

**CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026
REGULAR MEETING FOLLOWING WORK SESSION**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rusty Paul called the August 4, 2026 City Council Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members Present: Rusty Paul, John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Frank Roberts, Mary Ford, and Andrew J. Chinsky.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rusty Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented.

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, to approve the meeting agenda for Tuesday, August 4, 2026. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. 2026-196 Meeting Minutes

1. May 5, 2026 City Council Special Called Meeting - FY2027 Budget Workshop 1
2. May 19, 2026 City Council Special Called Meeting - FY2027 Budget Workshop 2
3. July 21, 2026 City Council Work Session
4. July 21, 2026 City Council Meeting

B. 2026-197 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve and Accept an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement from Brighton Court of Sandy Springs Condominium Association, Inc. on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 5641 Roswell Road (Tax ID # 17-0091-LL-C01) in Land Lot 91 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia in Relation to the T0019 Roswell Road Streetscape Improvements Project.

Resolution No. 2026-08-111

C. 2026-198 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve and Accept a Purchase and Sale Agreement with a Cost to Cure Payment, a Right of Way Deed, a Temporary Construction Easement, and a Driveway Easement from Robert Ly, Rosa Chau, and Red Chau, on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 711 Windsor Parkway (Tax ID # 17-0041-0001-013-7) in Land Lot 41 of the 17th District of Fulton County, Georgia in Relation to the Windsor Parkway Sidewalk Improvements

Project.

Resolution No. 2026-08-112

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to approve the consent agenda for Tuesday, August 4, 2026. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2026-199 A Proclamation in Recognition of Purple Heart Day

Mayor Rusty Paul presented a proclamation recognizing Purple Heart Day and proclaimed August 7, 2026 as Purple Heart Day in Sandy Springs, a Purple Heart City. He invited the recognized Purple Heart recipients to the podium and also asked whether any additional Purple Heart veterans were present in attendance. **Former Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, District 5**, was present in the audience.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 2026-200 ABL No. 28699

Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of the Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Taste Wine - City Springs at 6405 Bluestone Road, Suite 230, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. The Applicant is Benjamin Ferris for Consumption Beer, Distilled Spirit, Wine and Package Wine and Malt Beverages.

Tammie Edwards, Revenue Supervisor, presented the application and stated it was a new application for consumption on the premises for distilled spirits, beer, wine, package wine, and malt beverages for Taste Wine - City Springs at 6405 Bluestone Road, Suite 230. She advised that the applicant had met all requirements and that staff recommended approval. She further noted that the business is located in Council District 3. No public comments were received, and the public hearing was closed.

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve Agenda Item 2026-200, ABL No. 28699, the alcoholic beverage license application for Taste Wine - City Springs. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. 2026-201 ABL No. 28579

Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration for Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Taka Sushi and Passion, at 4600 Roswell Rd, Bldg E, Sandy Springs, GA 30342. The Applicant is Sukyong Kim for Consumption on the Premises of Beer, Distilled Spirits and Wine.

Tammie Edwards, Revenue Supervisor, presented the application and stated it was a new application for alcohol consumption on the premises for distilled spirits, beer, and wine for Taka Sushi and Passion at 4600 Roswell Road, Building E. She advised that the applicant had met all requirements and that staff recommended approval. She further noted that the business is located in Council District 6. No public comments were received, and the public hearing was closed.

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to approve Agenda Item 2026-201, ABL No. 28579, the alcoholic beverage license application for Taka Sushi and Passion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026-202 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Donation of a Surplus Lark Trailer to the Wilcox County Sheriff's Office.

Joe Simone, Lieutenant, presented a request to surplus a 2009 Lark enclosed trailer previously used by the Special Weapons and Tactics Team. He stated that the Police Department no longer utilizes the trailer, that it has termite damage, is old and outdated, and lacks the proper braking system for a trailer. During Council discussion, **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky** asked what use Wilcox County would make of the trailer if it had limited use to Sandy Springs. **Lieutenant Simone** stated that Wilcox County is a very poor county with an annual budget of about \$900,000 and would likely find a way to repair and use the trailer.

