

Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on May 7, 2024 Following Work Session, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:49 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

1. **Jamie Mayo, 2423 Martin Luther King Drive SW, Atlanta** - Richard N Wright for Senate District 38
2. **Lori Altman, 7900 Innsbruck Drive, Sandy Springs** – Food Forest

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 Melissa Mular**, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A. **2024-100** Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2024 City Council Work Session
April 16, 2024 City Council Meeting
- B. **2024-101** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of the Dedication of Right of Way and Permanent Easement on Property Located at 5666 Long Island Drive in Land Lot 122 of the 17th District, Fulton County, City of Sandy Springs, Georgia (Tax ID# 17- 0122-0002-039-3)

Resolution No. 2024-05-54

- C. **2024-102** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of the Dedication of Permanent Easement for Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance of Slopes on Property Located at 146 Stewart Drive in Land Lot 91 of the 17th District, Fulton County, City of Sandy Springs, Georgia (Tax ID# 17-0092-0003-018-2).

Resolution No. 2024-05-55

VII. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VIII. Public Hearing

- A. **2024-103** ABL No. 106259
Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for-The Mey Restaurant Group DBA/ Colonial Kitchen

Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer, presented a recommendation to approve the application for New Ownership - Consumption on the premises Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits, for The Mey Restaurant Group, LLC DBA/ Colonial Kitchen and Bar.

This is a New Alcohol License for Consumption on the premises Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits. The business is located at -5600 Roswell Road, Suite A-110, Sandy Springs GA 30342 and the applicant is Sokkim Mey. Staff has reviewed this application and recommends approval.

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

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, seconded by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, to approve the application for New Ownership - Consumption on the premises Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits, for The Mey Restaurant Group, LLC DBA/ Colonial Kitchen and Bar. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- B. **2024-104** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning & Zoning Manager, presented a recommendation to adopt the 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan.

The CDBG Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and 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 and any other needs in their community that are 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 later 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.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to adopt the 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2024-05-56

- C. **2024-105** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the 2024 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning & Zoning Manager, presented a recommendation to approve the 2024 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update.

The Annual Financial Report has been adjusted to reflect the 2023-2024 beginning balances, impact fees collected, and accrued interest for each public facility type. The Work Program was updated to show changes in estimated costs of specific public safety and road improvement projects and to include sub-projects of intersection improvements, as listed in the Community Work Program chapter of the CIE adopted October 18, 2016.

All local governments that utilize an impact fee system under the Georgia Development Impact Fee Act must include a Capital Improvements Element (CIE) in their comprehensive plans and update the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) portion of their plan annually. The City of Sandy Springs is required to approve an annual update to a Capital Improvements Element and Short Term Work Program by June 30, 2024.

The CIE Annual Update was prepared in accordance with the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements, and on April 2, 2024 the Mayor and City Council approved a resolution to transmit a draft for regional review. On April 24, 2024, our staff was notified by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) approved the FY2024 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) Annual Update with the finding that all applicable requirements were adequately addressed. The next step is for Sandy Springs to adopt the 2024 CIE Annual Update.

The Capital Improvements Element is a required component of the City's Impact Fee program and must be adopted and submitted to DCA to maintain the City's compliance and ability to collect and utilize impact fees. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs requires that the Mayor and City Council authorize the adoption of the final Capital Improvements Element (CIE) Annual Update by June 30, 2024.

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

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve the 2024 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2024-05-57

- D. **2024-106** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Metropolitan River Protection Act Certificate for River Corridor Review RC-23-04SS for Property Located at 6270 River Overlook Drive

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning & Zoning Manager, presented a recommendation to approve a Metropolitan River Protection Act Certificate for River Corridor Review RC-23-04SS for property located at 6270 River Overlook Drive.

Properties within 2,000 feet of the Chattahoochee River are subject to the Chattahoochee River Corridor Protection Act. The regulations call for review and approval by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), public hearing and approval by the local governing authority, and issuance of a Metro River Certificate. The review focuses on whether the project is consistent with the Chattahoochee Corridor Plan, which limits clearing and impervious surface within the corridor.

The property owner proposes the construction of a covered porch and extend master bedroom. The site is located in Vulnerability Category "C" with a proposed impervious area of 9,080 square feet, Category "D" with a proposed impervious area of 2,145 square feet, and Category "E" with a proposed impervious area of 329 square feet.

