Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on December 2, 2025 6:00 PM, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. **Call to Order**

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. **Roll Call and General Announcements**

Members Present: Mayor Rusty Paul, Councilmember John Paulson, Councilmember Melody Kelley, Councilmember Melissa Mular, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, Councilmember Andrew Bauman

Members Absent: Councilmember Jody Reichel

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Rusty Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. **Public Comment**

1. **Lisha Stokes, 4105 Meadow Gate Drive, Sandy Springs -** Historic Woodall Home Set for Demolition. It is the Oldest in Sandy Springs.

V. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to amend the agenda by moving Agenda Item 2025-273 from the Consent Agenda to the Meeting Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. **Consent Agenda**

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A. **2025-272** Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2025 City Council Meeting

B. ***2025-273*** *Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Permanent Easement for the Monitoring of Slopes from David E. and Beverly Chenault on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 10 Maryeanna Drive, (Tax ID #17-0092-0006-008-0), Land Lot 92 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia*

Moved to the end of the Meeting Agenda

C. **2025-274** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Temporary Construction Easement from Lake Forrest Summit Community Association, Inc. a Georgia Corporation on that Tract of Land Located at 0 Lake Forrest Drive, (Tax

ID #17-0092-LL-068-1), Land Lot 92 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia

Resolution No. 2025-12-170

D. **2025-275** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Accept a Deed for Dedication of Right-of-Way, and Temporary Construction Easement from ZaRamy Properties, LLC, on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 4617 Roswell Road (Tax ID# 17-0094-0001-102-4), in Land Lot 94 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia

Resolution No. 2025-12-171

E. **2025-276** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Accept a Deed for Dedication of Right of Way, from ZaRamy Properties, LLC, on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 4617 Roswell Road (Hedden Street Frontage) (Tax ID# 17-0094-0001-102-4), in Land Lot 94 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia

Resolution No. 2025-12-172

VII. **Presentations**

A. **2025-277** FY 2025 Audit Presentation

Josh Carroll, Partner, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC presented the results of June 30, 2025 audit.

Mauldin & Jenkins Partner Carroll said there were no findings from the FY 2025 audit of the City of Sandy Springs. The annual Comprehensive Financial Report will be finalized by the end of the week and presented to the City. We followed all Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) and Government Auditing Standards (GAS), and issued an unmodified opinion based on our expertise. We also anticipate a clean opinion on the City's compliance and control which includes how cash is received and dispersed, how contracts with vendors are entered, federal grants received, and more. We appreciate the City continuing to partner with us to get the annual audit done.

<u>Audit Opinion</u>

Our Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America (GAAS)

- We considered the internal control structure for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the City of Sandy Springs' (the "City") basic financial statements and not for the purpose of providing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal controls.
- Our audit was performed in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards.
- Our objective is to provide reasonable—not absolute—assurance that the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement.

- The basic financial statements are the responsibility of the City's management.

Report on Basic Financial Statements

- Unmodified ("clean") opinion on basic financial statements.
- Presented fairly in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- Our responsibility does not extend beyond financial information contained in our report.

<u>Compliance Report and Audit Scopes & Procedures</u>

Compliance Reports

- The financial report package contains a report on our tests of the City's internal controls and compliance with laws, regulations, etc. The report is not intended to provide an opinion on internal controls and compliance with applicable rules and regulations.
- This report and the procedures performed are required by Government Auditing Standards.
- The Single Audit Report contains an (anticipated) unmodified opinion on the Highway Planning and Construction Program (AL #20.205). Note, the federal government has not issued the 2025 compliance supplement and therefore, no opinion is issued at this time.

Audit Scopes and Procedures (Governmental Audit Programs Utilized in All Areas)

- Confirmed cash, debt and other elements.
- Vouched substantiated additions of capital assets, balances of construction in progress, and vouched significant retainage payable.
- Performed a search for unrecorded liabilities via review of unpaid vouchers and subsequent disbursements.

<u>Required Communications</u>

Significant Accounting Policies

- Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies.
- The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in Note 1 to the respective basic financial statements.
- The policies used by the City are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- In considering the qualitative aspects of its policies, the City is not involved in any controversial or emerging issues for which guidance is not available.

Management's Judgment/Accounting Estimates

- Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events.
- The City uses various estimates as part of its financial reporting process – including useful lives of capital assets.

Relationship with Management

- We received full cooperation from the City's management and staff.
- There were no disagreements with management on accounting issues or financial reporting matters.

