

**Meeting of the City of Sandy Springs City Council – SUMMARY MINUTES**  
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**Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on December 17, 2024 Following Work Session, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.**

**I. Call to Order**

**Mayor Rusty Paul** called the meeting to order at 6:22 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

**Members Absent:** Councilmember Andrew Bauman

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mayor Rusty Paul** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Public Comment**

1. **Bill, Griffith, 9580 Roberts Drive, Sandy Springs** - Roberts Drive Sidepath Proposal
2. **Theodore, Davis III, 272 Summer Drive, Sandy Springs** - Changes to Contract Award Presentations/Memos
3. **Mary Ellen, Snodgrass, 599 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs** - U-24-3
4. **John, Snodgrass, 599 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs** - U-24-3
5. **Adam, Hicks, 105 Wing Mill Rd., Sandy Springs** - Thank you and health
6. **Susan Kicak, 6497 Cherry Tree Lane, Sandy Springs** - Mt. Vernon School CUP Application
7. **Joshua and Wade Williams, 115 N. River Dr. Unit B, Sandy Springs** - Partnering with Community Outreach

**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. **2024-309** Meeting Minutes  
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- B. **2024-310** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of a Purchase and Sale Agreement on Property Located at 525 Mt. Paran Road in Land Lot 137 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs (Tax ID# 17-0137-0005-017-9); S-2186 Mt. Paran and Powers Ferry Road Sidewalk Improvements Project – Rebel Trail to Laurel Chase

**Resolution No. 2024-12-174**

- C. **2024-311** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Permanent Drainage Easement and a Temporary Construction Easement on Property Located at 110 High Point Walk in Land Lot 40 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Georgia (Tax ID# 17-0040-LL-154-2)

**Resolution No. 2024-12-175**

- D. **2024-312** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of a Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement on Property Located at 5030 High Point Road in Land Lot 67 of the 17<sup>th</sup> District, City of Sandy Springs (Tax ID #17-0067-0005-002-5) for a Stormwater System Improvement Project.

**Resolution No. 2024-12-176**

**VII. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**VIII. Public Hearing**

There were no public hearings.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

- 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. The City had previously conducted a project scoping study with AECOM to better define the bridge replacement requirements and alternatives.

On August 21, 2024, the City issued a Request for Proposals (“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.

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

- Katelyn Stallings, TSPLOST Project Manager
- Allen Johnson, TSPLOST Program Manager

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- Wesley Waters, CIP Unit Manager

The Evaluation Committee employed the following criteria as advertised in the RFP:

| <b>TECHNICAL PROPOSAL CRITERIA</b>                                   | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>POINTS</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 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:<br>A. Client name, locations and dates during which services were performed.<br>B. Clear description of overall project and services performed by your firm.<br>C. Description of QA/QC program for projects referenced                                                                                                                                                               | 20            |
| 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 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           |

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Upon evaluation, 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.

| 25-008 S2132 Riverside Bridge Over Chattahoochee Tributary Scoping Study |                                                                               |                                      |                    |                                       |                       |                 |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Scoring Summary                                                          |                                                                               |                                      |                    |                                       |                       |                 |                      |
| Supplier                                                                 | Project Manager and Key Team Leaders proposed to manage this project / 20 pts | Prime Consultant Experience / 20 pts | Resources / 20 pts | Technical Approach /Schedule / 30 pts | Fee Proposal / 10 pts | Total / 100 pts | Fee Schedule         |
| Axis Infrastructure, LLC                                                 | 16.33                                                                         | 14.33                                | 15.00              | 20.33                                 | 9.91                  | 75.90           | \$ 570,500.00        |
| <b>BBC Engineering, LLC d/b/a Heath &amp; Lineback</b>                   | <b>16.67</b>                                                                  | <b>17.67</b>                         | <b>17.67</b>       | <b>23.33</b>                          | <b>10.00</b>          | <b>85.30</b>    | <b>\$ 565,402.07</b> |
| Kimley-Horn                                                              | 17.67                                                                         | 18.00                                | 18.33              | 21.33                                 | 9.21                  | 84.50           | \$ 613,732.00        |
| Bridgefarmer and Associates                                              |                                                                               |                                      |                    |                                       |                       |                 | Non-Responsive       |

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.