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

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, seconded by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, to approve a Metropolitan River Protection Act Certificate for River Corridor Review RC-23-04SS for property located at 6270 River Overlook Drive. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2024-05-58

IX. New Business

- A. **2024-107** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution of Reappointment to the City of Sandy Springs Planning Commission - Reed Haggard

Mayor Rusty Paul presented a recommendation to approve the reappointment of Reed Haggard to the City of Sandy Springs Planning Commission.

There is an open position on the Planning Commission and Reed Haggard has been serving in that position. He has been the head of the Riverside Homeowner's Association for several years and is very active in the community. Council should consider reappointing him to the Planning Commission.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to approve the reappointment of Reed Haggard to the City of Sandy Springs Planning

Commission. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2024-05-59

- B. **2024-108** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Approve Six Contract Awards for On-Call Materials Sampling Testing Services for the City of Sandy Springs and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Contracts

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to approve six contract awards for On-Call Materials Sampling Testing Services for the City of Sandy Springs and to authorize the City Manager to execute all contracts.

The City issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") 24-047 for On-Call Materials Sampling Testing Services on January 31, 2024. Purchasing conducted a non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting online on February 8, 2024, and the procurement process closed on March 5, 2024. The City received proposals from seven (7) firms.

The City is seeking Services to perform:

- Site investigation and inspection such as asphalt pavement inspection and concrete inspection
- Sampling of cast concrete cylindrical specimens and testing for concrete compressive strength per ASTM Standards
- Drilling
- Sampling of soil and rock
- Geotechnical laboratory testing
- Evaluation of site materials
- Subgrade and drainage design
- Stability, settlement and foundation design
- Construction-related geotechnical services
- Installation and reading of geotechnical instrumentation
- General consultation
- Traffic control as necessary during site investigation and testing
- Determination of construction and cost effectiveness
- Documentation of test data and observations through daily reports. Daily reports should describe the activities performed at the time the services are performed and should be submitted to the City on a regular basis.

The purpose of the proposed six (6) contract awards is to have several pre-approved consultants contracted to provide the Services to the City, thus eliminating the need to go through the proposal process for each new project. This will accelerate project delivery. It is intended to award a contract to each of the six (6) firms for an initial one (1) year period, with up to four (4) optional renewal years. Each of the firms has provided a fee proposal with personnel rates by billing category as stated in each of the six (6) contracts.

Proposals were reviewed by the City's Purchasing Office for administrative and qualifications compliance, as well as by an Evaluation Committee consisting of the following five (5) members:

- Marty Martin, Public Works Director

- Allen Johnson, TSPLOST Program Manager
- Wesley Waters, Capital Unit Program Manager
- Christine Shultz, TSPLOST Project Manager
- Ko Seo, Capital Unit Project Manager

The Evaluation Committee evaluated the Proposals with the following criteria:

- Project Team Experience and Qualifications – 40%
- Project Team Resources and Workload Capacity – 40%
- Technical Approach – 10%
- Past Performances/Reference – 10%

Based on anticipated future project needs, the Evaluation Committee recommends that the City award contracts to the six (6) highest scoring firms.

Firm	Total Score (out of 100)
NOVA Engineering and Environmental, LLC	88.4
United Consulting Group, LTD.	88.4
ECS Southeast, LLP	86.8
WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.	86.4
S&ME, Inc.	85.4
Goodwyn Mills and Cawood, LLC	84.4
UES Professional Solutions 18, LLC	80

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to approve six contract awards for On-Call Materials Sampling Testing Services for the City of Sandy Springs and to authorize the City Manager to execute all contracts.

Councilmember Paulson asked how many of these firms have worked for the City in the past?

Public Works Director Martin said the City has extensive experience with all in some capacity.

Councilmember Jody Reichel asked how many samples does the City do in a year?

Public Works Director Martin said with the On-Call Materials Sampling Testing Services, it depends on the work of the construction contract. For instance, for X amount of concrete installed in the project, concrete cylinders are pulled to get strength test and more. There may be a retaining wall inspected and built and may have additional tests in support of construction of that wall to check the suitability of the earth underneath. It is a variety of testing they can perform for the City in support of the elements of construction that the City is delivering at any particular time.

Councilmember Reichel asked does the City pay as needed?

Public Works Director Martin said the consultants are usually provided the plans for each project. The City receives quotes based on the amount of concrete that will be installed as part of the bid schedule that goes with the project, and agrees on that scope and pricing that is provided.