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to approve Agenda Item 2026-202, approving the donation of the surplus Lark trailer to the Wilcox County Sheriff's Office. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026-08-113

B. 2026-203 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the City of Sandy Springs to Participate in the Georgia Gwinnett College Applied Learning Experience Program and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

James McNabb, Captain, presented the item and requested approval of a memorandum of understanding between the City of Sandy Springs and Georgia Gwinnett College. He explained that the MOU would allow students, generally criminal justice students, to participate in the Sandy Springs Police internship program. He stated that the program would benefit students by increasing their knowledge of policing as a profession and of police practices, while also benefiting the Police Department by creating connections with potential future applicants. He further stated that no additional funds were required beyond those already allocated in the current year budget. During Council discussion, **Councilmember Melody Kelley** asked whether this was a new program for the Police Department. **Captain McNabb** clarified that this is not a new program for the Police Department. The department typically participates in about six similar placements per year, or approximately three per semester, with institutions such as the University of North Georgia, Georgia State University, and Kennesaw State University. He explained that Georgia Gwinnett College is the first institution requiring a formal Memorandum of Understanding for participation. **Councilmember Mary Ford** expressed support for the program and asked whether the City offers similar opportunities for high school students or if internships are limited to college students. **Captain McNabb** explained that the internship program is typically for college students, usually juniors and above, who are selected by their college. Participants are generally enrolled in criminal justice-related programs and work with various police commands, including patrol, street crimes, and detectives. Because of the nature of the assignments, the department generally prefers more mature students. **Councilmember Kelley** asked whether there is an easy way to identify how the City organization as a whole engages with colleges and universities, noting that departments such as Community Development and the Police Department may already have such interactions. **Eden Freeman, City Manager**, indicated that this information could be provided.

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to approve Agenda Item 2026-203, approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the City of Sandy Springs to Participate in the Georgia Gwinnett College Applied Learning Experience Program and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026-08-114

C. 2026-204 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Renewal Term to the Existing Contract with White Oak Landscape Company Inc. for Landscaping Services for Recreation and Parks Properties.

Brent Walker, Director of Recreation and Parks, presented a resolution to approve a renewal term for the City's existing landscaping services contract with White Oak Landscape Company Inc. for Recreation and Parks properties. He noted that the City received 13 proposals for RFP 25-020 on December 9, 2024, and White Oak Landscape Company was selected as the best value and awarded the contract by City Council on January 21, 2025, in the amount of \$445,000.

The original contract included an initial term through the end of the City's fiscal year, with four optional one-year renewals and a maximum 5% increase for each renewal term. The FY2026 contract amount was \$472,410, and the proposed FY2027 renewal amount is \$500,932.50, which includes a \$10,000 change order for maintenance of Burdett Park. He stated that sufficient funding is included in the FY2027 budget for the renewal.

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, to approve Agenda Item 2026-204, approving a Renewal Term to the Existing Contract with White Oak Landscape Company Inc. for Landscaping Services for Recreation and Parks Properties. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026-08-115

D. 2026-205 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Contract Award to Smart Road Technology, LLC to Construct the ITS Ring A Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented the item regarding contract award to Smart Road Technology, LLC for construction of the ITS Ring A Project. He recommended awarding a construction contract to **Smart Road Technology** for the **ITS Ring A Project S2101** and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract in the amount of **\$1,507,583.25**. The project will construct new and upgrade existing fiber optic communication systems to support current and future City communications needs. The work includes approximately 9.3 miles of fiber installation, including new fiber trunk lines and replacement of some existing lines along corridors such as Roswell Road at Glenridge, Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Abernathy Road, and portions of Hammond Drive. The installation will include both aerial and underground fiber, using existing and new conduits, trenching, and directional boring.

Public Works Director Martin explained that the City issued an invitation to bid on February 25, held a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting in March, and received bids from four contractors by the April 1 deadline.

