

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 August 5, 2025 Following PFA, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 5:11 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. **Bill Griffith, 9580 Roberts Drive, Atlanta - Roberts Drive Speeding**
2. **Janet Wells, 302 Beachland Drive, Sandy Springs - Fire Station Proposed on Roswell Road**

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. 2025-151 Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025 City Council Work Session
July 15, 2025 City Council Meeting
July 29, 2025 City Council Special Called Meeting

- B. 2025-152** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Acceptance of a Temporary Easement for Construction of Driveway related to property located at 490 Hilderbrand Drive in Land Lot 71 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID #17-0071-0002-058-4) in relation to the S2193 Hammond Drive Widening Project.

Resolution No. 2025-08-102

- C. 2025-153** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Acceptance of an Agreement to Purchase Temporary Construction Easement Related to Property Located at 491 Hilderbrand Drive in Land Lot 71 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton

County, Georgia (Tax ID #17-0071-0002-034-5) in relation to the S2193 Hammond Drive Widening Project

Resolution No. 2025-08-103

- D. **2025-154** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Acceptance of an Agreement to Purchase Temporary Construction Easement related to property located at 500 Hilderbrand Drive in Land Lot 71 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID #17-0071-0002-059-2) in relation to the S2193 Hammond Drive Widening Project.

Resolution No. 2025-08-104

- E. **2025-155** Request for Mayor and Council to Approve Acceptance of a Temporary Construction Easement and Easement for the Construction of Driveway related to property located at 3245 Spalding Drive in Land Lot 342 of the 6th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID #06-0342-0002-012-7) in relation to the S2184 Jett Ferry Road at Spalding Drive Sidewalk Project.

Resolution No. 2025-08-105

- F. **2025-156** Request for Mayor and City Council to Approve Acceptance of an Easement for the Construction of Driveway related to property located at 3285 Spalding Drive in Land Lot 342 of the 6th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID #06-0342-0002-016-8) in relation to the S2184 Jett Ferry Road at Spalding Drive Sidewalk Project.

Resolution No. 2025-08-106

- G. **2025-157** Request for Mayor and City Councils Consideration to Accept a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Fee Simple Right-Of-Way and a Temporary Construction Easement Located in Land Lot 94 in the 5th District of Fulton County, Georgia and More Commonly Known as 4520 Roswell Road and 4540 Roswell Road and for the Acceptance of All Deeds Associated with the Transaction as to Relates to Project No. T0019

Resolution No. 2025-08-107

- H. **2025-158** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Request for Mayor and City Council to Approve Acceptance of the Deed for Dedication of Right of Way on Property Located at 4575 Roswell Road in Land Lot 94 of the 17th District, Fulton County, City of Sandy Springs, Georgia (Tax ID# 17-0094-0001-072-9).

Resolution No. 2025-08-108

VII. Presentations

A. 2025-159 Purple Heart Day Proclamation - August 7, 2025

Councilmember John Paulson presented the Purple Heart Day Proclamation.

The national Purple Heart Day recognition is August 7, 2025. This day honors those who were wounded and killed in armed conflict. The Purple Heart medal is the oldest decoration awarded to service members and was started by George Washington in 1782. It was originally awarded in recognition of individual merit in battle. Since April 5, 1917, it has been awarded to those wounded or killed in battle. Over two million Purple Heart medals have been awarded since 1782 and four-hundred thirty of those posthumously. Sandy Springs has been a Purple Heart city for ten years recognizing Purple Heart Day and veterans. The following veterans are here this evening:

James Bligh, USMC, wounded in Vietnam
Tibby DeJulio, US Army, wounded in Vietnam
Ed Harmon, USMC, wounded in Iraq

Mayor Rusty Paul read a proclamation recognizing Purple Heart Day 2025 in the City of Sandy Springs

B. 2025-160 Avive Presentation

Patrick Flaherty, Section Chief, presented the Avive Presentation and was joined by representatives from Northside Hospital Foundation and Avive Solutions.

Prior to incorporation, the cardiac arrest survival rate was abysmal and below the national average. Over the twenty years of incorporation, this rate has gone up above the national average which is due to the City's leadership, dedicated first responders, and partnerships inside and outside of the City. The Avive 4-Minute Community Program, sponsored by the City of Sandy Springs, is designed to transform the way sudden cardiac arrest is addressed in the community and will aim to put Automated External Defibrillators (AED)s in the hands of citizens to saves lives.



Mayor Paul said this will have a huge impact on getting the devices to people who need them and increase the survival rate. Thank you to everyone involved for your generous contributions and dedication to make sure we have a healthy thriving environment.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio asked will Council receive a training session on how to use these?

Section Chief Flaherty said yes.

Councilmember Jody Reichel asked how are volunteers found?

Section Chief Flaherty said we will do targeted and generic recruitment and work with Communications for volunteers.

Councilmember Andy Bauman said the foundation is a non-profit that presumably people contribute. Can the City put out information for how the community can support and accelerate this program? This will save lives.

Section Chief Flaherty said yes. We are still soliciting funds from organizations within Sandy Springs with the goal of two hundred AEDs.

Councilmember Bauman asked what is the cost of one device?

Section Chief Flaherty said we paid \$1700 per device.

Councilmember Bauman said there are a lot of great causes in the community and a family for instance may want to contribute in honor of someone.

