brook Way and Heards Creek Drive
- **Old Riverside Drive**, between Riverside Drive and Park Entrance
- **Powers Ferry Road**, between Crest Valley Drive and Mt. Paran Road
- **Rebel Trail**, between Powers Ferry Road and Mount Paran Road
- **Springwood Connector**, between Peachtree Dunwoody Road and Dunwoody City Limits
- **Winding River Drive**, between N River Drive and N River Parkway
- **Wright Road**, between Brandon Ridge Drive and Abernathy Road

There is no immediate financial impact to the City; however, inclusion on the Sidewalk Master Plan Network Map is one of the scoring criteria for the Capital Sidewalk Program.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to adopt the proposed updates to the Sidewalk Network Master Plan. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2024-01-08

- D. **2024-017** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Approve the Boylston Hammond Intersection and Streetscape Grant Application to the State Road and Tollway Authority for the 2024 Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank and Make a Commitment of Local Funding Match

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to approve the Boylston Hammond Intersection and Streetscape Grant Application to the State Road and Tollway Authority for the 2024 Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank and make a commitment of local funding match.

The SRTA periodically solicits transportation project applications for a grant and low-interest loan program: the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB). The GTIB program provides grants and loans to highly competitive transportation projects that enhance mobility and drive economic development in local communities in Georgia. The last GTIB project solicitation was in 2023 and awarded the majority of the funding to loan and grant/loan combination projects. The current project solicitation opened on November 1, 2023 and closes on January 25, 2024.

As part of the build out of the City Center, the City has provided funding from the Capital Improvement Program to fund the design and right-of-way phases of the Boylston/Hammond Intersection and Streetscape project. The City is seeking grant and loan funding through the 2024 GTIB grant program for construction funds for the Boylston/Hammond Intersection and Streetscape project to keep the project on schedule.

The Boylston/Hammond Intersection and Streetscape project will realign the intersection of Boylston Drive and Hammond Drive as well as install sidewalk and sidepaths on the west side of Boylston Drive to complete the pedestrian network between Hammond Drive and Hildebrand Drive. The project is expected to enter into construction in Summer 2024.

This project will continue to spur economic development by creating a safer transportation environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. The intersection of Hammond Drive and Boylston Drive/Hammond Glen is not currently aligned, creating both operational delays and safety issues. The proposed sidewalk and side path is part of the City's larger vision to build a walkable, bikeable community. The project has been included in a number of the City's adopted plans, including the Trail Master Plan (2019) and the Transportation Master Plan (2021). Funding for the local match and preliminary engineering and right-of-way has been programmed in the City's Capital Improvement Project T-58.

Originally, 2021 TSPLOST identified \$2.7 million for the construction phase of the project. Staff proposes pursuing this grant and loan to enable the possibility of shifting these funds to cover other TSPLOST funding priorities. GTIB funding is estimated to replace the currently projected TSPLOST funding for the Boylston/Hammond Intersection and Streetscape project.

Staff has prepared a cost estimate for the project of \$5,478,207. The City has programmed \$3,478,207 for the project out of the Capital Improvement Program. To complete the project, staff recommends an application to SRTA for a GTIB grant of \$900,000 and GTIB loan of \$1,100,000, which represents 37 percent of the total cost. The GTIB program requires a local match and gives preference to projects with significant matching funds. As such, staff estimates the local amount of \$3,478,207, which is 63 percent of the total project cost. The interest rate on the 5-year loan is 2.74%. The local match and loan repayment will be provided by the Capital Improvement Program. There is an additional application fee

of \$250.

The City has not previously identified other funding sources to cover anticipated short falls. The City may choose to forego advancing the Boylston/Hammond Intersection and Streetscape loan and grant application at this time and find alternative funding or submit an application for a future grant opportunity. Funding gaps at the time of construction, expected to start in Summer 2024, may potentially delay project construction.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular** seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve the Boylston Hammond Intersection and Streetscape Grant Application to the State Road and Tollway Authority for the 2024 Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank and make a commitment of local funding match.

Councilmember Mular asked how does the loan repayment work?

Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer, said we are currently paying interest only for about thirty-three years, and the principal amount will be paid later.

Councilmember Mular asked was this part of the fiscal year budget?

Chief Financial Officer Carlisle said yes. The amortization schedule identifies how much the City should pay each year and we include this in the budget.

Councilmember John Paulson asked will we know the application status by summer to receive funding when the project begins?

Public Works Director Martin said **Caitlin Shankle, Senior Transportation Planner**, prepared the application and we expect to know by June if the City is approved for the construction loan and grant.

