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Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on December 3, 2024 Following Work Session, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:20 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. **Kimberly Oliver, 6485 Williamson Drive, Sandy Springs - U-24-3**
2. **John Snodgrass, 599 Carriage Dr, Sandy Springs - Mt. Vernon School Athletic Field Lights**
3. **Mary Ellen Snodgrass, 599 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs - Mt. Vernon School Athletic Lights**
4. **Vladimir Shklovsky, 4530 Jolyn Pl, Sandy Springs - Milton Appeal, and Crashes to the Side of the Road**
5. **Bill Griffith, 9580 Roberts Drive, Sandy Springs - Roberts Drive Sidepath Proposal**
6. **Kimberlee Dubovsky, 6450 Vernon Woods Dr, Sandy Springs - Zoning of Lights at MVP**

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. **2024-300** Meeting Minutes
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VII. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VIII. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings.

IX. New Business

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- A. **2024-301** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Contract Award to BCC Engineering, LLC d/b/a Heath & Lineback to Design the Riverside Drive Bridge Over the Chattahoochee River Tributary Bridge Replacement 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 BCC Engineering, LLC d/b/a Heath & Lineback to design the Riverside Drive Bridge Over the Chattahoochee River Tributary Bridge Replacement Project and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

The City of Sandy Springs (the “City”) plans to replace the current bridge on Riverside Drive which traverses a tributary of the Chattahoochee River. There is a weight restriction on the current bridge, and there are no facilities for bicycles or pedestrians. The existing stream channel alignment is also affected by the roadway embankment and the current infrastructure has substandard railings. The bridge is located between 6540 Riverside Drive and 6545 Riverside Drive.

On August 21, 2024, the City issued a RFP No. 25-008 seeking proposals from qualified consultants to perform engineering design services for the Project. A pre-proposal meeting was held on September 4, 2024. Four (4) proposals were received prior to the September 23, 2024 deadline. One (1) of the proposals was determined to be non-responsive and was not considered in the scoring process. Out of the remaining three (3) vendors, BCC Engineering was the consultant who scored the highest on the criteria assessed by the evaluation committee.

Proposals were evaluated by a committee of three (3) staff members (the “Evaluation Committee”)

- Katelyn Stallings, TSPLOST Project Manager
- Allen Johnson, TSPLOST Program Manager
- Wesley Waters, CIP Unit Manager

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	POINTS
Project Manager and Key Team Leaders proposed to manage this Project	The credentials and experience of the person(s) assigned to our relationship and management team. Provide professional qualifications and description of experience for principal Project staff. The Project Manager’s resume must be included. (At this stage, firms are being asked for information on lead staff only, but may list qualifications and experience on more than one lead individual who are being proposed for services to the City.	20
Prime Consultant Experience	Provide information on the firm’s experience with clients of similar type, size, function, and complexity. Describe no more than five (5) projects, in order of most relevant to least relevant, which demonstrate the firm’s capabilities to perform services for the City. For each account, the following information should be provided: A. Client name, locations and dates during which services were performed. B. Clear description of overall project and services performed by your firm. C. Description of QA/QC program for projects for projects referenced	20

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Resources	Identify and discuss the primary office that will be responsible for handling the specific project and the number and types of staff within the office, as well as how this office could benefit the Project and promote efficiency. Narrative on Additional Resource Areas and Ability – Respondents are allowed one page to provide information regarding additional resource areas identified as important to the Project, to discuss how the key areas will integrate and work together on the Project, and to discuss any information that is pertinent to these areas. Respondents may discuss the advantages of the team and the abilities of the team members which will enable the Project to meet the proposed schedule.	20
Technical Approach/Schedule	Consultants are required to describe the procedures and methods that the firm will to use to achieve success in the Project. Describe your firm's general design understanding with respect to, all aspects of sidewalk design as well as, but not limited to storm water design, retaining wall, design to include foundation investigation, utility adjustments, and specialized expertise as needed. Consideration will also need to be given for base data coordination, utility coordination, and landscape architecture. Include a schedule for timely completion of the Scope of Work. Information should be provided on the amount of time for each task.	30
Fee Schedule	A Fee Proposal shall demonstrate competitive and innovative pricing sheet that incorporates all direct and indirect cost associated with the project. The Fee Proposal shall be provided in Bonfire.	10
Total Points		100

The Evaluation Committee reached the following consensus result:

Offeror	Consensus Score	Ranking
BCC Engineering, LLC d/b/a Heath & Lineback	85.3	1
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	84.5	2
Axis Infrastructure, LLC	75.9	3
Bridgefarmer and Associates, Inc.	Non-responsive	4

The cost proposal submitted by BCC Engineering is \$565,402.07. The project budget is \$2,400,000. The previous scoping study performed by AECOM utilized \$138,267.31 of the total project budget.

