

Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on March 19, 2024 Following Work Session, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call and General Announcements

Members Present: Mayor Rusty Paul, Councilmember John Paulson, Councilmember Melody Kelley, Councilmember Melissa Mular (participated remotely via Zoom), Councilmember Jody Reichel, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, Councilmember Andrew Bauman

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rusty Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comment

1. **Richard Wright, 2423 Martin Luther King Drive SW, Atlanta** – Introduction to Sandy Springs

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, 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. **2024-059** March 5, 2024 City Council Work Session Minutes
March 5, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

VII. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VIII. Public Hearing

- A. **2024-060** 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning & Zoning Manager, presented an update on the 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan.

The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan. In 2024, Staff will continue working on the implementation of the South Roswell Road Multiyear Sidewalk Project, specifically the area south of Interstate 285 (Phase III), and other projects as determined, and begin the design for the Hope Road Sidewalk Project. Citizens can offer input on this project at the public hearing, as well as other needs in their community relative to the CDBG Program. The City's 2023 CDBG allocation was \$528,553. The City anticipates receiving notice from HUD regarding the allocation for 2024 by April of this year. Section 108 Loan funds will allow the City to accelerate project construction without significant financial impact.

There being no public comment, **Mayor Rusty Paul** closed the public hearing.

****No action taken for this public hearing item****

IX. New Business

- A. **2024-061** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Appoint Andrew Bauman to the City of Sandy Springs Development Authority

Mayor Rusty Paul, presented a recommendation to appoint Andrew Bauman to the City of Sandy Springs Development Authority.

There is one slot on the Sandy Springs Development Authority for a member of Council where **Councilmember John Paulson** served. At the last meeting, Council approved **Councilmember Paulson** for the board slot on the Fulton County Perimeter Improvement District (PCID) and his resignation creates a vacancy. I am recommending that Council approve **Councilmember Andy Bauman** to the Development Authority Board. His qualifications make him a very able member and it is important a member of Council represents the interests of the City of Sandy Springs.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to appoint Andrew Bauman to the City of Sandy Springs Development Authority.

Councilmember Andy Bauman asked **Dan Lee, City Attorney** for his thoughts on recusal and abstaining from voting.

City Attorney Lee said there is no reason you cannot vote.

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

Resolution No. 2024-03-30

- B. **2024-062** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the City of Sandy Springs' Application to the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Administered Project Certification in Order to Fully Approve the City of Sandy Springs' Procurement Status and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Application on Behalf of the City

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation Resolution to approve the City of Sandy Springs' application to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Administered Project (LAP) Certification in order to fully approve the City of Sandy Springs' procurement status and to authorize the Mayor to execute the application on behalf of the City.

On August 28, 2022 the City submitted its application for re-certification as a Local Public Agency ("LPA") under GDOT's LAP Program in order to administer projects using Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP) funds. On April 18, 2023 the City received CONDITIONAL status from GDOT for Local Administered Projects where the City had previously held FULL LAP approval in prior certification cycles. Many other local governments received the same change in LAP status with this re-certification cycle. On November 29, 2023, the City and other Local Government addressees received the draft Letter of Agreement from GDOT, advising that we could obtain FULL LAP Certification status by completing the letter.

During this LAP re-certification cycle, GDOT announced more stringent policy regarding Engineering and Design Procurement with particular focus on use of the Georgia Department of Transportation Procurement Policy For The Procurement, Management and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services and training of sufficient staff to adequately conduct an engineering procurement per the policy.

In response to these increased requirements, the City updated its Purchasing Policy on August 16, 2022 with Council approving a resolution that the City of Sandy Springs will adopt the Georgia Department of Transportation Procurement Policy for the Procurement, Management and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services.

City staff have also attended and completed GDOT's LAP Training in the interest fulfilling our obligation to maintain adequate staffing to conduct a procurement. We currently have ten full time staff that have attended and passed the GDOT-provided Engineering and Design Procurement Training Course. No direct financial obligations are required with this Letter of Agreement.

The City may choose not approve the LOA with GDOT seeking FULL LAP Certification status and instead remain in CONDITIONAL status. Staff anticipates significant delay in completing engineering and design procurements due to limited availability of GDOT staff to review those procurements.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, to approve the City of Sandy Springs' application to the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Administered Project Certification in order to fully approve the City of Sandy Springs' procurement status and to authorize the Mayor to execute the application on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Kelley asked will this be an annual event?