Although another bidder was initially the apparent low bidder, that bid was deemed nonresponsive because the contractor was not GDOT pre-qualified, as required. After reviewing bids, conducting interviews, and checking references, staff determined that Smart Road Technology and its subcontractors were capable of performing the work and recommended approval of the contract award.

During Council discussion, **Councilmember John Paulson** noted that the City had recently approved a similar project near Northridge Road and asked whether using different contractors for different fiber loops could create any concerns about the systems communicating with one another. **Public Works Director Martin** Staff clarified that the previously approved Ring B item was for a fiber optic system design package, awarded to a consultant to prepare design documents for future construction. By contrast, the current Ring A item has already completed the design phase and is now being presented for approval of the physical construction work.

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, to approve Agenda Item 2026-205, approving a contract award to Smart Road Technology to construct the ITS Ring A Project. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026-08-116

E. 2026-206 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve and Accept an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Required Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement from VA9 One Sovereign, LLC, on Properties Located at 0 Roswell Road (Tax ID# 17-0093-0004-066-9) and 4883 Roswell Road (Tax ID# 17-0093-0004-063-6) Both in Land Lot 93 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia, in Relation to the Roswell Road Streetscape Improvements Project (Project No. T-0019).

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented the item and stated that the acquisition would support Project T-0019 at the parcel fronting Roswell Road immediately north of Franklin Road, near the intersection of Long Island Drive and the existing HAWK pedestrian signal. He explained that the project requires approximately 6,109.93 square feet of fee simple right of way, 7,397.3 square feet of temporary construction easement, and driveway easements to construct improvements that would significantly improve a deficient sidewalk system in that portion of Roswell Road. He reported that City staff and the property owner had reached an amicable agreement in the amount of \$465,000, compared with the City's appraised fair market value of \$413,900, with the difference supported by land sale comparables submitted by the property owner and reviewed by staff.

During Council discussion, **Councilmember Mary Ford** asked why this item appeared separately from another right-of-way item on the consent agenda and asked staff to describe the funding sources for the project. **William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director**, explained that this item involved a larger dollar amount and further explained that the project includes Federal Transit Authority funding administered through MARTA, with an 80/20 funding split consisting of 80 percent federal funds and 20 percent City local match. **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky** then suggested that staff review the project at a future work session or prepare a City webpage because of the scale of the project and likely public interest. Public Works Director Martin agreed that additional materials could be provided.

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, seconded by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, to approve Agenda Item 2026-206, approving and accepting the agreement to

purchase fee simple required right of way and temporary construction easement from VA9 One Sovereign, LLC for Project T-0019. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026-08-117

F. 2026-207 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the Transportation Master Plan.

Kristen Wescott, Traffic / Transportation Unit Manager, presented the Transportation Master Plan update. She stated that the City had adopted transportation master plans in 2008 and 2021 and that, over the prior nine months, staff had developed an update to the 2021 plan. She explained that the update consolidated recommendations from major plans and studies, including the Safety Action Plan, the Roswell Road Access Management Plan, and several small area plans and safety studies, into a single framework using the same evaluation criteria. She stated that the plan brings together more than 200 recommended projects and provides a 10-year roadmap totaling more than \$280,000,000, including approximately \$118,000,000 in investments in the first five years and \$162,000,000 in the following five years. She noted that one of the primary motivations for the update was preparation for the 2026 TSPLOST referendum.

Dave Cox, Director of Transportation Planning with Modern Mobility Partners, gave a brief presentation supporting adoption of the updated Transportation Master Plan.

The Transportation Master Plan update began in October 2025 and included multiple public and elected-official engagement points. The process included pop-up events, Mayor and Council work sessions, a presentation at the City Council retreat in February, and three public listening sessions held in February at different locations across Sandy Springs. He noted that the plan was also advertised in *The Scoop*, and as of the presentation, no public feedback had been received from that notice.

Key Updates Since the June Work Session

Several revisions were made in response to Mayor and Council feedback from the June work session:

1. Land Use Goal Revised

The land use goal was retitled “**Existing and Future Land Use Integration.**”

The revised goal now more clearly acknowledges housing by adding language related to **new residential development** and its relationship to transportation planning.