Upon review of the responses and references related to their experience, City Staff recommends that award be made to BCC Engineering in the amount of \$565,402.07.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, to approve a contract award to BCC Engineering, LLC d/b/a Heath & Lineback to design the Riverside Drive Bridge Over the Chattahoochee River Tributary Bridge Replacement Project and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Councilmember Mular asked does the City need to purchase stream-bank credits as with other projects?

Public Works Director Martin said we may potentially need to as part of executing the project. We will have to work within the stream bank and purchase right-of-way to improve the approaches to the bridge as part of the reconstruction of the bridge.

Councilmember Mular said there is a lot of traffic. Will the road be open or closed during construction?

Public Works Director Martin said we reviewed a couple different scenarios and one would close the road to expedite construction and execution of the bridge. There were detours to execute previous construction work on Riverside Drive. The nature of the topography there was challenging when the curve was improved at the Riverside Drive Johnson Ferry intersection a few years ago. There was about a six-month closure for that, and for earlier repairs needed. It is very likely that this roadway will also be closed for some portion of construction.

Councilmember Mular asked will notice be provided to the community?

Public Works Director Martin said yes.

Mayor Paul asked will the detour be on Riverside?

Public Works Director Martin said it will probably be River Valley. This was used for the closure at the Riverside Drive Johnson Ferry intersection. When we reconstructed the stream below North Harbor, River Valley may have been the primary detour route then.

Councilmember Jody Reichel asked what was the quote from Kimberly-Horn?

Public Works Director Martin said that information is not available this evening. The scoring criteria included fee schedule as ten-point scored within the overall scoring criteria. It was not a qualifications only scoring process. Of the scoring criteria, Project Manager and Key Team Leaders was 20%, Prime Consultant Experience 20%, Resources 20%, Technical Approach 30%, and Fee Schedule was scored as it related to the cost price by a 10% value within the overall 100% evaluated during the scoring criteria.

Councilmember Reichel asked does the City use Kimberly-Horn a lot?

Public Works Director Martin said yes.

Councilmember Reichel said I am curious what the difference in price is.

Public Works Director Martin said that information can be provided to Council. As for the evaluation criteria, with the other scores considered, the evaluation indicates that Heath & Lineback is the successful vendor in this proposal.

Councilmember John Paulson said considering that Heath & Lineback and Kimley-Horn have less than a one-point scoring difference, and as **Councilmember Reichel** said, what precludes you from considering the other vendors to see where they line up?

Public Works Director Martin said as this competition was established, the criteria for evaluation of consultants was announced as outlined here. In furtherance of that criteria, we outlined with all competitors in the competition. These scores are the results of evaluating all of those criteria to include price with the 10% value affixed as a part of that evaluation. The numbers are not with me this evening but will be provided.

Mayor Paul said historically that information has been provided to Council in the presentation and should be included in the future. This body's responsibility is to appropriate the money and to know how

much.

Councilmember Paulson said as a suggestion, if the scores are this close and you have to decide within 2%, look at both prices to determine.

Public Works Director Martin said both prices were reviewed in this case.

Councilmember Paulson said it was mentioned the fee schedule was reviewed but not the project price.

Allen Johnson, TSPLOST Program Manager, said the price was close, and Heath and Lineback also does a lot of work for the City. The technical score was a big factor in this as well.

Eden Freeman, City Manager, said this was an oversight and that should have been included. We apologize. This can be deferred to the next meeting agenda.

Councilmember Paulson asked is there any potential for state or federal funds for this bridge?

Public Works Director Martin said we reviewed those options during the scoping process. We especially looked at the infrastructure bill and the bridge program there. Of the solutions considered, the more viable solution was to pursue local funds, or potentially state, but not federal with this project. Federal requirements tended to grow the cost for this bridge replacement project. As part of the scoping study, performed by another consultant, they recommended against a bridge that would be eligible to pursue federal funds because of the increased cost to the City.

Councilmember Paulson said this is for the design of the bridge. Maybe we should look for money when the construction aspect comes before Council.

Mayor Paul asked **Councilmember Mular** would you consider changing your motion to defer this time.

Motion to Defer. **Councilmember Mular** said yes. My motion is changed for Agenda Item 2024-301, to defer it to the next meeting on December 17.