Public Works Director Martin said it is a three-year certification cycle. The certification the City receives will again apply in another three years. Following successful completion of the course, required staff members also last three years. It is part of maintaining a currency with GDOT policy on different topics pertinent to handling, administering, and delivering projects under federal rules associated with Federal-Aid Highway Program funds.

Mayor Rusty Paul asked has GDOT provided an update on the completion of Mount Vernon Bridge

over I-285?

Public Works Director Martin said we received an update that within a month, maybe April, the bridge will re-open to traffic.

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

Resolution No. 2024-03-31

- C. **2024-063** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Approve and Sign the List of Roadways Approved by Georgia Department of Transportation for Speed Limit Changes

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to approve and sign the list of roadways approved by Georgia Department of Transportation for speed limit changes.

GDOT updates the List of Roadways bi-annually, considering modifications as requested by the City. The State Department of Public Safety is the repository for all the roads in the State that have been approved for radar speed enforcement. After approval by the City Council and the signature of the Mayor, GDOT sends the list to the Department of Public Safety for inclusion on the master radar permit.

The proposed List of Roads (List Number 01-2024-01) approved by GDOT includes speed limit reductions on three roads.

Road Name	From	To	Current Speed Limit	New Speed Limit
Abernathy Road/Perimeter Center West	Peachtree Dunwoody Road	DeKalb County line	45 mph	35 mph
Johnson Ferry Road	Roswell Road	Sandy Springs Circle	35 mph	30 mph
Johnson Ferry Road	Sandy Springs Circle	Abernathy Road	35 mph	30 mph

The following street name changes and corrections have been added or corrected that did not appear on the previous List of Roadways.

1. Central Park West was renamed Central Parkway due to realignment of an intersection.
2. Central Parkway was renamed Central Park Drive, because Central Parkway now continues through former Central Park West to Peachtree Dunwoody Road.
3. The Heards Ferry Road entry was revised to remove Heards Ferry Elementary School which moved to Powers Ferry Road.
4. Heards Road was renamed Raider Drive.
5. The Donellan School on Long Island Drive changed names to Holy Spirit Prep School.
6. Brandon Mill Road was renamed Adair Lane between Grogans Ferry Road and Morgan Falls Road.
7. Colonel Drive was renamed Pride Place.

Georgia DOT will transmit these changes to the Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the changes will become effective when certified by DPS.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to approve and sign the list of roadways approved by Georgia Department of Transportation for speed limit changes.

Councilmember Reichel said when North Springs has their new school, they want to change the names of some nearby roadways going there. Will this go through the City or GDOT?

Kristen Westcott, Public Works Transportation Unit Manager, said Community Development administers this before it returns to Council for approval. They should contact **Ginger Sottile, Director of Community Development**, and staff to initiate the process.

Councilmember Reichel asked will new speed limit signs be put up due to the speed limit changes?

Public Works Transportation Unit Manager Westcott said yes, once this is approved and returns to GDOT.

Councilmember Paulson said the City is reducing the speed limit on Abernathy Road/Perimeter Center West to the DeKalb County line. What happens when you cross that line? My concern is the drop from forty-five miles to thirty-five for a quarter of a mile and then it goes back up to forty-five.

Public Works Director Martin said it is the same speed limit there. We are reducing ours to be consistent with them. Methodology is involved and software model's roadway characteristics to recommend a particular speed. This fixes the challenge there.

Councilmember Melody Kelley said some of the seven corrections seem old.

Public Works Director Martin said they were missed in previous review cycles, particularly the Brandon Mill Road change which has been there a long time.

Councilmember Kelley said the City makes the change and passes the information along. How can I be proactive in seeing what is listed in GDOT's records, for example a particular street name?

Public Works Director Martin said the master list within the packet is our proposed updates from GDOT's database.

Councilmember Kelley asked how would the public see this?

Public Works Transportation Unit Manager Westcott said GDOT maintains a complex roadway characteristics database for all Georgia cities and counties and, that request would need to be submitted to them. Over time the changes may have been relayed but not corrected in the subsequent list. It started when we were putting school zones in GIS and realized a school name change for example was wrong and it prompted a thorough investigation.