Management Representation

- We requested, and received, written representations from management relating to the accuracy of information included in the financial statements and the completeness and accuracy of various information requested by us.

Consultation with Other Accountants

- To the best of our knowledge, management has not consulted with, or obtained opinions from, other independent accountants during the year, nor did we face any issues requiring outside consultation.

Significant Issues Discussed with Management

- There were no significant issues discussed with management related to business conditions, plans, or strategies that may have affected the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements.

Audit Adjustments

- There were no unrecorded or passed audit adjustments.

Financial Statement Disclosures

- The footnote disclosures to the financial statements are also an integral part of the financial statements and the process used by management to accumulate the information included in the disclosures was the same process used in accumulating the statements. The overall neutrality, consistency, and clarity of the disclosures was considered as part of our audit.

Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

- Our responsibility for other information in documents containing the City's basic financial statements and our report thereon does not extend beyond the information identified in our report. If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the financial statements and make reference to our firm, we must be provided with a printer's proof for our review and approval before printing. You must also provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

Auditor Independence

- In accordance with AICPA professional standards, M&J is independent with regard to the City and their financial reporting process.

Financial Trends

As with most governments, taxes and charges make up over 90% of revenue. There is balance in the City's revenue streams, and other consistencies. For expenses, public safety has been the largest expenditure over the last five years. Generally, revenues exceed expenses and adds to fund balance. This does not include transfers out to other funds. Fund balance in the past five years has increased and decreased but it is relatively flat. Funds can be earmarked for capital projects, balance the next fiscal year budget, transfers to the Public Facilities Authority (PFA), and more. Overall, the City has a healthy fund balance, and there were no adjustments to the financial statements.

Governmental Advisory Services

Our government advisory service team has niche projects in four categories. They evaluate our strategy, operational efficiency and effectiveness, transformation, and performance measurement in delivering services to Sandy Springs. If Council is interested in learning more, we can set up a meeting.

IT and Cybersecurity Solutions

As a reminder, no government is immune to hacking, and we want to ensure our IT department is training our employees.

New Accounting Pronouncements

New Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements will continue to be implemented as they come along.

GASB Statement No. 103, Financial Reporting Model Improvements was issued in April 2024 and is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged. The requirements for MD&A will improve the quality of the analysis of changes from the prior year, which will enhance the relevance of that information. They also will provide clarity regarding what information should be presented in MD&A. The requirements for the separate presentation of unusual or infrequent items will provide clarity regarding which items should be reported separately from other inflows and outflows of resources. The definitions of operating revenues and expenses and of nonoperating revenues and expenses will replace accounting policies that vary from government to government, thereby improving comparability. The addition of a subtotal for operating income (loss) and noncapital subsidies will improve the relevance of information provided in the proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position. The requirement for presentation of major component unit information will improve comparability. The requirement that budgetary comparison information be presented as RSI will improve comparability, and the inclusion of the specified variances and the explanations of significant variances will provide more useful information for making decisions and assessing accountability.

Statement No. 104, Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets was issued in September 2024 and is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter. The objective of this statement is to clarify which types of capital assets must be disclosed separately in the notes to the financial statements as well as to establish disclosure requirements for capital assets that are held for sale.

Other Pending or Current GASB Projects. As noted by the numerous pronouncements issued by GASB over the past decade, the GASB continues to research various projects of interest to governmental units. Subjects of note include:

Going Concern Uncertainties and Severe Financial Stress is a major project where the goal is to address issues related to disclosures regarding going concern uncertainties and severe financial stress. The project will consider (1) improvements to existing guidance for going concern considerations to address diversity in practice and clarify the circumstances under which disclosure is appropriate, (2) developing a definition of severe financial stress and criteria for identifying when governments should disclose their exposure to severe financial stress, and (3) what information about a government’s exposure to severe financial stress is necessary to disclose. This technical topic is being examined by the GASB due to a wide diversity in practice regarding required presentation on the face of the financial statements, disclosures, etc.

Subsequent Events—Reexamination of Statement No. 56 is a project that will improve the accounting and financial reporting for subsequent events. The project will reexamine existing requirements related to subsequent events in Statement No. 56, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in the AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards, to address issues related to (1) confusion about and challenges associated with applying the existing standards, (2) inconsistency in practice in the information provided about subsequent events, and (3) the usefulness of the information provided about subsequent events.