This project is funded through the TSPLOST Program. The cost proposal submitted by BCC Engineering is \$565,402.07. The project budget is \$2,400,000 with the previous scoping study performed by AECOM utilizing \$138,267.31 of the total project budget.

**Motion and second.** A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, 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 Reichel** thanked **Public Works Director Martin** for the additional information in the presentation. This helps a lot.

**Public Works Director Martin** said we presented three other RFP award recommendations this past year. Staff worked against templates developed over time, and used the same ones. The template presented at the December 3, 2024 Council meeting was an evolution of those presentations made over the course of last year. We will manage and correct our template again to better answer Council's questions as we move forward.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-12-172**

**X. New Business**

- A. 2024-313** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Reappointment Members to the Board of Ethics - Heather Craytor & Evan Barron

**Mayor Rusty Paul** presented a recommendation to approve the reappointment of members to the Board of Ethics - Heather Craytor & Evan Barron

The City of Sandy Springs is a city of ethics and the ethics commissioners are by law limited to two terms. One member rolled off and I am nominating his replacement, Heather Craytor, who has been an alternate member up to this point, as a full board member. I am also reappointing Evan Barron to his second term on the Board of Ethics. The commission meets each quarter and has not received a complaint in almost twenty years. We hope this remains. Council should approve the reappointments of Heather Craytor and Evan Barron to the Board of Ethics.

**Motion and vote.** A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to approve the reappointment of members to the Board of Ethics - Heather Craytor & Evan Barron. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Resolution No. 2024-12-177**

- B. **2024-314** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Reappoint a Member to the Sandy Springs Development Authority - Joe Houseman

**Mayor Rusty Paul** presented a recommendation to reappoint a member to the Sandy Springs Development Authority - Joe Houseman.

A few years ago, Joe Houseman ran for City Council and has been a very good member of the Development Authority. I am recommending Council approve his reappointment.

**Motion and second.** A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, to reappoint a member to the Sandy Springs Development Authority - Joe Houseman.

**Mayor Paul** said I will be bringing to Council about five more reappointments whose term end in January, and I am requesting that all new appointees go through the Sandy Springs Leadership Academy, which will help in their understanding of the total role of the City.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-12-178**

- C. **2024-315** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Accept a Purchase and Sale Agreement Related to Property Located at 6059 Boylston Drive in Land Lot 71 of the 17<sup>th</sup> District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID #17-0071-0002-021-2; and Property Located at 6049 Boylston Drive in Land Lot 71 of the 17<sup>th</sup> District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID# 17-0071-0002-022-0) in Relation to the T-0058-1 Boylston Drive at Hammond Drive Intersection Improvements Project

**William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director**, presented a recommendation to accept a Purchase and Sale Agreement related to property located at 6059 Boylston Drive in Land Lot 71 of the 17<sup>th</sup> District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID #17-0071-0002-021-2; and property located at 6049 Boylston Drive in Land Lot 71 of the 17<sup>th</sup> District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County,

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Georgia (Tax ID# 17-0071-0002-022-0) in relation to the T-0058-1 Boylston Drive at Hammond Drive Intersection Improvements Project.

The acquisition of 116.00 square feet of fee simple Right of Way on the Seller's property located at 6059 Boylston Drive property is necessary to construct the T-0058-1 Boylston Drive at Hammond Drive Intersection Improvements Project. The City of Sandy Springs, who owns the property located at 6049 Boylston Drive, has agreed to quitclaim 1,113 square feet of fee simple land on its property to the Seller in exchange for the fee simple right of way from the Seller. The estimated fair market value of the required fee simple right of way to be acquired from the Seller amounts to \$38,300.00. The estimated fair market value of the City's property to be quitclaimed to the Seller amounts to \$40,100.00. Seller has agreed to pay the City the difference of \$1,800.00 to complete the transaction. Therefore, Staff recommends Council's acceptance and approval of the agreement.

**Motion and second.** A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to accept a Purchase and Sale Agreement related to property located at 6059 Boylston Drive in Land Lot 71 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID #17-0071-0002-021-2; and property located at 6049 Boylston Drive in Land Lot 71 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID# 17-0071-0002-022-0) in relation to the T-0058-1 Boylston Drive at Hammond Drive Intersection Improvements Project.