Councilmember Melody Kelley asked what cities near Sandy Spring are engaging in this?

Section Chief Flaherty said the county of Forsyth has the 4-Minute Community Program. Other Georgia cities want to do this but Sandy Springs is first to move forward.

Mayor Paul said thank you for letting the City of Sandy Springs be on the avant-garde.

VIII. New Business

- A. **2025-161** Request For Mayor And City Council Consideration of an Ordinance Appointing the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections to Conduct the City of Sandy Springs General Municipal Election on November 4, 2025 and Runoff Election on December 2, 2025; Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City and the County Relating Thereto; and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Intergovernmental Agreement

Raquel Gonzalez, City Clerk, presented an Ordinance Appointing the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections to Conduct the City of Sandy Springs General Municipal Election on November 4, 2025 and Runoff Election on December 2, 2025; Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between

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the City and the County Relating Thereto; and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Intergovernmental Agreement.

The City's Charter requires that a general election be held every four (4) years. The City of Sandy Springs partners with the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections to conduct the City's general and runoff elections. Fulton County provides the necessary staff, equipment, and supplies to host advance voting and election day voting for the City's elections. City Staff is required to qualify its municipal candidates and publish all legal ads related to the call for elections and qualifying fees.

On November 4, 2025, the County will host the Public Service Commission District 3 and District 4 elections. As these are county-wide elections, the City will not incur costs for its municipal elections. Following the general elections, should a runoff election be required, unless the County hosts a countywide Public Service Commission Runoff Election, the City will incur a cost of \$220,630.31.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, seconded by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, to approve an Ordinance Appointing the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections to Conduct the City of Sandy Springs General Municipal Election on November 4, 2025 and Runoff Election on December 2, 2025; Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City and the County Relating Thereto; and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Councilmember Melody Kelley asked where will the \$220,630.31 come from in the City's budget?

City Clerk Gonzalez said this is budgeted under the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Kelley asked must this be approved in addition to this business? Or does this business authorize that?

City Clerk Gonzalez said this business authorizes the expense should there be a runoff.

Councilmember Reichel asked if there is a runoff will it be a one day event?

City Clerk Gonzalez said election day will be for the runoff, but there will be advanced voting leading to the runoff.

Councilmember Mular asked how is the fee set?

City Clerk Gonzalez said it is prorated based on voter registration across municipalities in the county.

Councilmember Mular asked is it based on how many people are registered to vote as of a certain date?

City Clerk Gonzalez said yes. As of January 31, 2025 the total was about eighty-three thousand in the City of Sandy Springs.

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

Ordinance No. 2025-08-13

- B. **2025-162** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Approve a Project Framework Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Design of the Roberts Drive Sidepath Phase I Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to Approve a Project Framework Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Design of the Roberts Drive Sidepath Phase I Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement.

The City adopted the Transportation Master Plan in 2021, which incorporates public input and connectivity data to guide improvements to roadways, trails, sidewalks, intersections, and transit facilities. As part of this plan, Roberts Drive was identified as a priority corridor for bicycle, pedestrian, and trail connections. Additionally, the Sandy Springs Trail Master Plan, adopted in 2019, identifies multi-use trails as a top priority (ranked second overall) and includes the Roberts Drive sidepath as a key component of the bicycle and pedestrian network. The City further completed a Scoping Study in April 2024 to better define project costs and design requirements.

Mayor and Council approved pursuing grant funding for this project on April 16, 2024 with the City submitting a grant application to the Atlanta Regional Commission (“ARC”) requesting funding for the Project’s design. The application sought approximately \$270,000.00 to support the engineering services necessary for Project delivery. On February 14, 2025, the ARC awarded the City a \$216,000.00 design grant, which requires a 20% local match.

The Project scope includes constructing a sidepath with a landscape buffer along the south side of Roberts Drive, extending from Dunwoody Place to Island Ford Parkway, and incorporating two (2) mid-block crossings within the Project limits. To proceed with Project development, the City, as the local sponsor, must execute the Agreement. The City will be responsible for 20% of the cost for the Engineering activities, and the GDOT will fund a maximum of 80% of the engineering activities. There are sufficient funds available in the Project to fund the 20% match.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to Approve a Project Framework Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Design of the Roberts Drive Sidepath Phase I Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement.

Councilmember Paulson said this sidepath is different than a sidewalk.

Public Works Director Martin said it will accommodate both pedestrians and bicycle traffic.

Councilmember Paulson asked how wide will it be?

Public Works Director Martin said it will be an eight to twelve feet sidepath with concessions for side parcel constraints along the way.

Councilmember Paulson asked was a sidepath built with the bridge going over SR-400?

Public Works Director Martin said yes. The south side was the only place we could put it due to challenges on the north side.

Councilmember Kelley asked if this is approved, will the service be bidded out?

Public Works Director Martin said yes. Funds from ARC will go to GDOT with the project framework agreement. Then we have the solicitation for a consultant to design this work and execute the engineering work for the project.

Councilmember Kelley asked how long does this generally take?

Public Works Director Martin said the advertisement will be ready within the next thirty to forty-five days, a selection will be made this fall and we will return to Council at that point.

Councilmember Kelley asked about the site distance issue at the intersection before the bridge.

Public Works Director Martin said staff has been observant. The site distance concern has to do with the vertical curve across the overpass. This project should aid with additional lighting and more within that area.

