

1 **Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00**
2 **p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.**

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4 **I. Invocation** – Interim Pastor Mitch Hagins – First Baptist Church of Sandy Springs

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6 **II. Staff Discussion Items**

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8 **A. 2021-051** Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Opportunity

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10 **Director Shaun Albrechtson** presented that the Shuttered Venue Operators grant, which was
11 created through Section 34 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits and
12 Venues Act by Congress in December, 2020. The grant program specifically calls out the
13 availability for municipally owned art centers. It is a \$15B grant program for live venue operators
14 whose performance houses have fixed seating. The City Springs' City Green and Conference
15 Center do not qualify. The grant program prioritizes the hardest hit venues and provides up to
16 \$10M or 45% of lost revenue, whichever is less. Hardest hit venue qualification has to be at a
17 90% revenue drop, which the City qualifies since the City was completely shut down. The City is
18 in Priority 2, among the front line of the grant applications and to be one of the first to be awarded.
19 The program will compare qualifying revenue from 2019 to 2020 to determine if there was at least
20 a drop of 25% in revenues. The grant is administered by the Small Business Administration.

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22 **CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL:** Proceed with the application submittal.

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24 **III. City Council Discussion Items** – None.

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26 There being no further business, the meeting concluded at **6:11 p.m.**

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28 Date approved: March 2, 2021.

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34 Russell K. Paul, Mayor

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Raquel D. González, City Clerk