Second. **Councilmember Bauman** said I accept this change to the motion. The information I want to see at the next meeting is more details on the scoring graphs. I am disappointed in this presentation. There is subjectivity to the scoring and I question why only 10% is cost. If these vendors are already pre-qualified, I question that as well. You need to come back with the cost and be prepared to answer questions about this, particularly if the difference is substantial. Be armed with the full ray of information.

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

B. **2024-302** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Approve Updated TSPLOST-2021 Project Funding

Allen Johnson, TSPLOST Program Manager, presented a recommendation to approve Updated TSPLOST-2021 Project funding.

The TSPLOST-2021 Program was approved by Fulton County voters in November 2021 and collections began in April 2022. On June 22, 2022, the Mayor and City Council Approved an \$114M TSPLOST-

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2021 Program Budget, of which \$8,800,000 for S2105 - Roswell Road North Boulevard and \$4,000,000 for S2121 - SR 400 Multi-Use Trail. In addition, the Mayor and City Council approved acceptance of a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant of \$750,000 for S2121 - SR 400 Multi-Use Trail on August 3, 2024.

The City has received federal matching fund allocations from the Atlanta Regional Commission for both projects:

- \$1,200,000 requested for design on S2105 - Roswell Road North Boulevard with \$960,000 in federal funding and \$240,000 local
- \$1,000,000 requested for Construction Engineering and Inspection on S2121 - SR 400 Multi-Use Trail with \$800,000 in federal funding and \$200,000 local

These matching funds will be added to the project budgets as detailed in the Budget Amendment.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to approve Updated TSPLOST-2021 Project funding.

Councilmember Kelley asked what will the Roswell Road North Boulevard Project cost in the end?

TSPLOST Program Manager Johnson said we are not there yet, but we are starting the scoping and doing the detailed design. The \$8,800,000 could be 20% and it may be in the range of \$20,000,000, but we do not know yet. We will have the concept and project cost estimate details, and hopefully early next year we will have a public meeting to present this to everyone and get feedback.

Councilmember Jody Reichel said the City approved the budget for \$8,000,000 and \$4,000,000 and received additional money. Does the City take that money out and put it somewhere else?

TSPLOST Program Manager Johnson said at the top of the T-SPLOST-2021 budget there is already a line for Project S2121 federal grant funding that included \$16,000,000 plus the \$750,000 from HUD. We already have \$16,900,000 in federal funding for PATH400, and GDOT allows the City to get some reimbursement. That was requested twice and the second time the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) gave it to the City. That will be an additional \$800,000 that will allow the City to reimburse itself for some of that work. For the Roswell North Project there was no funding at the top of the line in the budget, but there will be an additional amount now that will allow the City to do additional designs. Each project will have whatever amount it is. For instance PATH400 shows \$20,000,000, and \$16,000,000 of that is for reimbursement from federal funding.

Councilmember Jody Reichel asked is this a part of what the City is getting reimbursed?

TSPLOST Program Manager Johnson said yes. This is basically adding additional funds received from federal funding for these projects. The City is getting an additional \$960,000 to help pay for the design of Roswell North, and an additional \$800,000 for PATH400, which is to be approved by Council and added to the budget.

Mayor Paul asked **Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer**, are we substituting federal funds for local funds and that frees local funds to go elsewhere in the TSPLOST program?

Chief Financial Officer Carlisle said that is correct. **TSPLOST Program Manager Johnson** is bringing this item to Council so that it can be recorded on the books.

Mayor Paul said from a simple perspective, we are taking local money and substituting federal money, and replacing it.

TSPLOST Program Manager Johnson said that is correct. The City does not have to spend as much as the \$8,800,000 for Roswell Road North because we have an additional \$960,000.

Mayor Paul said it is not as complex as it seems. The savings will go back into local funds for TSPLOST.

TSPLOST Program Manager Johnson said that is correct. It is an accounting move.

Mayor Paul said as the City gets more federal money, this will continue to be done.

TSPLOST Program Manager Johnson said we will continue to ask for more money for the next round of PATH400 for construction for Right-of-Way and Roswell North to leverage the TSPLOST funds the City has.

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

Ordinance No. 2024-12-16

- C. **2024-303** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Donation of a Surplus Mobile Air Trailer to Jones County Fire Rescue

Keith Sanders, Fire Chief, presented a recommendation to authorize the donation of a surplus mobile air trailer to Jones County Fire Rescue.

The Jones County Department of Fire Rescue (“Jones County”) operates with a modest budget related to large capital purchases, and primarily relies on funding from the local SPLOST. Jones County’s new SPLOST will not take effect for another three (3) years.