Councilmember Kelley said it does not seem to cause any complications.

Public Works Transportation Unit Manager Westcott said this is ultimately used by police for enforcement and is the official roadway list, and is the speed they can use once it returns from the Department of Public Safety. Errors on the list could be an enforcement challenge and the data should be correct.

Councilmember Paulson asked would people residing along these roadways need to change their address?

Public Works Director Martin said no, postal recognizes the street names. It is the master enforcer list that does not.

Mayor Paul said the signs on the street are accurate. The database is what is wrong.

Public Works Director Martin said for instance we go through an annual cycle with the state updating the City's roads in the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) eligible list and it is still challenging to get the data back and forth and have everyone agree that it is the same data. We have the list provided by GDOT and asked they update the database for enforcement purposes.

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

Resolution No. 2024-03-32

- D. **2024-064** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Contract Award to Murphs Surf River Adventures, LLC for Canoe, Kayak, and Paddleboard Operations and Rentals at Morgan Falls Overlook Park and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract

Brent Walker, Director of Recreation and Parks, presented a recommendation to approve a contract award to Murphs Surf River Adventures, LLC for canoe, kayak, and paddleboard operations and rentals at Morgan Falls Overlook Park and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

The City issued RFP 24-034 for Canoe, Kayak, and Paddleboard Operations and Rentals at Overlook Park on December 27, 2023, seeking proposals from experienced, paddle sport facility operators capable of providing well-rounded water sports operations at the Paddle Shack at Morgan Falls Overlook Park. Bid proposals were due on January 31, 2024. City Staff received two (2) proposals:

Murphs Surf River Adventures LLC
Shoot the Hooch LLC

The procurement was conducted using the Performance Price Trade-off process as described in the RFP. This process evaluates the proposal based on three (3) performance criteria: a) Capabilities and Approaches; b) Performance Confidence; and c) Cost/Price proposal. Staff committees evaluated each offeror's proposal to the above criteria. Based on the assessment of the proposals described herein, Staff recommends that the proposal submitted by Murphs Surf River Adventures LLC represented the best value for the City.

The contract includes a yearly rent of \$20,100, paid to the City through monthly installments, plus ten percent (10%) of gross revenues per year.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, to approve a contract award to Murphs Surf River Adventures, LLC for canoe, kayak, and paddleboard operations and rentals at Morgan Falls Overlook Park and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Councilmember Kelley asked are the three criteria equally weighted?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said yes.

Councilmember Andy Bauman asked where is the other location for Murphs Surf River Adventures? What happened with the current vendor?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said the current vendor decided to concentrate on their retail store and did not want to continue the day-to-day operations of the Paddle Shack.

Councilmember Bauman asked was it a business model change for them?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said that is correct. Murphs Surf River Adventures has current agreements with the City of Canton, Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, Cherokee County Recreation and Parks, and the City of Woodstock Parks and Recreation.

Councilmember Bauman said the City is giving them a monopoly and people can bring their own equipment. What role do we have in their pricing review and delivery of service with the new vendor?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said they submitted their pricing as part of the RFP process and we evaluated that as part of the deliverable. Both vendors were within the limits of what we were charging and within the market norm.

Councilmember Bauman asked do they have free reign to adjust the pricing under the agreement or would they need to come before Council?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said there is nothing in the contract that keeps them from changing the pricing. The market dictates this more. If they are overpricing, people will find somewhere else.

Councilmember Bauman said if it is an issue, please let Council know.

Councilmember Kelley asked how much did the City receiving annually from the current provider?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said this information can be provided.

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

Resolution No. 2024-03-33

- E. **2024-065** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Change Order #4 to Amend the Existing Contract for Construction Services with JHC Corporation to Construct the Morgan Falls Connector Trail 2A Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Change Order.

Brent Walker, Director of Recreation and Parks, presented a recommendation to approve Change Order #4 to amend the existing contract for construction services with JHC Corporation to

construct the Morgan Falls Connector Trail 2A Project and to authorize the City Manager to execute the change order.