**Councilmember John Paulson** said I like the idea of citizens buying land from the City, and the City gets a check. It is the reversal of what is normally done.

**Public Works Director Martin** said we would like to hold on to the rest of it, and there is a stormwater structure we would like to construct at some point in the future.

**Councilmember Jody Reichel** said it is exciting to get a sidewalk there. Will there be a new sign or will the sign be moved?

**Public Works Director Martin** said payment was received for the sign to be reconstructed as resolved. It is in the way of the construction and the sidewalk that goes in its frontage.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-12-179**

- D.    **2024-316**    Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Contract Award to AtkinsRéalis USA, Inc. to Provide Design and Construction Management Services for the Morgan Falls Athletic Complex Phase II Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract Documents

**Brent Walker, Director of Recreation and Parks**, presented a recommendation to approve a contract award to AtkinsRéalis USA, Inc. to provide design and construction management services for the Morgan Falls Athletic Complex Phase II Project and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

The purpose of the Project is to design, produce construction documents, coordinate required permitting, and provide construction management services for Morgan Falls Athletic Complex located at 450 Morgan Falls Place, NE, Sandy Springs (Fulton County), Georgia. AtkinsRéalis, an approved on-call

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City design firm, was contracted in June of 2020 to work with City Staff to develop construction documents for the multiple phase redevelopment of Morgan Falls Athletic Complex. This phase of the Project provides for:

Resolution of the erosion in the outfield area of field #3

Addition of synthetic turf fields and the associated underground detention for the football field and the baseball fields 8, 9 and 10

Parking lot expansions including:

The upper parking lot expansion by approximately 66+/- spaces.

The converting of parallel parking into perpendicular parking and gaining an additional +/- 20 spaces on the main drive across from field #2

Expansion of the lower parking lot by approximately 26+- spaces and the addition of an underground detention facility.

The expansion of the existing detention pond adjacent to field #5 left outfield fence line to accommodate for additional park impervious improvements.

Update the park's overall hydrology report to accommodate the initial proposed and future impervious improvements.

AtkinsRéalis Scope of Services for Old Riverside Park includes:

Task I- Limited Survey Services

Task II- Construction Documentation

Task III- Limited Geotechnical Services

Task IV- Permitting Services

Task V- Bidding Phase Services

Task VI- Construction Administration Services

Total fees for design services shall not exceed \$400,000. The estimated construction cost for this phase is \$5,340,000 to be funded over several fiscal years through the City's Capital Improvements Program.

Partial funding is allocated within the City's Capital Fund. Should estimated construction costs exceed available funding, additional funding or phasing for the Project will be presented to Mayor and City Council at the appropriate juncture. There are adequate funds available for the described design services in Capital Project P2216.

**Motion and second.** A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to approve a contract award to AtkinsRéalis USA, Inc. to provide design and construction management services for the Morgan Falls Athletic Complex Phase II Project and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

**Councilmember Kelley** said the memo states that designs services would not exceed the \$400,000 but it is all inclusive. Is Council approving for design and construction management?

**Director of Recreation and Parks Walker** said yes, it is all inclusive.

**Councilmember Kelley** said the agenda lists Old Riverside Park which is a typo. It may be upwards of \$5,000,000 over time. What is your approach to construction? Will it be piece by piece for instance?

**Director of Recreation and Parks Walker** said you are correct. In the five-year CIP, there is \$2,500,000 set-aside in 2026 and 2027 for Morgan Falls Athletic Complex for future improvements. We are already planning and building in stages as money is available. We will have to work with the

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association to work around their programming. They break from mid-November to February, and there will be some time when the fields are in use. We will try to do a lot of the stormwater work then. Also the phasing can be done with parking lot improvements and come back and do stormwater improvements, and additional programming. The big lift will be the football field overlay with artificial turf which will take several months. We will work with them, our program partners, and other facilities to see if some of their programs can be relocated to other fields during that time.

**Councilmember Kelley** asked what would be the priority projects? Is addressing the stormwater issues more important than the turf for example?

**Director of Recreation and Parks Walker** said some of it will be in tandem. Parking is a legitimate issue. There is an existing detention pond that captures a lot of runoff that will need to be modified as part of that. These are the first phases of what we get to. That will not impact their programming and this can be done while having baseball.