2. Curb Management Policy Broadened

The curb management policy was expanded. The earlier version focused primarily on autonomous vehicles and rideshare services.

In response to Council feedback, the policy now also addresses:

- Delivery vehicles
- E-commerce vehicles
- Blocked travel lanes

- Protection of curb space for residential and commercial frontage

3. Existing Conditions Report Updated

Minor changes were made to the existing conditions report to better reflect:

- Sandy Springs population growth
- Future growth projections within the City

4. School Congestion Management Expanded

The congestion management policy was expanded to address traffic issues around schools.

Proposed strategies include:

- Creating a consolidated website with school arrival and dismissal times
- Encouraging alternative travel modes, including walking and biking
- Coordinating with off-duty officers who provide traffic control at local schools
- Ensuring those officers follow best practices in coordination with City transportation staff
- Considering stricter enforcement and additional requirements when schools seek expansions, permits, or related approvals

During Council discussion, **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky** thanked staff and the consultant team for their work and for incorporating some of his prior feedback, but stated he would vote against adopting the Transportation Master Plan. He said his concerns fell into three areas: vision, policy, and timing. He felt the plan lacked a clear transportation vision and should focus less on moving cars through Sandy Springs and more on connecting residents, neighborhoods, and non-car mobility options. He also said the plan did not adequately address the issues he hears most from constituents, including walkability, speeding, and school carpool congestion, particularly in protected neighborhoods, and he was concerned that spending remained too vehicle-oriented. Finally, he questioned adopting the plan while the City is still updating its Comprehensive Plan and Recreation and Parks Master Plan and gathering resident preference data, noting the Transportation Master Plan could become outdated depending on those results. **Councilmember Mary Ford** said she was pleased to see the TSPLOST project list include intersections that constituents have raised concerns about, particularly Glenridge Drive and Johnson Ferry Road. However, she noted that needed safety improvements along High Point Road are not specifically represented in the plan. She appreciated that the plan includes flexibility and broader project categories, such as midblock crossings, that could allow future safety and walkability projects to be addressed. She emphasized that High Point Road is important for both drivers and pedestrians, especially for residents crossing from the west side of High Point to access the loop around Northland Drive, Windsor Parkway, and High Point Road, and said she looks forward to advocating for those initiatives within the overall plan.

Councilmember Melissa Mular expressed appreciation for the way resident feedback was consolidated and incorporated into the Transportation Master Plan, noting that while not every individual comment can

become its own project, the feedback appeared to be captured and categorized appropriately. She was also pleased with the expanded curb management policy, particularly its inclusion of rideshare, autonomous vehicles, delivery vehicles, and event-related needs around City Springs. She emphasized the importance of the Hammond Corridor project because of its high traffic volumes and lack of pedestrian mobility, noting that the project will need to be phased and that the full benefits may not be realized until all segments are completed, including areas from Barfield to Glenridge and from Boylston to Roswell Road. She also highlighted the safety need for sidewalks and pedestrian improvements along Hammond, citing people currently walking close to traffic. Finally, she asked whether Council could receive a roadway classification list or spreadsheet, in addition to the map in the plan, because that information helps respond to resident traffic-calming requests on roads where such measures may not be appropriate due to roadway classification. **Traffic / Transportation Unit Manager Wescott** responded that staff can check with the City's Geographic Information System department to provide Council with both a roadway classification list and map, noting that much of the information may already be publicly available through the City's online maps under terms such as "functional classification" or "roadway classification." She explained that the City last adopted a full classification system around 2010, and since then federal, Georgia Department of Transportation, and Atlanta Regional Commission definitions have changed, creating some inconsistencies between the City's classifications and GDOT's records. She said reconciling those classifications is already on staff's to-do list and that GIS should be able to export the information for Council and the public. **Councilmember Mular** responded that she had previously used the roadway classification information to help answer constituent questions and found it very helpful. She then asked whether, after adoption of the Transportation Master Plan, staff planned to provide Council with annual updates on the City's progress implementing the plan.