The City and JHC entered into the Contract for construction services in October 2022, with work commencing in November 2022. The Project will construct a 1.87-mile trail with work occurring in two (2) sections. The Project has encountered several challenges primarily due to the presence of unforeseen, resistant rock during boardwalk pier drilling operations.

As part of the ongoing construction of the Project, the City has asked JHC to provide additional services pursuant to Change Order #4, that are outside of the original scope of work.

Initial phase construction of the 2,933-foot boardwalk over Orkin Lake began to encounter challenges this past July, due to JHC encountering rock in the drilling process. These conditions continue to exist and have slowed the top-down construction of the boardwalk section of the trail.

To help address the issue of the boardwalk drilling depth from the top of the boardwalk to the bottom of the lake, JHC has deployed the use of specialized drilling attachments and equipment to power the excavator positioned at the end of the boardwalk. A strategy to lower the lake through pumps has also enabled JHC to speed the process.

Elements of Change Order #4 include the continued top-down drilling method to complete the boardwalk, continued use of generators and pumps to lower the lake level until a point where the boardwalk is no longer over water, construction of additional parking at the Morgan Falls River Park, and unit pricing for unsuitable soil conditions where a retaining wall is planned. City staff have worked closely with JHC to determine the most cost-effective way to complete the project. This Change Order reflects challenges with drilling in rock for each pier along the remainder of the boardwalk length. If more favorable soil conditions are found as the project continues, the cost for drilling each pier will return to the original contract sum.

The extra contract days associated with the three (3) prior change orders and the current, proposed Change Order # 4, will move the expected conclusion of the Project to December 31, 2024.

Change Order(s) #1 to #3 added \$527,604.38 to the original Contract value of \$7,803,554.65. The total proposed increase for Change Order #4 is \$549,618.05 which includes four (4) deductive change order elements. The revised Contract amount is therefore \$8,880,777.08. Sufficient funding for Change Order #4 is available in the Capital Project Budget.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, to approve Change Order #4 to amend the existing contract for construction services with JHC Corporation to construct the Morgan Falls Connector Trail 2A Project and to authorize the City Manager to execute the change order.

Councilmember Kelley asked is the City still within the budget for this project?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said yes and \$9,000,000 has been allocated.

Councilmember Kelley asked is the December 31st a worst-case scenario for completion of the project?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said yes but it could be earlier.

Councilmember Kelley asked is any part of the trail currently open?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said yes but not officially. There are sections that are in use by many residents in the area.

Councilmember Andy Bauman said there are many obstacles and lessons learnt as we are on the front end of the City's Trails Master Plan. What are the areas of risk in this project? Is there any reasonable expectation on something else coming up?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said nothing is expected. We have covered all bases with the contractor and ensured they have additional equipment if needed to stay within the deadline. We are exploring other options for materials and construction after the piers are built to expedite the timeline. We are comfortable knowing what we know for now.

Councilmember Bauman asked how much is left in contingency funds?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said there is about \$200,000 left in the project budget after this.

Councilmember Bauman said that is how much was allocated. The project budget is now \$8,880,777.08. Are there some contingency funds within this budget?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said the current price is based on the amounts as part of the change order. As we move forward, we do not expect to see the worst-case scenario.

Councilmember Bauman said you have built in some contingency in your expectations.

Mayor Rusty Paul said this project has been a challenge. There were some rock formations that engineering work did not uncover. Is the contractor now making reasonable progress with new technology and equipment drilling through this rock?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said yes. They created a new drill attachment for this project with an air compressor that hammers the rock as it is drilled and prevents materials from falling into the hole of operation. We encountered a lot of weather issues in the past few months and just getting the equipment here.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio asked is this the most difficult portion of the entire Trails Master Plan or will there be this kind of other problem completing the trail?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said from my understanding, we are not putting a boardwalk over the lake again. Whatever condition we find it will be easier to get to and it will not be under water.

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

Resolution No. 2024-03-34

- F. **2024-066** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Accept the Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time Grant from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Recreation and Parks Association and to

Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Recreation and Park Association, Inc. to Accomplish this Purpose

Jane Jarrett, Program Coordinator, Recreation and Parks, presented a recommendation to accept the Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time Grant from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Georgia Recreation and Parks Association and to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Georgia Recreation and Park Association, Inc. to accomplish this purpose.