**Councilmember Kelley** asked what is the estimated cost for the construction piece of each of these? For example, the turf piece or the parking lot piece. How much of the \$5,000,000 is that?

**Director of Recreation and Parks Walker** said it is broken down by the design portion but not for each individual project phase. That information is not available tonight but can be provided to Council.

**Councilmember Reichel** asked how long does it take to re-turf the football field because you said they may have to play elsewhere?

**Director of Recreation and Parks Walker** said possibly. It depends on when we start that part of the construction project. The idea would be to try and get in during the down months of November through February. It is a difficult time to build anything then in Georgia due to rain and temperatures, but it would be a minimal amount of displacement.

**Councilmember Reichel** said as far as the parking which they desperately need, that is not going to take away from any of the fields.

**Mayor Paul** said Council should take an action that is not on floor. The memos are part of the official record of Council's action and when there is a mistake, that obviates our ability to take action on an item. Is Council willing to defer this to the next meeting to allow the documents to be corrected and presented in an accurate form?

**Motion to defer.** **Councilmember Kelley** made a motion to defer action for Agenda Item 2024-316 to the next meeting in January 2025.

**Councilmember Paulson** said this appears to be a scrivener's error. Is the only misinformation Old Riverside Park, or does the body also contain mistakes?

**Mayor Paul** said it is scrivener's error, but an important part of the record, and Council should not vote on something that is an error. We have the ability to correct it but Staff needs to correct their report. This is part of the official record and part of Council's action.

**Councilmember Kelley** said it will also need to say more than design services shall not exceed \$400,000 ,and include design and construction management, and everything the City is paying for now.



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

- E. **2024-317** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Submission of a Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Application for Improvements at the Sandy Springs Recycling Center and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Documents to Effectuate the Same

**Brent Walker, Director of Recreation and Parks, and Ryder Leary, Executive Director, Keep North Fulton Beautiful**, presented a recommendation to approve the submission of a Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant application for improvements at the Sandy Springs Recycling Center and to authorize the City Manager to execute documents to effectuate the same.

The Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling ("SWIFR") grant is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (a.k.a. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) and is administered by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). The grants will fund projects that increase recycling, reduce contamination of materials, and promote a circular economy for sustainable materials management. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 25 projects, with awards between \$500,000 and \$4,000,000.

The City, in partnership with Keep North Fulton Beautiful (KNFB), proposes applying for a grant to upgrade the Recycling Center at Morgan Falls and service expansion. The City allocated funding within the FY25 Budget in the amount of \$50,000 for capital improvements and \$95,000 for facility operations for the Recycling Center.

The proposed grant includes funding for upgrades to the existing facility to include resurfacing all paved areas and improving storm water management, purchasing new containers, signage, a cover structure, and mechanical equipment, such as a compact loader and a pick-up truck. An additional element of this plan is to expand the range of recycled materials to plastic film.

Engaging the community and local businesses in a recycling program through outreach, education, and incentives will foster long-term participation. Increased engagement will in turn increase the number of recyclables and decrease the amount of solid waste going to landfills.

The City and KNFB are requesting \$1,231,260.00 in funding from the SWIFR grant. The program requires no match from the City.

**Motion and second.** A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to approve the submission of a Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant application for improvements at the Sandy Springs Recycling Center and to authorize the City Manager to execute documents to effectuate the same.

**Councilmember Kelley** asked why is this under Recreation and Parks? Is that custom for the City?

**Director of Recreation and Parks Walker** said I cannot speak historically, but it has been under Recreation and Parks because we do a lot of community outreach programming. It works well into environmental stewardship recycling programs for example.

**Councilmember Kelley** asked where is the \$50,000 for capital improvements and \$95,000 for facility operations for the Recycling Center in the budget? Is that via the City's non-profit partnerships?

**Director of Recreation and Parks Walker** said yes.

**Councilmember Kelley** said it is not a line item for example in the City's five-year CIP?

**Director of Recreation and Parks Walker** said yes.

**Councilmember Melissa Mular** said there was reference to a 2020 Master Plan, which was before **Councilmember Kelley** and I were on Council. Can that be circulated? The City does not currently recycle cartons and you must use the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM) which is hard to get to from Sandy Springs. Are there plans to do something with carton recycling?