Councilmember Mular asked has the City considered that any work done on this project would not have to be redone with the Hammond corridor?

Public Works Director Martin said yes, especially the portion that is currently funded and active. This is enabling transportation efficiency and operations, only to the west of the phase that is in design to go to construction, to effectively handle the four lanes of traffic, two in each direction, with the Hammond initial phase currently underway.

Councilmember Kelley asked is \$2,700,000 specifically for construction of the project and the whole amount is \$5,478,207?

Public Works Director Martin said this includes right-of-way, engineering, utility relocation, and more. This amount is currently budgeted.

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

Resolution No. 2024-01-09

- E. **2024-018** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Approve the Granting of Underground Easements to Georgia Power Company on City Owned Property Located at 6201 Roswell Road (Tax Parcel # 17-0089-0007-036-5); 260 Mt. Vernon

Highway (Tax Parcel # 17-0089-0007-042-3); and 0 Johnson Ferry Road (Tax Parcel # 17-0089-0007-041-5); in Land Lot 89 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs (TS-191 Johnson Ferry Road/Mt. Vernon Highway at Roswell Road Intersections Improvements Project)

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to approve the granting of Underground Easements to Georgia Power Company on City owned property located at 6201 Roswell Road (Tax Parcel # 17-0089-0007-036-5); 260 Mt. Vernon Highway (Tax Parcel # 17-0089-0007-042-3); and 0 Johnson Ferry Road (Tax Parcel # 17-0089-0007-041-5); in Land Lot 89 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs (TS-191 Johnson Ferry Road/Mt. Vernon Highway at Roswell Road Intersections Improvements Project).

At the March 1, 2022 Mayor and City Council Meeting, Council approved the Georgia Power Company Distribution agreement for phases 1 through 5 associated with the TS-191 Johnson Ferry Road/Mt. Vernon Highway at Roswell Road Intersections Improvements Project.

City Staff has reviewed the request for these easements and has determined that they are required for the undergrounding of the overhead distribution lines as outlined in the scope of the TS-191 Project. These easements are directly related to the construction of the TS-191 Project. Any delay of the acceptance and approval of the granting of these easements could have a negative impact on the commencement of the project and its overall completion date.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, to approve the the granting of Underground Easements to Georgia Power Company on City owned property located at 6201 Roswell Road (Tax Parcel # 17-0089-0007-036-5); 260 Mt. Vernon Highway (Tax Parcel # 17-0089-0007-042-3); and 0 Johnson Ferry Road (Tax Parcel # 17-0089-0007-041-5); in Land Lot 89 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs (TS-191 Johnson Ferry Road/Mt. Vernon Highway at Roswell Road Intersections Improvements Project).

Councilmember Reichel asked will the green structures by Veterans Park be buried?

Public Works Director Martin said they will remain above ground.

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

Resolution No. 2024-01-10

- F. **2024-019** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Accept an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way, Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement on Property Located at 335 Hammond Drive in Land Lot 70 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs (Tax ID# 17-0070- LL-037-2); (T-0058-1 Boylston Drive at Hammond Drive Intersection Improvements/Streetscape Project)

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to approve an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way, Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement on property Located at 335 Hammond Drive in Land Lot 70 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs (Tax ID# 17-0070- LL-037-2); (T-0058-1 Boylston Drive at Hammond Drive Intersection Improvements/Streetscape Project).

The acquisition of 14,948.24 square feet of Fee Simple Right of Way, 552.09 square feet of Permanent Drainage Easement, and 1,701.93 square feet of Temporary Construction Easement on the subject property is necessary in order to construct the T-0058-1 Boylston Drive at Hammond Drive Intersection Improvements/Streetscape Project.

The City's Appraised Fair Market Value offer was \$469,600.00. After negotiations, Staff has reached an amicable settlement in the amount of \$550,400.00 with the property owners. Included in the City's offer was mitigation compensation, also known as a "Cost to Cure", in the amount of \$20,977.00. This is due to the project's negative impact on the ornamental landscaping frontage along the parcel's impacted driveway entrance and roadway frontages. The property owner countered the City's offer while seeking no additional amount (\$0.00) in Cost to Cure compensation. The settlement has been reviewed and deemed reasonable.

Sufficient funds are available in Project T-0058-1 Boylston Drive at Hammond Drive Intersection Improvements/Streetscape Project for this acquisition.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way, Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement on property Located at 335 Hammond Drive in Land Lot 70 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs (Tax ID# 17-0070- LL-037-2); (T-0058-1 Boylston Drive at Hammond Drive Intersection Improvements/Streetscape Project).

Councilmember Mular said the City paid this amount for entire parcels. Is this cost for right of way and not the entire parcel?