Councilmember Melissa Mular asked how does this work coincide with the Scoping Study?

Public Works Director Martin said with the Scoping Study, we did not have a good understanding of the overall cost for entirety of what was studied. To understand the costs to construct this project, it was important to know where things could be built. The Scoping Study we have a better understanding of costs and the constraints in constructing the project.

Councilmember Mular asked were there any public comments from the open house that addressed this section?

Public Works Director Martin said the open house scattered across the entirety of the project and was not concentrated in this area.

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

Resolution No. 2025-08-109

- C. **2025-163** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Approve of a Contract Award to Tri Scapes, LLC to the Construct the 395 West Spalding Drive Stormwater Repair Project and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Contract

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to Approve of a Contract Award to Tri Scapes, LLC to the Construct the 395 West Spalding Drive Stormwater Repair Project and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

In March 2025, the City of Sandy Springs (the “City”) engaged a consultant to promptly develop plans to correct major deficiencies identified in the stormwater system under a section of West Spalding Drive near the properties located at 355 West Spalding Drive, 360 West Spalding Drive, and 395 West Spalding Drive, as well as 7045 Duncourtney Drive. The Project scope includes:

- Replace 66 linear feet of failing 84” corrugated metal pipe culvert with 84” diameter reinforced concrete pipes
- Remove two stone headwalls at inlet and outlet ends of the culvert and replace with cast-in-place reinforced concrete headwalls

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- Remove 48 linear feet of 21” diameter corrugated metal pipes and associated stormwater structures
- Install 57 linear feet of 24” diameter reinforced concrete pipes, two precast concrete junction boxes and a headwall
- Install outlet protection at the downstream headwalls
- Reconstruct curb and gutter, handrail, guardrail and roadway restoring all disturbed areas

To advance the Project, the City issued an Invitation to Bid (“ITB”) 25-060 on June 25, 2025, seeking bids from qualified contractors to construct the Project. Bids from three (3) contractors were received prior to the July 21, 2025, due date. Bid results were as follows:

Bidder	Bid
Tri Scapes, LLC	\$1,106,985.77
Blount Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,285,272.47
Site Engineering, Inc.	\$1,412,734.40

The engineer’s cost estimate for the work was \$705,294.48.

Upon review of the bids, City Staff recommend that contract award be made to the lowest most responsible and responsive bidder, Tri Scapes, LLC in the amount of \$1,106,985.77.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, to Approve of a Contract Award to Tri Scapes, LLC to the Construct the 395 West Spalding Drive Stormwater Repair Project and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

Councilmember Kelley asked is this the sinkhole project?

Public Works Director Martin said correct.

Councilmember Kelley asked is it customary to have a gap between the bids and the estimate?

Public Works Director Martin said we have an engineer’s and in-house staff estimates. The engineers rely on historical data to prepare a construction cost estimate. We have bids from three contracts that have done successful storm water work. The bids were close. Much has to do with the grading associated and historically, contractors are in a better position to estimate how hard it is to work on a particular site.

Councilmember Kelley said part of the scope is to reconstruct curb and gutter, handrail, guardrail, and roadway.

Public Works Director Martin said yes. This will all be taken out and as we rebuild the system.

Councilmember Kelley asked are the entrance pillars to the neighborhood being restored?

Public Works Director Martin said those are private facilities.

Councilmember Kelley asked is the neighborhood responsible for that?

Public Works Director Martin said yes.

Councilmember Kelley asked what is the timeline for this project?

Public Works Director Martin said after it has been awarded, hopefully it will be completed within ninety days. This is short of an emergency in getting the system repaired.

Councilmember Kelley asked will the City disrupt four homes?

Public Works Director Martin said yes.

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

Resolution No. 2025-08-110

- D. **2025-164** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Approve a Contract Award to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Riverside Drive Traffic Engineering Corridor Study and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Contract

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to Approve a Contract Award to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Riverside Drive Traffic Engineering Corridor Study and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

The Riverside Drive corridor is among the most congested areas in the City of Sandy Springs (the ‘City’), with the intersection at Heards Ferry Road presenting significant operational challenges. The City seeks a comprehensive traffic engineering evaluation of three (3) critical locations; the intersection of Heards Ferry Road at Riverside Drive; the intersection of River Valley Road at Riverside Drive; and the existing roundabouts on Riverside Drive at I-285. The objective is to assess whether signal timing adjustments, geometric improvements, or alternative intersection designs, such as new or modified roundabouts, would improve traffic flow and safety. Notably, roundabouts can offer up to fifteen percent (15%) greater vehicle-handling capacity compared to traditional signalized intersections, making them a potentially efficient solution.

The Consultant will simulate traffic conditions in the corridor to test the effects of roundabouts or traffic signals on traffic flow. Concept sketches of each alternative will be provided along with a concept-level construction cost estimate, including right-of-way/property costs and order of magnitude utility relocation costs.