Traffic / Transportation Unit Manager Wescott agreed that providing updates to Council would be useful, stating staff wants to continue advancing projects forward. **Eden Freeman, City Manager**, said staff is already reviewing how to incorporate more data points from successfully completed projects so that those results can be included in future progress reports to Council. **Councilmember Mular** noted that the Mount Vernon Highway side path was not listed in the plan. She questioned whether the omission was due to the timing or cutoff date for the plan, since the project was not fully complete but was mostly completed. **Traffic / Transportation Unit Manager Wescott** explained that the plan generally began with projects that are not already funded, programmed, or underway. Because the Mount Vernon Highway side path is already funded through TSPLOST and nearly complete, it may have been excluded from that section of the plan. **Mayor Paul** said the Transportation Master Plan is an important document even if it is not perfect, because it helps the City qualify for ARC and federal transportation funding and must align with regional plans such as ARC's Transportation Improvement Program. He emphasized that Sandy Springs cannot plan in isolation, because projects must connect with other jurisdictions and regional priorities to remain eligible for funding. He also explained that future regional transit expansion is expected to rely on rubber-tired transit, rather than heavy or light rail due to cost, meaning the City needs roadway capacity that can later be adapted from general-purpose lanes to bus-only or express transit lanes. While some projects may appear to add vehicle capacity in the short term, he said they also position the City for future transit connections, including managed lanes on I-285 and GA-400, and avoid the higher cost of retrofitting infrastructure later.

Councilmember Melody Kelley asked about the aspirational elements of the Transportation Master Plan, noting that some categories, such as aspirational intersection projects and midblock crossings, include notes indicating what programs they may be associated with. However, she observed that the aspirational corridor access management projects do not include similar notes. She said she is interested in some of those corridor access management projects and asked where opportunities to pursue them might fit within the City's programming, including whether they would likely require larger funding sources such as TSPLOST. **Traffic / Transportation Unit Manager Wescott** explained that staff generally uses the Transportation Master Plan as the starting point and then reassesses priorities as projects move through design, evaluation, right-of-way, and construction. She emphasized that the plan includes flexibility so staff can identify the next priorities as conditions change or new issues emerge. She also noted that, following completion of the Safety Action Plan and its aggressive goal of reducing fatal and serious-injury crashes, staff will need to periodically revisit crash and safety data, especially because the original analysis period included COVID-era traffic patterns. As traffic volumes and safety conditions change, staff can use updated data to reprioritize and advance aspirational projects into delivery.

Councilmember Kelley asked how staff determined which specific corridor projects to include in the Transportation Master Plan and whether there was a best-practice approach for limiting the number of listed projects. She noted the need to balance identifying important projects with being realistic about available funding. **Traffic / Transportation Unit Manager Wescott** explained that corridor projects, particularly those on Roswell Road, can be very costly, so staff considered whether portions of longer corridor or access management projects could be advanced sooner where specific hotspots are identified. She said the project list was developed by balancing project types and increasing funding attention to bicycle and pedestrian accessibility, while also rebalancing priorities based on the City's prior comprehensive plan, established goals, scoring criteria, safety considerations, and livability. **Councilmember Kelley** noted that the policy recommendations did not appear to include neighborhood traffic calming, even though that issue comes up periodically in discussions. She asked whether staff had considered including a recommendation related to neighborhood traffic calming in the plan. **Traffic / Transportation Unit Manager Wescott** responded that the City already has an adopted neighborhood traffic calming policy, so the key question would be whether there is a desire to change that policy or move in a different direction.