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

Resolution No. 2024-05-60

- C. **2024-109** Request for Mayor and City Council to Approve a Contract Award to Vertical Earth, Inc. to Construct the High Point Road Pedestrian Crosswalk Project, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to approve a contract award to Vertical Earth, Inc. to construct the High Point Road Pedestrian Crosswalk Project, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

The City of Sandy Springs (the “City”) plans to construct approximately 60 LF of sidewalk on the west side of High Point Road. The Project will include ADA ramps, rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) on both sides of the road, a marked crosswalk, a passive video detection system, signage, lighting, and associated improvements.

On February 21, 2024 the City issued an Invitation to Bid (“ITB”) No. 24-053 seeking bids from qualified contractors to perform construction services for the Project. Purchasing conducted a non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting on March 1, 2024. The following four (4) responses were received by the March 22, 2024 deadline:

Bidder	Bid
Projected Estimate for the Project	\$180,000.00
Vertical Earth, Inc.	\$186,620.38
NGT Group LLC	\$199,471.65
Construction 57, Inc.	\$222,900.00
Ohmshiv Construction, LLC	\$313,106.00

Upon review of the responses, Staff recommends that award be made to the lowest, most responsible, and responsive bid from Vertical Earth, Inc. in the amount of \$186,620.38.

The Engineer’s Final Cost Estimate from October 2023 was \$177,120.00. There are adequate funds available in the T2305 project budget to award this contract.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, seconded by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, to approve a contract award to Vertical Earth, Inc. to construct the High Point Road Pedestrian Crosswalk Project, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Councilmember DeJulio said this has been a long project that the High Point area residents have looked for. Thank you for getting this project done.

Public Works Director Martin said staff has had good communication with the neighborhood as we met the requirements for a successful project.

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

Resolution No. 2024-05-61

- D. **2024-110** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Approve Contract Award to Vertical Earth, Inc. for Construction Services for the Powers Ferry Road Sidewalk Project (S2177), and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to approve contract award to Vertical Earth, Inc. for construction services for the Powers Ferry Road Sidewalk Project (S2177), and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

The City of Sandy Springs (the “City”) plans to construct approximately 326 LF of sidewalk along Powers Ferry Road. The Project will include a midblock rectangular rapid flashing beacon (“RRFB”) crossing, a small gap fill section of sidewalk by the driveway of 6190 Powers Ferry Road and associated improvements.

On January 3, 2024, the City issued an Invitation to Bid (“ITB”) seeking bids from responsible and responsive contractors to provide the necessary machinery, tools, apparatus, other means of construction, and all materials and labor for the Project. The City hosted a non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting on January 17, 2024. Questions were due on January 29, 2024. The following nine (9) bids were received by the February 12, 2024, deadline:

Bidder	Bid	Note
N.S.E.W Inc.	\$144,231.00	1
Ryde Grading Inc.	\$162,783.00	2
Vertical Earth, Inc.	\$187,916.97	
Zaveri Enterprises, Inc.	\$190,318.00	
R&B Developer, Inc.	\$190,763.15	
Blount Construction Company, Inc.	\$196,687.84	
Hasbun Construction, LLC	\$206,826.45	
Backbone Infrastructure, LLC	\$208,927.00	
D A F Concrete, Inc.	\$246,281.50	

1. Not GDOT qualified at time of bid
2. Not a responsible bidder upon review of similar project

Upon review of the bids, City Staff recommends that award be made to the lowest, most responsible, and responsive Bid from Vertical Earth, Inc., in the amount of \$187,916.97.

The Engineer’s Final Cost Estimate from November 2023 was \$179,551.00. There are adequate funds available in the TSPLOST 2021 Sidewalk Program for the Project.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, seconded by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, to approve contract award to Vertical Earth, Inc. for construction services for the Powers Ferry Road Sidewalk Project (S2177), and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Councilmember Bauman said this is a great project and I have heard from many people for years who wanted to safely get across and down to the river. Regarding the two bidders that were ruled out, the first Ryde Grading, made the case for not including references. Were they GDOT preapproved?

Public Works Director Martin said they had a GDOT Prime Prequalification, however their performance based on reference checks did not measure up.

Councilmember Bauman said this leads me to N.S.E.W. But for the fact they were not GDOT Prime Preapproved, would they have been?

Public Works Director Martin said when they did not pass that we moved on to considering the next bidder. They had to be consistent in the prerequisite to be GDOT Prime Prequalified.