The City issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) 25-051, “T-7260 Riverside Drive Traffic Engineering Corridor Study,” on May 20, 2025. A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held on June 2, 2025. One (1) addendum was issued on July 13, 2025. The City received four (4) proposals prior to the July 20, 2025 due date. 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 (“Evaluation Committee”):

- Allen Johnson, TSPLOST Program Manager
- David Low, Senior Traffic Engineer
- Christine Schultz, TSPLOST Project Manager
- Alyssa Thompson-Bean, Traffic Signal Engineer

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- Kristen Wescott, Traffic/Transportation Unit Manager

City Staff evaluated the Proposals with the following criteria weighted in evaluation:

- Project Understanding and Approach – 35%
- Project Team – 30%
- Relevant Experience – 30%
- Cost Proposal – 5%

Total - 100%

The Evaluation Committee recommends that the City award the contract to the highest scoring firm.

Firm	Total Score (out of 100)	Proposed Cost
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	86	\$213,500.00
Keck & Wood, Inc.	76	\$407,303.95
Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC	75	\$236,624.00
Lowe Engineers, LLC	74	\$238,781.57

The Intersection and Operational Improvement Program (T7000) has budgeted funds to support this Project for the contracted services.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, seconded by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, to Approve a Contract Award to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Riverside Drive Traffic Engineering Corridor Study and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

Councilmember John Paulson said before DOT did the roundabouts, we did a comprehensive study of this intersection including Riverside to River Valley and is about ten years old. How does that factor into this study?

Public Works Director Martin said traffic patterns change and I-285 and SR-400 has changed. The impacts of the dual roundabouts are now recognized. With continued concerns with the operations and efficiency of the intersection, it is time to look at it again and evaluate alternative to improve traffic.

Councilmember Paulson said we should look at if what was projected then has come true because a lot of time was spent on this.

Councilmember Bauman said I am concerned about consultant overload. I would like to go back and evaluate consultant reports to see what has come true or not and what are active consultant arrangements.

Public Works Director Martin said we have that information.

Councilmember Bauman said there should be a deliverable that comes from this, versus more data that will need to be updated.

Public Works Director Martin said we will look at alternatives to include roundabout analysis.

Councilmember Bauman asked is it a traffic or geometry question for if a roundabout can fit? Is that feasible?

Public Works Director Martin said feasibility will be one of the tests, and to what efficiency is gained with the requirements to construct the right roundabout.

Councilmember Bauman said we should know where we are trying to go rather than aimlessly heading there. This is a difficult intersection.

Public Works Director Martin said we will look for alternatives and assess the cost benefit.

Councilmember Jody Reichel asked can the City have an in-house consultant for this same thing or is a different skillset needed?

Public Works Director Martin said it is a combination of skillsets for any of the studies. For instance, traffic engineering, survey work, traffic data collection, and more. Consultants should have those skillsets to provide specific deliverables.

Eden Freeman, City Manager, said it is also a factor of what is the most cost-effective solution for the City. We would not have enough work for some of these very specialized consultants at a high price to be on staff full year. We want to bring more design engineers on staff, but it may not be cost efficient for the City to do that.

Councilmember Reichel asked how long does the study take?

Public Works Director Martin said about one year.

Councilmember Mular said in the last four years there have been emails and phone calls from residents about the intersections at River Valley and Heards Ferry and Riverside. It is important that whatever comes out of it, we have results and can do something with it.

Public Works Director Martin said it is also important to regional traffic coming out of downtown Sandy Springs and trying to get back to the interstate.

Mayor Rusty Paul said I disagree with the conclusions in the study from ten years ago referenced by **Councilmember Paulson**. It was said that additional capacity was not needed at that intersection. As a daily commuter, things have not gotten better. I get a lot of great uh transportation advice from doctors, lawyers, and accountants, but would rather have it from people who went to Georgia Tech, Auburn, Clemson, North Carolina State or someplace else. It is a problem. There is a lot of traffic coming from Cobb County down Riverside, River Valley gets backed up and Heards Ferry, particularly with school starting now. We need to figure out how to make that area work better and I am glad we are trying to look at doing something there.

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

Resolution No. 2025-08-111

- E. **2025-165** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Approve a Contract Award to NGT Group LLC for the Construction of the Roswell Road Traffic Signal Upgrades 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 NGT Group LLC for the Construction of the Roswell Road Traffic Signal Upgrades Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

The City of Sandy Spring (the “City”) procured traffic engineering services to perform a traffic signal phasing analysis for the intersections of Roswell Road at Trowbridge Road and Roswell Road at Northridge Road. Angle and head-on crashes were reviewed. The City has received citizen complaints related to accessibility and the need for Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) compliant infrastructure. As a result of the analysis, the City undertook design of signal upgrades at both intersections to address identified safety concerns to enhance overall safety and operational efficiency.

The analysis concluded that Roswell Road at Trowbridge Road will maintain the existing protected permissive left-turn phasing, as transitioning to permissive-only would offer minimal operational benefits. At Roswell Road at Northridge Road, the northbound left-turn movement will remain protected-only due to sight distance limitations. Additional improvements will be made at both locations in accordance with Georgia Department of Transportation (“GDOT”) and Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Device (“MUTCD”) standards and will include necessary upgrades to meet current ADA compliance requirements.