Their mobile cascade system is about fifteen (15) years old, making it increasingly difficult to find replacement parts. Fire personnel must perform maintenance on the unit before each use to ensure it is operational. Jones County has expressed interest in receiving surplus items from the City of Sandy Springs (the “City”). The City’s Special Operations truck, purchased in 2020, is equipped with a built-in breathing air cascade system, eliminating the need for the older 2017 mobile cascade system.

The financial impact will be minimal. A similar cascade system built on a truck chassis was advertised on GovDeals, Inc. for \$10,000.00 and, to date, the reserve has not been met.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to authorize the donation of a surplus mobile air trailer to Jones County Fire Rescue. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2024-12-173

- D. **2024-304** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances, Subpart A (General Ordinances), Chapter 26 (Licenses, Permits, And Miscellaneous Provisions) by Creating Regulations Related to Automated Teller Machines Housed at Non-State Banking Commission Licensed Locations; to Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes

Kenneth DeSimone, Police Chief, presented a recommendation to amend the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances, Subpart A (General Ordinances), Chapter 26 (Licenses, Permits, And Miscellaneous Provisions) by creating regulations related to automated teller machines housed at non-state banking commission licensed locations; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

The rise of fraudulent losses at cryptocurrency automated teller machines, such as Bitcoin ATMs has become a growing concern nationwide, with losses exceeding \$65 million in just the first half of 2024 alone. The substantial increase in the number of fraudulent crimes is related to the increasing popularity and use of cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, and more specifically, automated teller machines (“ATM”) that distribute cryptocurrencies and/or Bitcoin (“BTM”). These crimes typically involve fraudsters using various deceptive tactics, such as phishing, social engineering, and impersonating authorities or technical support, to trick individuals into withdrawing large sums of cash to convert to cryptocurrency and transferring the funds through BTMs by initiating transactions at the machines.

In 2024, Sandy Springs received two hundred sixty-seven (267) reports of fraudulent incidents occurring by utilizing BTMs. The average loss reported was approximately \$10,000.00 per occurrence. People sixty (60) years of age and over are three (3) times more likely to fall victim to fraudulent losses related to the use of BTMs. Currently, BTMs can be found anywhere from gas stations to grocery stores. In most instances, locations that house BTMs are not licensed by the state banking commission.

The Mayor and City Council are tasked with providing for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, taxpayers and visitors. In order to provide such protections, the City believes it is in the best interest of all to require preventative regulatory measures related to ATMs/BTMs, by requiring any person or business housing a functioning ATM or BTM on its premises, to register such machine with the City and to post written warning signs on the machine, providing users with notice of the potential fraud risk, and to make it a crime, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00, for failure to provide such written notice. The Ordinance would further provide an exemption for state licensed banking institutions. These regulations shall apply to BTMs as well as to any ATM furnished by a person or business, at a location not holding a license from the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to amend the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances, Subpart A (General Ordinances), Chapter 26 (Licenses, Permits, And Miscellaneous Provisions) by creating regulations related to automated teller machines housed at non-state banking commission licensed locations; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Paulson said it is not the cryptocurrency machine, but the fraud that is being perpetrated to pay criminals through it.

Police Chief DeSimone said that is correct. It is not the cryptocurrency machine that is fraudulent, but the taking of U.S. currency and converting it to crypto and sending to the criminal. It is the same as

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taking cash to getting a money order and mailing it.

Councilmember Paulson said because it is crypto there is no way to trace it once it has been sent.

Police Chief DeSimone said it is usually gone overseas.

Councilmember Paulson asked is it always law enforcement agency information added to the warning sign, or can other information be included?

Police Chief DeSimone said most of the time it is the law enforcement agency. The reason is to warn the victim to contact police quickly. Detectives that are more educated about this will be contacted to suggest better wording.

Councilmember Paulson said in addition to law enforcement agency is using court wording.

Police Chief DeSimone said that is under the Sheriff's Department but would be covered under law enforcement agency. The wording can be tweaked if needed.

Councilmember Paulson said that is a great idea. This happens to people approaching my age and the more the City can do to protect them, the better.

Police Chief DeSimone said some of the officers here tonight have taken reports of losses over \$80,000 and \$100,000 from residents. It is millions of dollars in Sandy Springs alone.

Councilmember Jody Reichel said as **Councilmember Paulson** suggested, we must stay one step ahead of the criminals or they will come up with something else when they see these signs. Fraud is fraud. Will this require convenience stores that have the machines to put the sign up?