GRPA recently announced the opportunity for local agencies to apply for the Summer BOOST Grant, a competitive, reimbursable grant program to allow agencies to expand access to and improve the quality of summer enrichment opportunities for K-12 youth. The City of Sandy Springs ("City") was eligible to apply for funds to expand the Recreation and Park's existing Explorer Summer Camp Series, a 5-week camp held from June to July 2024 at Ison Springs Elementary School. These camps offer children ages 8 through 12 the opportunity to attend a Monday through Friday camp featuring various onsite and offsite activities, including kayaking, the Chattahoochee Nature Center, Bricks4Kids, Young Chef Academy, Georgia Aquarium, Little Medical School, and the Football Hall of Fame.

In March 2024, the City was selected for the BOOST grant from the GRPA. The awarded amount of \$12,500 will allow the City to continue providing affordable camp opportunities in the area and reducing barriers to participation. These funds will be directly applied to onsite and offsite field trips to 60 registered campers. These activities provide additional learning opportunities for the campers and the ability to explore new environments with their peers.

The Summer Camp has budgeted the funds to provide field trips in FY2024. This is a reimbursable grant for the amount of \$12,500.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to accept the Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time Grant from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Georgia Recreation and Parks Association and to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Georgia Recreation and Park Association, Inc. to accomplish this purpose.

Councilmember Reichel congratulated **Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Jarrett** for being recognized in People Magazine for her efforts at the Super Star Prom which celebrates people with disabilities. Thank you for the amazing work you.

Mayor Rusty Paul said that was a great article for the City of Sandy Springs.

Councilmember DeJulio asked for an overview of what the City does for the children.

Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Jarrett said with this grant we are encouraging more education to occur during the out of school time. During summer a lot of learning is lost, and we will continue the education with these grant funds through the summer. We will also go on field trips and have onsite facilitators. That is the agreement we have with Georgia Recreation and Parks Association.

Councilmember Melody Kelley asked did the City request \$12, 500?

Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Jarrett said yes.

Councilmember Kelley asked is it easy to locate how much other cities are receiving?

Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Jarrett said this information was not released in the information provided to me.

Councilmember Andy Bauman asked was there a waiting list for the Super Star Prom event?

Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Jarrett said yes.

Councilmember Bauman said hopefully we can accommodate more next year. Do you expect this program to also sell out? Can more than sixty be accommodated but for the money?

Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Jarrett said one constraint in summer camp is facility space.

Councilmember Bauman asked are you going to many different facilities in this case?

Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Jarrett said yes but we have one central hub to operate out of. This year it will be Heritage Sandy Springs.

Councilmember Bauman asked is sixty the maximum that can be physically accommodated?

Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Jarrett said yes.

Councilmember Bauman said Council can approve paying for more kids to be served. If the demand were greater than the capacity, let us take the opportunity to fill the demand because this is a great program.

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

Resolution No. 2024-03-35

Mayor Paul asked **Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Jarrett** to provide background information about the Dino Egg Hunt.

Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Jarrett said this past weekend was Dino Egg Hunt for families with children with disabilities. There was a fossil dig and dinosaur eggs were custom stuffed with collectable dinosaurs, candy, and toys. We also had our famous blue dinosaur guest and people got to interact. It was a hit and there were about one hundred seventy people there for a full paleontologist event. Next, in May there will be the Mother-Son Dance in City Hall, and National Kids to Parks Day will be in Hammond Park.

Mayor Paul thanked **Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Jarrett** for all her efforts with the City of Sandy Springs.

X. Reports

A. 2024-067 Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Paul reported in the last couple weeks, the City of Sandy Springs has become the City of champions. Three teams based here were in the basketball state championship. Riverwood International Charter School and the Mount Vernon School won, and Holy Innocents' Episcopal School was a few points short from winning but we are very proud of them. Also, many children in the City attend Marist School and their basketball and swim team won the state championship. The City will hold its version of the championship parade and ceremony this Thursday on the City Green at 2:00 p.m. to recognize these champions who worked hard and brought a tremendous of positive attention and beautifully represented the City. We are working with the schools on their schedule and hopefully everyone will come out. No city in Georgia had this kind of showing in state championships of any type and we are proud of these young men and women for their role in becoming champions and making the City of Sandy Springs a City of champions.