Revenue and Expense Recognition is a major project where the overall objective is to develop a comprehensive, principles-based model that would establish categorization, recognition, and measurement guidance applicable to a wide range of revenue and expense transactions. Achieving that objective will include: (1) development of guidance applicable to topics for which existing guidance is limited, (2) improvement of existing guidance that has been identified as challenging to apply, (3) consideration of a performance obligation approach to the GASB's authoritative literature, and (4) assessment of existing and proposed guidance based on the conceptual framework. The expected outcome of the project is enhanced quality of information that users rely upon in making decisions and assessing accountability. The GASB is currently reviewing comments and other input received from the stakeholder community during the preliminary views stage that was completed in 2021.

Government Clients – Free Quarterly Continuing Education

Mauldin & Jenkins provides free quarterly continuing education for all of our governmental clients. Topics are tailored to be of interest to governmental entities. In an effort to accommodate our entire governmental client base, we offer the sessions several times per quarter at a variety of client provided locations resulting in greater networking and knowledge sharing among our governmental clients. We normally see approximately 180 people per quarter.

VIII. **Public Hearing**

A. **2025-278** ABL No. 28235
Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Ladona 30342 LLC/ DBA Ladona Bar and Restaurant at 215 Northwood Dr Suite 8, Sandy Springs GA 30342. The applicant is Ashish Shetty for Consumption of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits.

Cori Holiness, Revenue Manager, presented a recommendation to approve Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Ladona 30342 LLC/ DBA Ladona Bar and Restaurant at 215 Northwood Dr Suite 8, Sandy Springs GA 30342. The applicant is Ashish Shetty for Consumption of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits.

This is a Change of Ownership Application for Consumption of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits. The business is located at – 215 Northwood Dr. Suite 8, Sandy Springs, GA 30342. The applicant submitted a completed application on October 15, 2025. Applicant has passed the background investigation.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Ladona 30342 LLC/ DBA Ladona Bar and Restaurant at 215 Northwood Dr Suite 8, Sandy Springs GA 30342. The applicant is Ashish Shetty for Consumption of Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio said the stated zip code of the business address is different than the application.

Revenue Manager Holiness said the zip code 30342 is listed on the application for the business. Staff will review this and correct.

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

IX. New Business

A. **2025-279** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Contract Award to F.S. Scarbrough, LLC for Construction Services for the City of Sandy Springs' Portion of the PATH 400 Multiuse Trail Extension Project – Phase II 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 F.S. Scarbrough, LLC for Construction Services for the City of Sandy Springs' Portion of the PATH 400 Multiuse Trail Extension Project – Phase II and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

The PATH 400 Trail Extension project is the northern segment of PATH400, a 5.2-mile walkable, bikeable trail being constructed on the public land adjacent to SR 400 extending from the northern tip of Morningside neighborhood in Midtown northward to the southern part of City of Sandy Springs inside the Perimeter. The proposed path will tie into the I-285/SR 400 Interchange Improvement Project (PI 0000784), which extends the overall trail by 0.6 miles. PATH400, including this segment, is identified as a regionally significant trail in Atlanta Regional Commission's ("ARC") Regional Trail Vision.

Design was completed for the entire Project in 2023. Due to funding limitations, the construction of the Project was divided into three separate segments. In May 2024, a contract was awarded to construct Segments 1 and 3 of the Project. The City requested additional funding through the ARC to construct the final portion of the Project. In December 2024, the City was notified by the ARC that the required funding was available for the construction of Segment 2 (PI 0021223).

On July 23, 2025 the City issued Invitation to Bid ("ITB") No. 26-001 seeking bids from qualified contractors to perform construction services for the Project. A pre-bid meeting was held on August 15, 2025. The following eight (8) bids were received by the October 6, 2025 deadline:

Company	**Amount**
Engineers Estimate, Inc.	$19,587,650.50
F.S. Scarbrough, LLC	**$15,758,413.00**
BRTU Construction, Inc.	$16,812,741.50
CMES, INC.	$17,371,629.05
Vertical Earth, Inc.	$18,236,500.71
JHC Corporation	$18,394,101.00
Astra Group, LLC	$18,890,800.00
Reeves Young, LLC	$22,540,708.75
Strack, Incorporated	$24,417,777.00

The bids received were evaluated by staff. Based on review and analysis, staff recommends that the City award a contract to F.S. Scarbrough LLC, who submitted the lowest, responsible and responsive bid in the amount of $15,758,413.00.