Councilmember Bauman said I do not recall this situation happening. This calls to question what it means to be GDOT Prime preapproved and the standard. Does the City notify N.S.E.W. they were not picked and recommend they get Prime Prequalified, because they were a low bidder but were not reviewed?

Public Works Director Martin said in nearly all cases, within the invitation to bid and in boldface, the GDOT Prime Prequalification is announced. This was established as a bidding standard years ago.

Councilmember Bauman said the results are not public record but we do not know what would have happened in that case. I cannot draw any conclusions but I can question the preapproval requirement, the standard, and what is required to maintain and continue that standard. I appreciate that alone is not the answer and you have other qualifying factors with references being one of the most significant. When the City does not accept a low bid, that creates higher scrutiny for this body and will raise questions.

Public Works Director Martin said in the past years we have disqualified low bidders for not meeting the GDOT Prime prequalification.

Councilmember Bauman said here we have a GDOT Prime Preapproved bidder that is being rejected for other reasons. If there is a standard that goes with GDOT Prime Preapproval, I wonder what will go into their future review with other places and whether there is a notification that goes to GDOT. I do not want other jurisdictions having to deal with that. This is a red flag in this case.

Mayor Paul said when the City first started, GDOT pre-qualifications was not a factor and we were burnt. The City looked for ways to assess the qualifications of professional contractors to work and deliver what the plan said. We found the GDOT prequalification requirement to be a reliable standard on the professionalism and capabilities of the contractor.

Public Works Director Martin said that also indicated many of our transportation construction contracts are underpinned by GDOT's standards and specifications. At least with the knowledge of that process and the contractors' efforts to go through that process and become qualified, it gave us a more reasonable assurance that they had the understanding of GDOT's standards and specifications.

Mayor Paul said the reason the City accepted it at that time is because it would have required our staff to do the prequalification. This was a simple check the box and GDOT has already certified this contractor is capable and we do not have to do anything further.

Councilmember Bauman said I am not questioning that. We have not often had a contractor that meets the GDOT Prime Preapproval and fail on other bases. That is what I am highlighting here. The City has evolved but that is not the be all end all situation because we have ended up without the further review. For this I appreciate and I understand what **Mayor Paul** said.

Public Works Director Martin said we had other contractors that passed the GDOT Prime Prequalification in past years and then subsequently the City was unable to deliver that construction project.

Councilmember Bauman said it is a threshold factor and not a decisive factor.

Mayor Paul said it is not an infallible method.

Councilmember Jody Reichel said the information says N.S.E.W Inc. was not qualified at the time of bid. Are they qualified now?

Public Works Director Martin said I do not believe so. The pertinent issue is when the City draws the line.

Councilmember Melissa Mular said it is fantastic the City has due diligence in order with follow-up on reference checks. When the City finds this situation, do we return to GDOT and let them know we found the contractor is not performing, or do we let that go?

Public Works Director Martin said more so we let it go. Not to conflate a reference check we performed on a particular project with a particular set of skills in mind and our local needs with the standards GDOT applies for Prime Prequalification. They may be qualified for other work.

Councilmember John Paulson said I do not recall the City having nine bidders for a project that was under \$200,000. Is this an indicator of what will be going forward in terms of competition?

Public Works Director Martin said this is good news and we are seeing a more robust bidder participation especially in the sidewalk projects. It is encouraging to see this.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio asked does the bidder have to be GDOT qualified for GDOT to financially contribute to some of our projects?

Public Works Director Martin said there is a separate bonding task that the City also pursues as part of contractor work, separate and distinct from the GDOT Prime Prequalification status.

Councilmember DeJulio asked will GDOT provide matching or cooperative money if the bidder is not GDOT Prime prequalified?

Public Works Director Martin said this is all T-SPLOST funded. There is a construction agreement with GDOT that requires to do that.

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

Resolution No. 2024-05-62

- E. **2024-111** Request for Mayor and City Council to Approve a ‘Settlement and Release of Claims’ Agreement by and between the City of Sandy Springs and Registry Glen Community Association, Inc. for the Replacement and Improvement of Community Owned Property as it Relates to the Mount Vernon Highway Corridor Improvement Project

and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement

Dan Lee, City Attorney, presented a recommendation to approve a 'Settlement and Release of Claims' Agreement by and between the City of Sandy Springs and Registry Glen Community Association, Inc. for the replacement and improvement of community owned property as it relates to the Mount Vernon Highway Corridor Improvement Project and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

This property is part of the Mount Vernon Highway Intersection Improvement Project/TS-192. It is in Land Lots 35 and 36 of the 17th District of Fulton County, Georgia, within the City of Sandy Springs. The property is located along the southeastern side of Mount Vernon Highway and the eastern side of Glenridge Drive, on an 8.915-acre lot, consisting of approximately thirty-nine (39) single family homes.