On May 16, 2025, the City issued an Invitation to Bid (“ITB”) No. 25-046 seeking bids from GDOT qualified contractors to perform construction services for the Project. The City received four (4) construction bids prior to the June 16, 2025, deadline; however, one (1) bid was deemed non-responsive due to the bidder not being GDOT prequalified in the required Class 935: Fiber Optic System. The three (3) responsive bids were as follows:

Contractor	Bid
GTG Traffic Signals LLC	\$371,228.00
Lumin8 Transportation Technologies LLC	\$320,329.90
NGT Group LLC	\$298,034.75
Riverside Traffic Solutions LLC	Non-responsive

The engineer’s estimate for the project was \$250,000.00. While the recommended contract exceeds the estimate by approximately 19%, staff determined that current market conditions and the scope of work reasonably account for the variance. After evaluating references and qualifications, staff recommend awarding the contract to NGT Group, LLC as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$298,034.75.

The City has allocated sufficient funding through T9500 Traffic Management Program to support the execution of this project, which aligns with its commitment to eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injury crashes as part of its comprehensive safety initiatives.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to Approve a Contract Award to NGT Group LLC for the Construction of the Roswell Road Traffic Signal Upgrades Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

Councilmember Kelley asked how long have you specifically looked at Trowbridge, Northridge, and Roswell Road for this purpose?

Public Works Director Martin said two years. This also had a lengthy signal and encroachment permit review with GDOT.

Councilmember Kelley asked what will Trowbridge look like.

Public Works Director Martin said you should have received an email attachment today.

Councilmember Kelley asked what resources can be used to learn about long-term plans for Trowbridge and Northridge? They are priority in overall transportation intersections.

Public Works Director Martin said the entirety of Roswell Road was studied with the Access Management Study and the consultant provided recommendations.

Councilmember Kelley asked were midblock crossings recommended for both?

Public Works Director Martin said yes.

Councilmember Kelley said the study also shows a significant crash pattern.

Public Works Director Martin said the intersection analysis contains suggestion to address and improve that pattern.

Councilmember Kelley asked what is the timeline?

Public Works Director Martin said one-hundred fifty days for construction duration.

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

Resolution No. 2025-08-112

- F. **2025-166** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Approve a Contract Award to Modern Mobility Partners, LLC, for Consulting Services in Support of the Development of the Transportation Master Plan Update 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 Modern Mobility Partners, LLC, for Consulting Services in Support of the Development of the Transportation Master Plan Update and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

Transportation master plans guide transportation policy and network development in cities and prioritize transportation investments. The City developed its first Transportation Master Plan in 2008 and updated the plan in 2020. The City has since completed many of the projects identified in these plans. This plan will assess, and update transportation needs and identify policies and projects to prepare the City for the future. The plan will provide recommendations to continue to improve mobility and safety in the City. The analysis from the plan, in conjunction with extensive public input and feedback, will result in a list of prioritized project recommendations. This project list would serve as the foundation for any future funding initiatives.

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The Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 25-054 was released to the public on May 29, 2025. The RFP was advertised on the City's website and the Georgia Procurement Registry. The deadline for Proposals was June 30, 2025. The City received one (1) bid from Modern Mobility Partners, LLC.

The proposal was evaluated by a committee of five (5) staff members, the "Evaluation Committee". The Evaluation Committee consisted of the following members:

- Dan Coffey, Assistant Director of Communications
- David Low, Senior Traffic / Transportation Engineer
- Ezekiel Guza, Senior Transportation Planner
- Chia-Loong "Connor" Mok, CIP Project Manager
- Kristen Wescott, Traffic & Transportation Unit Manager

The evaluation criteria and weighting are as follows.

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	POINTS
Project Understanding/ Methodology	Description of the Offeror's understanding of the proposed Project as outlined in the RFP and the Offeror's demonstration of understanding of the magnitude of the Scope of Work and the desired outcomes for the Project.	30
Schedule and Work Plan	A schedule for timely completion of the Scope of Work and Work Plan on how the work shall be accomplished.	20
Project Personnel	Qualifications of personnel to be assigned to the Project.	25
Similar Experience	Experience and expertise with the subject matter and demonstrated performance of work that is similar in type and scope to the Project.	20
Cost Proposal	Pricing sheet that incorporates all direct and indirect cost associated with the project.	5

The consensus scoring is provided below:

OFFEROR	CONSENSUS PROPOSAL SCORE	TECHNICAL COST PROPOSAL
Modern Mobility Partners, LLC	88	\$222,370.47

The recommended contract award is \$222,370.47. There are sufficient funds under capital project T2503 for the award.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, to Approve a Contract Award to Modern Mobility Partners, LLC, for Consulting Services in Support of the Development of the Transportation Master Plan Update and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

Councilmember Kelley asked how does this fold in with other plans, for instance Safe Streets for All, Sidewalk, and Trail plan?

Public Works Director Martin said from the Transportation Master Plan update, the primary focus is to have a recommended capital investment strategy for the next ten to five years for all programs and needs. Also to be considered are the projects for TSPLOST 2026 as eligible for funding.

Councilmember Kelley asked will part of the scope include assessing the progress made from the previous Transportation Master Plan?

Public Works Director Martin said we will look for any new criteria since. For instance, Safe Streets for All and a prioritization goal with a timetable against that. Also, we will look at recommendations for priority on capital projects moving forward.

Councilmember Kelley said the current Transportation Master Plan calls for an interdepartmental working group. Was this ever done?

Eden Freeman, City Manager, said we already do this in the bi-weekly TSPLOST Update Committee which includes me and representatives from Communications.

Public Works Director Martin said it is a constant within the way we deliver here.

Councilmember Kelley asked will this plan go into detail on sidewalk projects?