Public Works Director Martin said in this case the entire parcel is residential complex, down the driveway and to the back off Hammond Drive. We are acquiring a significant amount of parcel and right of way here.

Councilmember Mular asked is a stream located there?

Public Works Director Martin said yes. This is primarily on the parcel to the northeast the City acquired a few years ago.

Councilmember Jody Reichel asked does Cost to Cure mean the City is giving land back and have to fix it the way it was? Can this property be sold, or the City do anything else after?

Public Works Director Martin said no, especially with the overlay of the permanent drainage easement and more. The \$20,000 for Cost to Cure compensates the property owner for the loss of their ornamental landscaping and inability to replace on their property at new boundaries once the project is constructed.

Councilmember Reichel asked is the City removing some landscaping on the property not purchasing?

Public Works Director Martin said this is the property the City will take control and impact. Both right of way and easements impact the landscaping and we are compensating for removal relocation of landscaping there.

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

Resolution No. 2024-01-11

X. Reports

A. 2024-020 Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Rusty Paul reported the Georgia Legislature is in town and Governor Brian Kemp gave his State of the State address on Thursday. He discussed the state's surplus funding and doubling money in the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) program. If the legislature agrees with his proposal, this will allow the City to significantly increase the amount of road resurfacing in the coming year and increase the quality of our roads and streets. LMIG is a very important part of this. There were many items in the budget, but this was the most visible and will have an immediate impact on the City of Sandy Springs.

Yesterday the City of Sandy Springs hosted the MLK Day event in this room in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This the longest continuous celebrated event for the City. There was a huge turnout with many kids there. It was the first event the City sponsored after inception and it evolved through the years. The City is very proud to operate this event every MLK holiday since then. Thank you to Anna Nikolas and staff for a doing a phenomenal job. In the early days, the City had many speakers tied to the Civil Rights Movement but unfortunately many people are quickly disappearing. About five years ago, the City reconfigured MLK Day for mostly kids and to be a hands-on and educational event to learn about Dr. King and his legacy. If you want to defeat hate in this world today, you must teach them when they are very young. This is an effort by the City of Sandy Springs to reach our kids and I am proud of this important event.

Councilmember Paulson said about a year ago **Keith Sanders, Fire Chief**, talked about pipes bursting in the City due to low temperatures. The same event is happening now but hopefully not as ferocious as last year. Please implement what you did then to prevent pipes from freezing.

Mayor Paul said the City is reaching out to the homeless community to offer a warm shelter at Heritage Sandy Springs. We do not want anyone to suffer from the cold as tonight will be bitter. Please let us know if you are without heat and arrangements at the facility will be made.

Councilmember Andy Bauman said there was nice program on Saturday with both middle and high schools. There were about a couple hundred performers in orchestras, choirs, and dance. There were about seven hundred family members in attendance. **Councilmember Melody Kelley, Councilmember Jody Reichel**, and I were there. It was a nice event and hopefully the word will go out better.

Mayor Paul said I received notice late and I was unable to attend. It was a good event. Also, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra had their education week here in the City of Sandy Springs. One of the goals in this facility was for arts and education and I am glad it is being used for this purpose.

B. 2024-021 Staff Reports

1. November 2023 Unaudited Financials

Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the November 2023 unaudited financials.

The City is at 41.67% of the budget year. Revenues are at 64.66% and expenditures are at 27.64% of the

budget. We are five months into the fiscal year and have received 97.45% in budgeted property taxes. As of this report date, we see expenditures starting to increase in activity ranging from 20 – 70% of the budget but the average of overall expends is 28%. A correction from October report of missing a few expenses has been updated. These records are up-to-date for November 2023 as of January 8, 2024.

XI. Executive Session

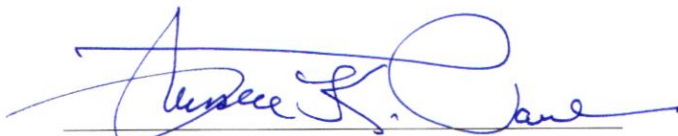
There was no Executive Session.

XII. Adjournment

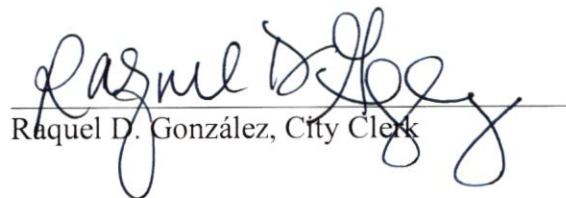
Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Approved: February 6, 2024



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Raquel D. González, City Clerk