Dan Lee, City Attorney, said that is correct. In addition, they have to register with the City that it is there through occupational license. Right now the City does not track these devices and there are many more than we thought there were, and exempts the ones at banks that are licensed by the state banking commission and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Police Chief DeSimone said currently there is about twenty-seven cryptocurrency machines in Sandy Springs with one across the street. We will go for voluntary compliance and 99.9% of the time we will get that.

Councilmember Melody Kelley said business owners will sign-up at the same time they do their occupancy or annual business license. Is there a cost associated with setting up the BTM?

Police Chief DeSimone said there will be no cost for the signs.

Councilmember DeJulio asked will the police give businesses the signs or will they be required to put them up?

Police Chief DeSimone said officers will reach out to business owners for the best place to put the sign.

Councilmember Kelley asked is there a fine if store owner decides not to register their BTM or put up the sign?

City Attorney Lee said as with any ordinance, the maximum fine is \$1000 and six months in jail.

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

Ordinance No. 2024-12-17

- E. **2024-305** Request Mayor and City Council's Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances to Amend and Repeal Certain Sections of the Code Allowing for Appeal of Administrative Decisions to the City Board of Appeals as Further Described Below; to Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes

William Hansard, Assistant City Attorney, presented a recommendation to amend the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances to amend and repeal certain sections of the Code allowing for appeal of administrative decisions to the City Board of Appeals as further described below; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

City Council previously approved an Ordinance amending certain sections of the City's Code of Ordinances and deleting all sections of the Development Code pertaining to appeals of administrative decisions to the City's Board of Appeals.

Currently, there are sections throughout the City's Code of Ordinances that either contradict, or are inconsistent with, the previous, codified amendment(s), which amended certain sections of the City's Code of Ordinances and deleted all sections of the City's Development Code, that provided for appeals of administrative decisions to the City's Board of Appeals.

In order to provide uniform and consistent enforcement of all the City's Ordinances, all further sections referring to the allowance of appeals of administrative decisions to the City's Board of Appeals, within the City's Code of Ordinances, must be amended as further described in the drafted Ordinance, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to amend the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances to amend and repeal certain sections of the Code allowing for appeal of administrative decisions to the City Board of Appeals as further described below; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Reichel asked what are the seven sections?

Assistant City Attorney Hansard said Section 22-27 provides for an appeal from the decision of the Fire Chief or someone who works for him, that would go to the Board of Appeals rather than Superior Court. Section 105-48 describes the Board of Appeals and their process, and the basis for their decision which is already in the Development Code. Section 26-324 is for a food truck permit to be revoked if they do not comply with the ordinance. Section 26-373 is the same but for short-term rental permits to be revoked if they do not comply. Section 46-22(c)(3) is for waste management contracts. Section 38-92(d) is for appeals for the noise ordinance.

Councilmember Reichel asked did it use to go to the court but now directly to the Board of Appeals?

Assistant City Attorney Hansard said it is the reverse, to the Board of Appeals then Superior Court.

Dan Lee, City Attorney, said it frees the Board of Appeals to hear its main purpose which is variances. This can be a load to carry and it makes the decisions of department heads cleaner. For instance, the City had trouble with some of Fire Code Enforcement being delayed by appeals to the Board of Appeals, when it is not appropriate to delay safety matters like that for that time period. **Assistant City Attorney Hansard** has worked a long time with Community Development to bring this about.

Councilmember Melody Kelley asked what section of the Development Code describes the Board of Appeals?

Assistant City Attorney Hansard said it may be Section 11.6.3.

Councilmember Kelley asked is everything that is still relevant in Section 105-48 in that section? There is a whole piece on variances that should be somewhere in the Development Code.

Assistant City Attorney Hansard said it is.

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

Ordinance No. 2024-12-18

X. Reports

A. 2024-306 Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Rusty Paul said **Jennifer Cruce, Executive Director, Visit Sandy Springs**, is retiring at the end of the year and the City has hired Adam Berrios to replace her. He is currently the Director of Sales for the City of Little Rock Arkansas and has a lot of experience, including work in the City of Alpharetta. An extensive search was done and I am pleased that he will be joining the City of Sandy Springs in January of next year.

Sunday is the Sparkle Parade and it is one of the highlights of the year. Hopefully there will be a great crowd.

An artist reception was in City Hall's lobby right before Thanksgiving, mainly student artists, and several pieces were sold. The City is beginning to get some recognition and providing a little help to the artist community.

B. 2024-307 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

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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 7:20 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.

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 7:55 p.m.

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 7:55 p.m.