Public Works Director Martin said the last Transportation Master Plan update was a deeper effort into sidewalk recommendations and influenced additional candidates into the overall plan. We are still using that update from five years ago to influence the Sidewalk Network Master Plan. Council can set priorities on investments as we take those recommendations.

Councilmember Kelley asked when will there be public input if this is approved?

Public Works Director Martin said it will be early fall.

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

Resolution No. 2025-08-113

- G. **2025-167** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Seven Contract Awards for On-Call Landscape and Architectural Design Services for the City of Sandy Springs Recreation and Parks Department and to Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into the Contracts

Brent Walker, Director of Recreation and Parks, presented a recommendation to Approve Seven Contract Awards for On-Call Landscape and Architectural Design Services for the City of Sandy Springs Recreation and Parks Department and to Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into the Contracts.

The City of Sandy Springs' (the "City") Recreation and Parks Department initiated a two-phase competitive procurement process to establish on-call contracts for landscape and architectural design services. These services encompass, but are not limited to, the design and engineering of pavilions, park concessions, sports fields, stormwater and utility improvements, and the development of plans, specifications, and cost estimates for enhancements to gateways, medians, streetscapes, greenways, trails,

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waterways, roadways, sidewalks, street lighting, street trees, and other corridor amenities within City-owned open spaces.

The City's previous on-call landscape and architectural design services contracts expired on June 30, 2025.

The City received fifteen (15) responses to ITB 25-049 On-Call Landscaping and Architectural Design Services. Each vendor submission was vetted through an RFQC ("Request for Qualified Contractors") process to determine if they met the general requirements for the services needed. The qualifications were based on:

- Quality of Team Proposed to Manage City Projects
- Suitability-Capability/Resources
- Experience with a Similar Entity
- Methodology and Approach.

A committee of three (3) staff members ("Evaluation Committee") performed an independent review of all responses using the above-described criteria. Following individual evaluations, the committee met to discuss the responses and determined that all submittals were qualified. Members of the Evaluation Committee were:

- Brent Walker, Recreation and Parks Director
- Steve Ciaccio, Recreation and Parks Assistant Director
- Erika Rose, Recreation and Parks Executive Administrative Assistant

All fifteen (15) firms were deemed qualified to proceed to the next phase and were invited to submit fee schedules. The City received fifteen (15) bids, summarized as follows:

Vendor	Total Bid Amount
The Collaborative Inc.	\$54,960.00
Kaizen Collaborative Design Inc.	\$57,400.00
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.	\$58,080.00
AtkinsRéalis USA Inc.	\$61,220.00
Root Design Studio, LLC	\$61,600.00
Starr Whitehouse Landscape Architects and Planners LLC	\$64,004.00
Foresite Group, LLC	\$64,200.00
Gresham, Smith And Partners (L.P.)	\$66,600.00
Goodwyn Mills Cawood	\$71,000.00
Breedlove Land Planning, Inc.	\$72,600.00
Kimley-Horn And Associates, Inc.	\$73,200.00
Pond & Company	\$75,040.00
Lose & Associates, Inc.	\$77,360.00
Tunnell, Spangler & Assocites, Inc. (d/b/a TSW Design)	\$77,600.00
CPL Architects, Engineers and Landscape Architects, D.P.C. (P.C.)	Non-Responsive

The Evaluation Committee identified the seven (7) responses based on the bids provided that best meet the needs of the City. The seven (7) firms were selected based upon the City's need to have several consultants under contract to ensure competitive pricing for future projects. The recommended firms are:

- The Collaborative Inc.

- Kaizen Collaborative Design Inc.
- Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
- AtkinsRéalis USA Inc.
- Root Design Studio, LLC
- Starr Whitehouse Landscape Architects and Planners LLC
- Foresite Group, LLC

The City will establish contracts with the seven (7) firms listed above for on-call landscape and architectural design services. Each firm provided a rate schedule as part of its submittal that will provide the basis for project pricing. The Purchasing Department will obtain at least three (3) quotes as well as proposed project schedules for each project based on a scope of work and deliverables provided by the Recreation and Parks Department. These items will be used to prioritize consultant selection for task orders. The Recreation and Parks project manager will then recommend a task order approval be made with concurrence from the Director of Recreation and Parks. Upon recommendation of award, the Purchasing Department staff will provide a task order for the proposed project to the recommended consultant.

The current on-call design and engineering contracts will provide the framework for the City's standard terms and conditions for the new on-call contracts. Projects over \$200,000 will be brought before Council for approval per the adopted purchasing policy.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to Approve Seven Contract Awards for On-Call Landscape and Architectural Design Services for the City of Sandy Springs Recreation and Parks Department and to Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into the Contracts.

Councilmember Reichel asked for more explanation of what the firms do and how often the City uses them.

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said there were five firm with one-year contracts for five years. All firms do the City's concept design, engineering services for all construction documents for any capital projects like Abernathy South Greenway, and smaller architectural renderings or engineering sketches. These are fixed prices. We do not have to bid each project out with the scope of work individually. The firm will do the work based on that fee schedule provided.

Councilmember Reichel asked does each of the seven firms do something different?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said no. They are all the same types of firms. With multiple projects, a variety of large and small firms can do different types of work and we determine the best firm for the project.

Councilmember Reichel asked does the City uses each contract once?