Saint Patrick's Day was Sunday but the City has extended it for the whole week and it will conclude this coming Saturday on the City Green with an Irish festival. The Consul General of Ireland and many Hibernians will be there, and I will be singing the national anthem. Everyone is Irish on Saint Patrick's Day. Please come out and enjoy this exciting time.

Councilmember John Paulson said Morgan Falls Park opening day was Saturday. A professional pitcher threw the first pitch and over one thousand children participated.

Councilmember Bauman said the pitcher threw two first pitches and it was a great opening. If you want to see what the City of Sandy Spring looks like, come to Morgan Falls Park.

Mayor Paul thanked the Parks and Recreation facility for their efforts. You have taken the resources the City provides and done a phenomenal job. Everyone is raving about the quality of the fields, and it is different than eight to ten years ago. It was a great participation, and we are delighted. Also thank you to the Parks and Recreation facility for their efforts with Sandy Springs Youth Sports as they provide the labor, volunteers, coaches, and more. They do a phenomenal job.

Councilmember Melody Kelley said the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber of Commerce Lunch was yesterday and I enjoyed the event. Dr. Kathy Schwaig, President of Kennesaw State University, spoke during the event and I appreciated her perspective. Also, congratulations to Dr. Clarissa Sparks, Brand Strategist and Entrepreneur, for being recognized by the Chamber as the 2024 Woman of Distinction.

Last week I attended the American Grand Friendship Society Banquet led by Sunny Park, Sandy Springs Development Authority board member. This happens annually and I enjoy honoring different members of our society.

Mayor Paul said there is a record of attendance for the American Korean Association of over four hundred people, including many dignitaries. It was a great event.

B. 2024-068 Staff Reports

1. January 2024 Unaudited Financials

Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the January 2024 unaudited financials.

The City is at 58.33% of the budget year. Revenues are at 77.12% and expenditures are at 37.95% of the

budget. We are seven months into the fiscal year and revenue items are trending as expected in the various categories reaching or near 100% of budget. We are now in the business license renewal season and expect Business-Occupational revenues to increase in March and April timeframe. As of this report date, departmental expenditures are trending between 24% and 62%. Departments are managing budgets as expected.

Councilmember Andy Bauman asked what is the status of the City's interest on investment income?

Chief Financial Officer Carlisle said as of this report, \$3,000,000 was budgeted for interest and we are at \$4,881,000.

Councilmember Jody Reichel asked when will the know all property taxes have been received?

Chief Financial Officer Carlisle said currently we are receiving about \$20,000 to \$30,000 in late payments but we will continuously receive property tax payments throughout the year. In October we received a reconciliation listing amounts that have not been paid and property taxes are ongoing.

Mayor Paul said Fulton County's system was down for about three weeks and they were not able to accept property tax payments until this week. Will this impact collections and transmission of those taxes to the City of Sandy Springs due to this?

Chief Financial Officer Carlisle said there was some delay but the City has been receiving property taxes. The bulk of taxes come in November, and we are currently receiving late payments. We missed two weeks of payments, but they have been continuing since the hacking.

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 litigation and real estate discussion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Passed Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0

Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Jody Reichel, Tibby DeJulio, Andrew Bauman

Nays: None

The Executive Session began at 7:02 p.m.

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

****Councilmember Melissa Mular** left Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. prior to adjournment.

Passed Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Jody Reichel, Tibby DeJulio, Andrew Bauman

Nays: None

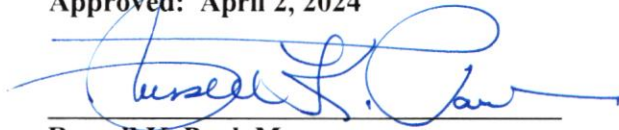
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XII. Adjournment

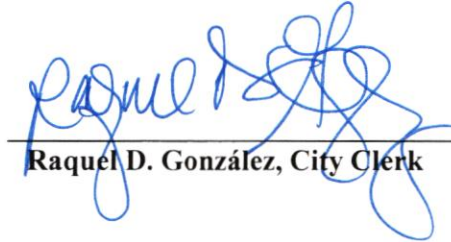
Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved: April 2, 2024

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Russell K. Paul, Mayor

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Raquel D. González, City Clerk