Councilmember Kelley noted that the plan includes seven corridor projects over a 10-year period and acknowledged that this is an ambitious scope. She also expressed support for school congestion being considered in the policy recommendations. She then asked specifically about a potential crosswalk at Woodland Elementary School and how difficult it would be to implement under the City's current policy. **Traffic / Transportation Unit Manager Wescott** explained that when the City receives traffic-related requests, including crosswalk requests, staff follow accepted evaluation practices to confirm the need before advancing an improvement. She noted that Sandy Springs has been installing more midblock crossings through its sidewalk program and other initiatives, and that GDOT recently added guidance for evaluating pedestrian crossings in Georgia, including for funding eligibility. She said the City has received more requests as residents see improvements in nearby communities, and staff is currently doing pre-planning on about 20 potential crossings for consideration in the TSPLOST program. Evaluation factors include sight distance, pedestrian crossing demand, sidewalk connections on both sides, and proximity to the nearest controlled intersection. **Councilmember Kelley** asked how long the evaluation process typically takes for

a requested traffic or pedestrian improvement, such as a crosswalk study. **Traffic / Transportation Unit Manager Wescott** explained that each crosswalk or pedestrian crossing study can take a few months because staff must collect and analyze traffic and pedestrian crossing data. She said the City evaluates where people are actually crossing within a corridor, recognizing that pedestrians usually choose the shortest and most direct route between their origin and destination. Even moving a crossing a few hundred feet can affect whether people will use it. She emphasized that staff must carefully consider these factors because installing a crossing places pedestrians in the roadway with moving vehicles. **Councilmember Kelley** referenced project COR-4, a corridor improvement in the northern part of the City that proposes adding a median south of Northridge. She said Council has been asking for data on the effectiveness of the existing median north of Northridge and would like to see historical data before justifying an extension. She questioned whether, among potential median projects in the northern part of the City, this is the one the City should prioritize.

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve Agenda Item 2026-207, adopting the Transportation Master Plan with two additions: that transportation recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan be incorporated into the Transportation Master Plan, and that an executive summary be created and submitted to Council for review and for the public's benefit. The motion carried 5 to 1. **Councilmember John Paulson, Councilmember Melody Kelley, Councilmember Melissa Mular, Councilmember Frank Roberts, and Councilmember Mary Ford** voted in favor. **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky** voted in opposition.

Resolution No. 2026-08-118

G. 2026-208 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Approve Updated TSPLOST-2021 Program Funding.

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented the item and explained that it related back to the earlier Ring A Fiber project discussion. He stated that the ordinance would approve updated TSPLOST-2021 program funding for the Ring A Fiber Project, Project S2101. He explained that Fulton County voters approved the TSPLOST program in November 2021 and that City Council approved a 2026 program adjustment in June 2025. He stated that the Ring A Fiber project required an additional \$400,000 in TSPLOST-2021 funding to cover anticipated costs. He further explained that the additional amount would be reallocated from Tier 1 uncommitted funding and that adequate funds existed within the overall TSPLOST program to support the adjustment.

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve Agenda Item 2026-208, an ordinance approving updated TSPLOST-2021 program funding. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2026-08-014

X. REPORTS

A. 2026-209 Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Rusty Paul welcomed back **Eden Freeman, City Manager**, from Boston and noted that he and the City Manager had attended a ceremonial signing at the Fulton County offices related to the TSPLOST agreements. He reported that the resolution had been double-checked to confirm the figures and details. He also reported on the status of the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) process, stating that most of Sandy

Springs' work was complete and that the remaining issues primarily involved South Fulton, Fulton County, and the City of Atlanta. He noted that mediations were expected later in August and that the goal remained to submit the SDS documents to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs by the October 31 deadline. He also reminded those present that National Night Out would be held on the lawn following the meeting and encouraged participation.

Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky reported that he had recently spoken with college and graduate student interns associated with Attorney General Chris Carr and the American Jewish Committee's summer internship class about careers and public service. He stated that the experience underscored the importance of giving back to students and finding opportunities to bring students into City Hall.

B. 2026-210 Staff Reports

No staff reports were presented.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, to suspend regular order and move into executive session for the purposes of real estate and litigation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Executive Session began at **6:09** p.m.

Motion and vote: Upon return from Executive Session, a motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, to adjourn the executive session and return to regular order. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Executive Session ended at **6:46** p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at **6:47** p.m.

Approved:

Russel K. Paul, Mayor

Raquel D. González, City Clerk