Director of Recreation and Parks Walker said no. For instance, AtkinsRéalis is currently working on two projects for the City. As the projects come up through the five-year term, depending on the workload and their best capabilities, we will assign that to them. Sometimes we may take a scope of work and send it to all of the firms and get their pricing based on the hours they will need to do it and pick the lowest cost for that project.

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

Resolution No. 2025-08-114

- H. **2025-168** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Johns Creek for the Shared Use of the WestNet Radio Interface Controller and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement

Keith Sanders, Fire Chief, presented a recommendation to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Johns Creek for the Shared Use of the WestNet Radio Interface Controller and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement.

The purpose of this IGA is to establish a mutual agreement regarding the shared use of the WestNet Radio Interface Controller (“RIC”), currently installed at Chattahoochee River 911 Authority (“ChattComm”), which serves as the Public Safety Answering Point (“PSAP”) and dispatch center for both the Sandy Springs Fire Department and the Johns Creek Fire Department.

The Sandy Springs Fire Department previously purchased and installed a WestNet RIC at ChattComm to support the deployment of the WestNet Fire Station Alerting System across all Sandy Springs fire stations. The City of Johns Creek is currently in the process of implementing the same WestNet system for use in its fire stations. WestNet Inc., the system manufacturer, has confirmed that the existing RIC at ChattComm has the capacity and technical capability to support the Johns Creek system without the need for separate, redundant RICs. Additionally, WestNet Inc. has confirmed that it will perform the necessary technical work to connect and integrate the Johns Creek WestNet system with the existing RIC at ChattComm.

Johns Creek will reimburse the City \$50,000.00 for access and use of the existing WestNet Radio Interface Controller installed at ChattComm. The City of Johns Creek unanimously approved the attached IGA during their July 28, 2025 meeting.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Johns Creek for the Shared Use of the WestNet Radio Interface Controller and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement.

Councilmember Paulson asked does the City need to provide extra staffing to support the Johns Creek participation?

Fire Chief Sanders said no.

Councilmember DeJulio asked how long has the City used this system?

Fire Chief Sanders said this was approved and adopted about three years ago.

Councilmember DeJulio asked has the system worked out since then?

Fire Chief Sanders said yes.

Councilmember DeJulio asked how long it will be before the system much be replaced by newer technology.

Fire Chief Sanders said it may not be for years. More information can be provided to Council.

Councilmember DeJulio asked is the system on a continual upgrade?

Fire Chief Sanders said no.

Councilmember Jody Reichel asked are there other cities that can use it?

Fire Chief Sanders yes. This includes Alpharetta and we are willing to discuss it with them.

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

Resolution No. 2025-00-00

- I. **2025-169** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia (the “City”), to Approve the Bond Resolution of the City of Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority Authorizing the Issuance of the City of Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds (City of Sandy Springs Fire and Safety Projects), Series 2025, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$50,500,000; to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement between the Authority, as Lessor, and the City, as Lessee; to Authorize the Mayor and Other Officers and Officials of the City to Take Such Further Actions As are Necessary to Provide for the Issuance and Delivery of the Revenue Bonds Described Herein; and for Other Purposes

Eden Freeman, City Manager, presented a recommendation to Approve the Bond Resolution of the City of Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority Authorizing the Issuance of the City of Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds (City of Sandy Springs Fire and Safety Projects), Series 2025, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$50,500,000; to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement between the Authority, as Lessor, and the City, as Lessee; to Authorize the Mayor and Other Officers and Officials of the City to Take Such Further Actions As are Necessary to Provide for the Issuance and Delivery of the Revenue Bonds Described Herein; and for Other Purposes.

The proposed bond issuance includes a new Fire Station #4 within the City limits, a replacement Fire Station #1, and an addition to Fire Station #3. Fire Station #4, located at 4697 Wieuca Road, Atlanta, GA 30342, is currently located outside the City of Sandy Springs' (City) city limits, presenting jurisdictional, operational, and financial challenges. On July 15, 2025, the Public Facilities Authority approved two purchase and sale agreements for property located at 5275 Roswell Road and 0 Roswell Road to provide a location for a new Fire Station #4. A relocation of the fire station to the south end of the City (within City limits) will significantly enhance response capacity in that area, ultimately improving safety for both residents and visitors.

Fire Station #1, located at 1425 Spalding Drive, was constructed in 1968 and the building is now obsolete and in need of replacement. Fire Station #3, located at 6025 Raider Drive, was constructed in 2002. Modifications to the facility include an addition to the existing apparatus bay, a three-story training

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stairway, gear locker rooms and decontamination room, an exercise room with lockers and showers, and a natural gas generator to provide back-up power to the facility.

These projects were discussed and prioritized within the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget process. The City has requested that the Public Facilities Authority issue its Revenue Bonds (City of Sandy Springs Fire and Safety Projects), Series 2025, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$50,500,000. The City and the Authority would enter into a Lease Agreement (the “Lease”), pursuant to which the Projects would be leased by the Authority, as lessor, to the City, as lessee, and the City would agree to make lease payments in stated amounts which are sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 2025 Bonds.