The construction of this Project will be funded through a combination of 20% local funds and 80% federal funds through GDOT per the City's executed Project Framework Agreement with GDOT. The federal share will be $12,060,730.40 and the local share will be $3,151,682.60. The City's local construction match is funded with Capital Projects Funds under T2506. There are adequate funds available from all funding sources to award the contract.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, seconded by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, to approve a Contract Award to F.S. Scarbrough, LLC for Construction Services for the City of Sandy Springs' Portion of the PATH 400 Multiuse Trail Extension Project – Phase II and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

Councilmember Bauman asked if Engineers Estimate Inc. provided a bid?

Public Works Director Martin said it is typo and is an estimate from Heath and Lineback Engineers Inc.

Councilmember Bauman said it is exciting to see this project with all segments that will be transformative for years to come. Thank you **Mayor Rusty Paul**, Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), **Public Works Director Martin** and Staff and everyone involved in securing the funds to advance this project.

Councilmember Melissa Mular asked for the total funding allocated for all three segments.

Public Works Director Martin said funding includes local matches and a significant contribution from ARC. This information will be provided to Council.

Councilmember Mular said this is fantastic to know and it is a great project.

Councilmember John Paulson said it is great to connect Sandy Springs to the rest of trails into Atlanta and Alabama. It will be six months before F.S. Scarbrough will be released to do Phase II. Will they still be working on Phase I and Phase III?

Public Works Director Martin said yes. Each segment has a duration of about three years and we expect plenty of activity with Scarbrough at the time.

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

Resolution No. 2025-12-173

B. **2025-280** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Contract Award to Sol Construction, LLC to Construct the Jett Ferry Road and Spalding Drive Sidewalk Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to Approve Contract Award to Sol Construction, LLC to Construct the Jett Ferry Road and Spalding Drive Sidewalk Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

The Project installs 1,875 linear feet of sidewalk on Jett Ferry Road from existing sidewalk located at Jett Ferry Court to Spalding Drive and from 3245 Spalding Drive to 7655 Dunvegan Close. The Project will also include a mid-block pedestrian crossing with rapid flashing beacon to connect sidewalk on the north and south side of Spalding Drive.

On October 8, 2025, the City issued an Invitation to Bid ("ITB") 26-012 seeking bids from qualified contractors to construct the Project. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on October 20, 2025. The following eight (8) bids were received prior to the November 7, 2025, deadline:

Company	**Bid**	**Notes**
Engineer's Estimate	$889,692.75	
Sol Construction, LLC	**$667,792.00**	**Recommended to Award**
IP Construction, LLC	$704,000.00	
Lagniappe Development Company, Inc.	$787,657.18	
FS Scarbrough, LLC	$864,640.00	
Excellere Construction, LLC	$894,200.00	
DAF Concrete, Inc	$914,033.00	Non-Responsive
Ohmshiv Construction, LLC	$946,217.20	
Vertical Earth Incorporated	$1,081, 595.76	

Upon review of the bids, Staff recommends that award be made to the lowest, most responsible and responsive bidder, Sol Construction, LLC in the amount of $667,792.00.

There are adequate funds available in the Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) funded Sidewalk Program budget for Project S2184 to award this contract.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to Approve Contract Award to Sol Construction, LLC to Construct the Jett Ferry Road and Spalding Drive Sidewalk Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

Councilmember Paulson said the neighbors have looked forward to this and glad it will be easier for some to get to the Kroger Shopping Center. Is the neighborhood aware this is coming?

Public Works Director Martin said we have given updates and will continue to provide this information. Once Council approves, we expect to mobilize the contractor early next year.

Councilmember Kelley asked how much was budgeted in TSPLOST for this?

Public Works Director Martin said this information is not available tonight but can be provided to Council.

Councilmember Kelley asked can additional funds be moved to the capital sidewalk items in TSPLOST?

Public Works Director Martin said yes, if there is any reservation, and there are a couple large capital projects yet to bid in TSPLOST.

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

Resolution No. 2025-12-174

C. **2025-281** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize a Purchasing Agreement with Constant Technologies, Inc. for the Sandy Springs Intelligence Operations Center Technology Enhancements Under the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant

Jason McCabe, CI Unit Manager, presented a recommendation to Authorize a Purchasing Agreement with Constant Technologies, Inc. for the Sandy Springs Intelligence Operations Center Technology Enhancements Under the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant.