The HOA maintains common areas of the Registry Glen subdivision. As a result of the City's road project, TS-192, the common area within the subject property will be negatively impacted, including the removal of landscaping.

In order to remedy the negative impact of the City's road project on the HOA's common areas, as well as any unforeseen losses resulting from construction, the City and the HOA wish to enter into the attached Settlement and Release of Claims agreement (the "Agreement") insuring the HOA's common area(s) will be restored to their original capacities upon completion of the Project.

The City and the HOA have negotiated an amicable settlement of damages in an amount of \$99,900.00. There are sufficient funds within the TS-192 Project budget.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve a 'Settlement and Release of Claims' Agreement by and between the City of Sandy Springs and Registry Glen Community Association, Inc. for the replacement and improvement of community owned property as it relates to the Mount Vernon Highway Corridor Improvement Project and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2024-05-63

X. Reports

A. 2024-112 Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Paul said today was day forty after the end of the Georgia legislative session, and the last day for the governor to sign or veto bills. Generally vetoes are highlights on the last day. He signed the budget today which provides funding for many things in the future. One bill he signed allows for local governments to file claims against promoters and organizers of unpermitted events. For example, party houses or other groups that are unpermitted and cause overtime for Police and Fire, or damage, then the City can file claims to recoup those costs. A surprise was a veto on legislation that raised the state homestead exemption from \$2000 to \$4000. The legislative is officially over and there are many laws to go over for the impact on Sandy Springs.

The Sandy Springs Interfaith Clergy Association (SSICA) was hosted in City Springs and there was a great turn out. I try to meet with SSICA once a year and this year they decided to come here. There were about thirty of our clergy members there. It was a great discussion and I shared some of the City's

challenges including suicides, and drug abuse, and how they may be able to help deal with some societal concerns.

The Georgia chapter of OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates held its annual awards gala May 4 in the Studio Theatre at City Springs. There was situation involving an arrest but thank you to our first responders for their professionalism in handling this.

Concert season started and Concert by the Springs was Sunday. It was a good turnout and every one had a good time. There was also the Friday evening concert before this and Sundown Social starts this Thursday night. The musical Legally Blonde is also running in City Springs and it is a cute and energetic performance.

Councilmember Andy Bauman said the Sandy Springs Farmers Market opened to a massive crowd, and the new lawn is being used extensively. Also it was great to hear the discussion on Agenda Item D under New Business regarding the sidewalk project. Finally, since the last meeting we lost a member of the community, Jim Comerford. He was my friend and a mentor for thirty-five years. I knew him since 1988 from law school and we worked together for a few years but I found him in Sandy Springs. He was innovative, business-oriented, a lawyer, the recent head of the Huntcliff HOA, and above all a devoted family-man and community member.

Mayor Paul said he was a member of the first Economic Development Council the City had.

Councilmember John Paulson said I attended the service and the church was packed with people from all over the state. He was a presidential campaign button collector and had an entire wall behind his desk.

Councilmember Bauman said there were also buttons in a book I borrowed from him. He had a relationship with Dr. Larry Sabato at the University of Virginia (UVA) and that collection may go there.

Councilmember Melody Kelley said Jim Comerford gave me two books on Barbara Jordan, an American lawyer, educator, and politician. It is a significant loss. My condolences.

B. 2024-113 Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

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 real estate and litigation 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 7:39 p.m.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, to adjourn the executive session and return to regular order. 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

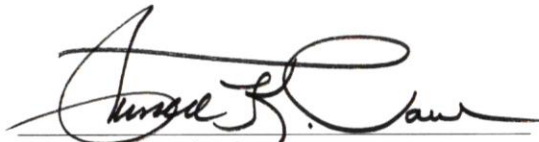
The Executive Session ended at 8:27 p.m.

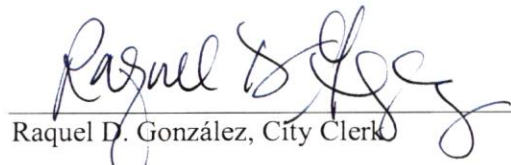
XII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Approved: May 21, 2024



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Raquel D. González, City Clerk