

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 620 MORGAN FALLS ROAD IN SANDY SPRINGS (PARCEL NUMBERS NO. 17 0030 LL0678 (7.42 ACRES) AND 17 0030 LL0587 (5.1 ACRES)); TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO COOPERATE AND FURTHER THE OBJECTIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, in 2006 the City of Sandy Springs (“City”) undertook law enforcement services with eighty-six (86) sworn officers in the Sandy Springs Police Department (“SSPD”); and

WHEREAS, in June of 2011, SSPD and the City’s municipal court (“Municipal Court”) moved operations to three (3) different buildings located in the Morgan Falls office complex at 7840 Roswell Road in Sandy Springs (“Morgan Falls”); and

WHEREAS, Morgan Falls was not designed for and was never intended to serve as a long-term location for SSPD headquarters and Municipal Court operations; and

WHEREAS, SSPD has grown to approximately two hundred (200) employees, and has outgrown the present space at Morgan Falls to accommodate such employees; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the growth of SSPD and the space limitations at Morgan Falls, SSPD operations are performed at various metro locations outside the City; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Court has similarly outgrown the current capacity at Morgan Falls for its operations; and

WHEREAS, the SSPD headquarters at Morgan Falls shares walls with other businesses, and there is no separate secured parking for police employees, making it impossible to ensure the safety of employees, vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted a spatial needs assessment for SSPD, Municipal Court and other associated public safety operations and has determined the efficiency, safety, and effectiveness of consolidating such operations into one property location; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Authority have determined that there is a great need to develop a public safety facility to house the various public safety components of the City, to provide for the safety and protection of employees and public safety vehicles and equipment, and to provide for continued and more efficient operations for the health, welfare and safety of citizens, businesses and visitors to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandy Springs Public Facilities Authority (“Authority”) was created in 2006 by the Georgia General Assembly to create a governmental entity by which a municipality can, through contractual relationships, lease space for terms over one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Authority serves as a partner with the City, whereby the City can agree to pay rent to the Authority for the use of public facilities such as a public safety building for the use of City departments and associated entities; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Authority have identified certain property, as improved, located at 620 Morgan Falls Road in Sandy Springs, consisting of two (2) parcels: Parcel Number 17 0030 LL0678 (7.42 acres) and Parcel Number 17 0030 LL0587 (5.1 acres) (together, "Property"), to be not only appropriate for the needs of the City, including SSPD, Municipal Court, and other departments and municipal functions as may be determined from time to time by the City, but represents the best value to the City, the Authority and taxpayers of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that the Authority acquire the Property for the purposes set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and Southeast Land Investment Partners and Land Investment Ptrs LLC 29 ("Property Owner"), have agreed upon a purchase price for the Property of Eleven Million, Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 (\$11,025,000) Dollars, to be memorialized together with other terms and conditions as shall be set forth in a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Property Owner and the Authority ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, City Council has considered the Property acquisition and has determined it to be in the best interest of the City and its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires that the public be allowed to provide input regarding the purchase of the Property following execution of a negotiated Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS AND IT IS RESOLVED BY AUTHORITY OF SAME AS FOLLOWS:

1. The purchase of the Property by the Authority is hereby approved, and the City Attorney and the City Manager are hereby authorized to cooperate with and assist the Authority and its authorized representatives to negotiate the terms and conditions of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Southeast Land Investment Partners and Land Investment Ptrs LLC 29.

2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to cooperate with and assist the Authority and its representatives, to the extent required or deemed necessary, to effectuate the execution of the Agreement and such other documents as may be required to purchase the Property from the Property Owner, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to provide for public comment on the question of whether a public safety facility should be developed on the Property at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, to take place during the inspection period provided for in the Agreement.

4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take such actions as shall be deemed necessary or feasible to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of August, 2020.

Approved:



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:


Raquel D. Gonzalez, City Clerk