**Keep North Fulton Beautiful Executive Director Leary** said the major issue comes with the vendors that accept those items if you have enough, like plastic bags or plastic film. This is why a lot of locations do not take it, because you cannot get enough of it to make enough to be viable. This is something we would like to add. What types of cartons are you talking about?

**Councilmember Mular** said for example soup cartons, child drinks, and more.

**Keep North Fulton Beautiful Executive Director Leary** said we want to include that. It is a discussion with the vendors that take that, and there has to be a market for that.

**Councilmember Mular** said drops have to be scheduled with CHaRM when going there. Can there be a partnership with CHaRM?

**Keep North Fulton Beautiful Executive Director Leary** said that discussion and other conversations are happening now.

**Councilmember Paulson** asked are these two grant requests to remodel the existing recycling facility, and to buy the truck separate?

**Director of Recreation and Parks Walker** said it is all one grant submittal. It is about \$690,000 for improvements at the site and another \$542,000 for the mobile unit. Confirmation is needed with the City's Grant Administrator on how this will be submitted and what is most advantageous.

**Councilmember Paulson** said the odds of getting this should be increased and not be all or nothing.

**Kristin Byars Smith, Assistant City Manager**, said part of the reason why the truck was important to this application was because of the idea that it can reach different communities. With this grant and others, we try to reach low to moderate income communities, and the center itself is not located within one of those eligible census tracks. We coupled them together to make it more competitive.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-12-181**

## **XI. Reports**

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**A. 2024-318 Mayor and Council Report**

**Mayor Rusty Paul** said members of Council attended the ribbon cutting for a new facility at North springs High School. We were impressed with what some of the young people are doing. They were at the school working for somebody outside the school. It is designed to allow kids who are looking for internships and work experience, who lack transportation, to utilize their presence at school to get that. It was a great opportunity to see some of the interesting and innovative things that are going on in our schools.

Sandy Springs had a great Sparkle Parade and it is the largest the City had. Everyone seemed to have a great time. The parade has adapted and grown since starting about five years ago when there were about five hundred people. Thank you **Anna Nikolas, Director Signature Events, Performing Arts Center,** and staff for another great parade.

The City of Sandy Springs hosted a group from Fayette County's Trilith Studios, who are building a new performing arts center. They heard great things about the City's performing arts center and wanted to learn how the City operates and how things are done. They toured the facilities including the Studio Theatre and we had great conversations. It was a great opportunity to show the City's facilities and help a neighboring community.

**Councilmember John Paulson** said three students from North Springs are set-up to talk to customers in this room for the length of their internship.

Thank you everyone for your efforts in working for the City of Sandy Springs. It is sometimes not easy to meet the demands, and we appreciate it.

**Councilmember Melody Kelley** said yesterday I attended a public meeting with the families impacted by the potential closing/consolidation/redistricting of Spalding Drive Elementary. Their presentation was impressive, and they had put together a masterful argument against the closing of their school. We will not know anything until about January or February, but I was blown away.

**Mayor Paul** said they provided me a copy of that presentation. You cannot use emotion and you need a data driven argument. They did the work. It is an amazing presentation that documents everything of why the school should not be closed. Everyone will be provided a copy. There will also be a copy of the letter I drafted to go to each of the school board members outlining my arguments, and why they should look at options and alternatives to closing that, on the City's behalf.

**Councilmember Jody Reichel** said as with **Councilmember Paulson**, thank you staff for your efforts in working for the City of Sandy Springs. You make our jobs easy. Council is sometimes asked difficult questions and I do not hesitate to reach out to Staff.

**B. 2024-319 Staff Reports**

**1. October 2024 Unaudited Financials**

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

The City is at 33 % of the year. Revenues are at 28.20 % and expenditures are at 38.03 % of the budget.

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The City achieved 100% of insurance premium tax, plumbing, electrical and HVAC permits as of the close of this financial period. As mentioned in the September report, the property tax deadline was November 15, and we have received the largest portion of the taxes and reported in the November financial report. The departmental/general fund expenses are shown in the packet and each department is managing according to budget between 19% and 56% of the approved budget.

**XII. Executive Session**

There was no executive session.

**XIII. 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 7:28 p.m.