In 2022, the City of Sandy Springs (City) submitted an Equipment and Technology application to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) for the PSCVRG program, created to address the increase of violent gun crime and community violence as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Shortly after, in 2023, OPB awarded the City $752,514.40 for the equipment and technology required for the development and implementation of the Violent Crime Reduction Team (VCRT) and $869,675.40 for its necessary staffing, which the City accepted.

Over the past two years, the Police Department (Department) has purchased the necessary equipment and technology identified in the original scope and in accordance with the project timeline. Although obstacles have arisen during implementation, the City remains committed to working diligently to meet the overall goals of the program. As the Equipment and Technology project progressed, it became clear that some components of the PSCVRG initiative needed modification to keep the program effective and aligned with operational needs. In this case, the Department faced two key obstacles that required adjustments to make the best use of grant resources.

Continued assessment of the VCRT's operational needs and capabilities revealed that certain proposed equipment items, training courses, and software licenses were unnecessary and should be removed from the original project scope. In addition, the vendor's initial quote for the camera project, originally estimated at approximately $330,000 and used as the basis for the project's budget, increased substantially to over $845,000 during final proposal development, making the project no longer feasible. Given the limited time remaining under the project timeline, which ends in October 2026, the City could not risk further delays by continuing to work with the vendor or hoping that the purchase and installation would be completed on schedule.

The reallocation of funds from these projects allows the City to progress with the updated project scope, including investing in the SSIOC technology enhancements, including video wall displays, video processing and control systems, an upgraded audio system, and cabling racks, which will significantly strengthen the capabilities of the grant-funded Criminal Intelligence Analyst assigned to the VCRT, as well as the broader Criminal Intelligence Unit. These enhancements, totaling $250,526.90, will improve the ability to monitor, analyze, and respond to violent crime and critical incidents in real time, supporting faster, more informed decision-making through increased visibility, collaboration, and coordination.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to Authorize a Purchasing Agreement with Constant Technologies, Inc. for the Sandy Springs Intelligence Operations Center Technology Enhancements Under the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant.

Mayor Paul said it appears the City is a victim of bait and switch.

CI Unit Manager McCabe said not entirely. The biggest reason for the significant increase in cost is due to specific site assessments to place the cameras. We are switching because it is best to choose locations based on violent crime data and the areas to be covered.

Councilmember Melissa Mular asked does the City have the full scope of the requirements?

CI Unit Manager McCabe said yes.

Councilmember Mular asked what are the ongoing cost for maintenance once the grant funds are consumed?

CI Unit Manager McCabe said that data can be provided. Through the project, there are license plate readers and different funds that we will be budgeting for and proposing to continue.

Councilmember Mular asked will this be part of upcoming budget cycles once funding is consumed?

CI Unit Manager McCabe said yes.

Councilmember Paulson said originally 752,514.40 was targeted for equipment and technology but we are only spending $250,526.90. Is the remainder in reserve?

CI Unit Manager McCabe said no. Most funds have been expended through the original scope of the project. For instance, license plate reader technology equipment for grant-funded analyst and CSI positions. The remaining projects are a server upgrade and a BOLO project.

Councilmember Paulson said also about $330,000 was targeted for this but only about $250,000 is spent. Where was the remaining $80,000 directed?

CI Unit Manager McCabe said funds were directed to server upgrades and the BOLO project.

Councilmember Paulson said there are no new cameras at this point. It is a good idea but it did not work out.

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

Resolution No. 2025-12-175

D. **2025-282** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Memorandum of Authorization Between the City and the Appropriate Party for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security International Federation of Association Football World Cup Grant Program and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Same

Forrest Bohannon, Major, presented a recommendation to approve a Memorandum of Authorization Between the City and the Appropriate Party for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security International Federation of Association Football World Cup Grant Program and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Same.

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) recently presented the City of Atlanta with a federal funding opportunity through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, associated with security and operational support for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. As part of this opportunity, the City of Atlanta requested that the City of Sandy Springs serve as a subrecipient under the grant program, allowing the City of Sandy Springs to receive reimbursement for eligible expenses, specifically overtime costs incurred while providing public safety support during World Cup events.

The City of Atlanta has requested support from the City of Sandy Springs with FIFA World Cup-related activities scheduled for June and July 2026. Current projections indicate that 33 staff members from the Police Department and three staff members from the Fire Department will be deployed in support of these events throughout the three-week time period. Based on estimated staffing needs and projected overtime rates, the City expects to incur $78,085.54 in overtime costs. These expenses would occur in Fiscal Year 2027, aligning with the reimbursement timeline established by the federal program. Participation as a subrecipient ensures these overtime expenditures are eligible for federal reimbursement under the DHS FIFA World Cup Grant Program.