The aggregate principal amount of the proposed Series 2025 Bonds shall not exceed \$50,500,000. Staff estimate the annual debt payment for Fiscal Year 2026 to be approximately \$3,078,478. However, this amount will be reduced to \$1,678,478 due to anticipated savings from restructuring securities held in escrow that were realized from the refunding of the City's 2015 and 2020 debt issuances. A separate resolution will be brought to Council in September to initiate that process.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to Approve the Bond Resolution of the City of Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority Authorizing the Issuance of the City of Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds (City of Sandy Springs Fire and Safety Projects), Series 2025, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$50,500,000; to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement between the Authority, as Lessor, and the City, as Lessee; to Authorize the Mayor and Other Officers and Officials of the City to Take Such Further Actions As are Necessary to Provide for the Issuance and Delivery of the Revenue Bonds Described Herein; and for Other Purposes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2025-08-115

- J. **2025-170** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution Opposing the Proposed Increase in the Fulton County Millage Rate from 8.87 to 9.87 Mills and Urging the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to Maintain the Current Rate

Eden Freeman, City Manager, presented a recommendation to Oppose the Proposed Increase in the Fulton County Millage Rate from 8.87 to 9.87 Mills and Urging the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to Maintain the Current Rate.

We are urging the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to maintain the current tax rate of 8.87 mills rather than the proposed millage rate of 9.87. One mill countywide generates almost \$80,000,000 which will negatively impact residents and businesses that are already contending with increased cost of living, including inflation, rising utility rates, and higher prices for essential goods and services. In addition, Fulton County negotiated a significant increase in the county's percentage of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) designed to offset property taxes. They justified that increase based on the need for a new jail that was projected to cost between \$1,000,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000. Since then, the county has abandoned their plans for constructing a new jail and has opted to renovate the existing facility.

If Council adopts this, we will ensure that it is transmitted tomorrow before the county has their meeting.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, to Oppose the Proposed Increase in the Fulton County Millage Rate from 8.87 to 9.87 Mills and Urging the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to Maintain the Current Rate.

Councilmember Paulson asked how this is being presented to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners?

Eden Freeman, City Manager, said this will most likely be emailed to the Clerk and County Manager and can also be emailed to board members.

Mayor Paul said Council appreciates this and will provide the board member contacts.

Councilmember Paulson asked has any other municipality taken a position as this?

Mayor Paul said Johns Creek and others are contemplating this. This is very important. Fulton County is among the highest in property taxes in Georgia and many seniors are being priced out of their homes by this continued growth. The City has both a cap on the millage rate as well as a floating homestead to reduce property taxes when assessments go up. Fulton County has not specified what they want to use these proceeds for. A recent presentation with Commissioner Bob Ellis proved this tax increase is not justified and not needed, particularly since it is for unspecified purposes. The City is joining other communities in Fulton County to oppose this. If they had a specific project like the rehabilitation of the jail that these funds were going through, then we could have a conversation about it. This is not the case and is just general revenue increases. Council is urged to vote in the affirmative on this resolution.

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

Resolution No. 2025-08-116

IX. Public Hearing

- A. **2025-171** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Set Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2026
Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearing 1

Eden Freeman, City Manager, presented a recommendation to approve an Ordinance to Set Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearing 1.

The Georgia Taxpayers Bill of Rights, in effect since 2000, requires the City to advertise a millage rate as a property tax increase if this rate is not fully rolled back.

Approve the ad valorem tax rate for the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, for the 2025 calendar year, on property subject to ad valorem taxation by the City that is hereby fixed at 4.731 on forty percent (40%) of each \$1,000 of property subject to ad valorem tax by the City. Said rate of \$4.731 on forty percent (40%) of each \$1,000 of taxable property is hereby levied.

The Sandy Springs millage rate combined with the homestead exemption results in a lower tax burden than most of its neighboring municipalities. By leaving the millage rate the same, we continue to ensure

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superior, responsive customer service and a high quality of services to the residents of Sandy Springs. Notice has been advertised that the City of Sandy Springs will hold public hearings on Tuesday, August 5th at 6:00 pm and Tuesday, August 19th at 8:30 a.m. The City of Sandy Springs will set the millage rate on August 19th at 6:00 p.m. following the final public hearing.

The impact of the reassessment and reevaluations this past year resulted in an overall property value increase, resulting in a tax increase of .71% following the “rollback” calculation that evaluates total revenue collected from property taxes year to year. This property value increase contributed to an increase in total net taxes levied of .36% from 2024 to 2025. The FY2026 Adopted Budget was developed using the adoption of a millage rate of 4.731 mills, which is the same millage rate set by the Sandy Springs Charter. The millage rate does not increase, and the increase is a function in the increase in the values of properties in the City.

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

This is the second of three required public hearings. No action is required of the City Council at this time.

X. Reports

A. 2025-172 Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Rusty Paul said tonight is National Night Out and following Executive Session we will join the event.

Councilmember Andy Bauman asked for an update on the situation with AT&T service.

Eden Freeman, City Manager, said the road was re-opened. We will follow up and provide an update.

B. 2025-173 Staff Reports

1. May 2025 Unaudited Financials

Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the May 2025 unaudited financials.

The City is at 91.67% of the year. Revenues are at 107.71 % and expenditures are at 87.38% of the budget. The City has recognized 100% or more of all budgeted revenue categories except miscellaneous fees and other financing sources as of May 31, 2025. The expenditures are shown in the packet using from 34.89% to 96.68% of the approved budget.

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.

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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 6:46 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 7:03 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 7:03 p.m.