Overtime costs associated with World Cup support activities are estimated at $78,085.54 for Fiscal Year 2027. As a subrecipient of the DHS grant program, the City expects these costs to be fully reimbursable, resulting in no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund, provided all grant requirements are met and documentation is submitted in accordance with federal guidelines.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, to approve a Memorandum of Authorization Between the City and the Appropriate Party for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security International Federation of Association Football World Cup Grant Program and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Same.

Councilmember Paulson asked who will the appropriate party be?

Major Bohannon said this information is not available tonight. ARC is still working this out and all of the subgrantees have to go through the grant process with DHS.

Mayor Paul said this request comes from police who must provide security, and the City is working on a lot of things around that particular event.

Councilmember Paulson said please let Council know when the appropriate party is identified.

Councilmember Melissa Mular said please ensure there is appropriate staffing for the City while public safety is there.

Major Bohannon said we should be fully staffed in the City without needing to use any overtime since there is plenty of time to plan for this.

Councilmember Mular asked if overtime was to exceed, how would the City recover for that?

Major Bohannon said there is allotment in the grant for some fluctuation.

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

Resolution No. 2025-12-176

B. ***2025-273*** *Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Permanent Easement for the Monitoring of Slopes from David E. and Beverly Chenault on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 10 Maryeanna Drive, (Tax ID #17-0092-0006-008-0), Land Lot 92 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia*

Moved from Consent Agenda

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to Approve a Permanent Easement for the Monitoring of Slopes from David E. and Beverly Chenault on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 10 Maryeanna Drive, (Tax ID #17-0092-0006-008-0), Land Lot 92 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia.

Public Works Director Martin said over a year ago, there was a slip of some of the material on the slope on Lake Forest Drive at Maryeanna Drive. In conjunction with that slip, we first developed a recommendation for restoration of that slope through our geotechnical engineers evaluation. That was based on the conditions of that particular slope, which included significant loose material on top of competent rock that was fairly low on the slope. As a part of that work, we worked with **Councilmember John Paulson** to discuss some alternatives to this expensive repair that would be warranted and recommended by the geotechnical engineer, at least as an interim measure.

Monitoring of slopes was the recommendation that came out of the discussion with **Councilman Paulson**, the geotechnical engineer, and Staff. The proposal is to put two monitoring inclinometers on the slope at the Chenault address and have the consultant install them. We will perform monitoring on a periodic basis, and check the condition of the slope to see if there is any movement associated with the unconsolidated material on the top of the slope, and the solid rock underneath that has been holding it all up for many years.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, to approve a Permanent Easement for the Monitoring of Slopes from David E. and Beverly Chenault on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 10 Maryeanna Drive, (Tax ID #17-0092-0006-008-0), Land Lot 92 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia.

Councilmember Paulson said this is an approach where you observe what is happening and then make a decision on the next steps. There are probably about a dozen more steep slopes alongside roads in Sandy Springs. We should consider monitoring some of these and fix them if there is movement. We could spend thousands versus hundreds of thousands.

Public Works Director Martin said this is the most urgent slope, but there are other slopes we will potentially monitor as the process moves along.

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

Resolution No. 2025-12-169

X. **Reports**

A. **2025-283** Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Rusty Paul said there was a great opportunity for me to attend a ribbon cutting for the new Empowerment Center at the Community Assistance Center (CAC). Congresswoman Lucy McBath and other local and state leaders were also welcomed there. This is another step for the CAC to provide great services to local residents and help secure jobs for people that really need them.

Councilmember John Paulson thanked **Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer,** and Staff for an excellent audit with no findings. Also, the next Council meeting will be the last for **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, **Councilmember Jody Reichel**, and **Councilmember Andy Bauman.** Everyone is encouraged to attend and share a good story as the City of Sandy Springs honors them.

B. **2025-284** Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

XI. **Executive Session**

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to recess from regular order and enter executive session for the purposes of litigation discussion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Passed Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0
Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Tibby DeJulio, Andrew Bauman
Nays: None

The Executive Session began at 6:53 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 5, No 0, Abstained 0
Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Tibby DeJulio, Andrew Bauman
Nays: None

The Executive Session ended at 7:12 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 7:12 p.m.