



SANDY SPRINGS

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Friday, December 17, 2021

Special Called Meeting

2:45 p.m.

The December 17, 2021 City Council Special Called Meeting will be held in the Barfield Conference Room, 2nd Floor, at Sandy Springs City Hall (1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, GA 30328).

Live-stream: **Public Meeting Portal (CivicClerk):** <https://sandyspringsga.civicclerk.com>
Zoom Webinar: <http://spr.gs/2021mcc3>

Teleconference: **Phone:** (646) 558-8656 **Webinar ID:** 818 0837 1065

I. Call to Order - Mayor Rusty Paul

II. Roll Call - City Clerk

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

IV. Executive Session - Personnel

V. New Business

- A. **2021-335** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of the Participation By Members of the Sandy Springs Police Department in Providing Aid and Assistance to Kentucky Law Enforcement and Victims of the Recent Series of Tornadoes in the Area, and to Authorize Appropriate City Officials and Staff to Take Actions to Advance Such Purpose

(Presented by Ken DeSimone, Police Chief)

- B. **2021-336** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of the Appointment of a City Manager for the City of Sandy Springs

(Presented by Mayor Rusty Paul)

VI. Adjournment

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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Ken DeSimone, Chief of Police

Date: December 14, 2021 for Submission on the December 17, 2021, Special Called City Council Meeting

Item: Request for Mayor and Members of City Council to Approve Participation by Members of the Sandy Springs Police Department in Providing Aid and Assistance to Kentucky Law Enforcement and Victims of Recent Series of Tornadoes in Kentucky, and to Authorize Appropriate City Officials and Staff to take Actions to Advance such Purpose

Recommendation:

The Chief of Police recommends adoption of the attached resolution.

Background and Discussion:

Over the past weekend, a series of tornadoes cut a path of devastation through the Commonwealth of Kentucky and other areas of the Southeast and Midwest, causing many casualties and incalculable damage to towns in its path. Kentucky authorities have reported that the sheer level of destruction is hindering the Commonwealth's ability to assess the damage, with efforts turned to repairing the power grid, sheltering those whose homes were destroyed and delivering supplies. Officials of Kentucky believe it could take years for some of the hardest-hit areas to fully recover.

Kentucky State Police have been working with local law enforcement to conduct hundreds of welfare checks, as well as maintain public safety and security of homes and businesses affected by the tornadoes, including enforcement curfews. Police are also charged with victim identification, often utilizing DNA technology to assist in these efforts.

Following conversations with some of its contacts in Kentucky, the Sandy Springs Police Department ("SSPD") anticipates the Commonwealth may require the assistance of law enforcement agencies in other states to perform these duties. SSPD would like to be ready to provide such assistance, if requested. In addition to being well trained in such operations, SSPD has special associations and relationships with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, including being home to the SSPD Chief of Police and to the Southern Police Institute, which provides advanced education and training to law enforcement practitioners, with the mission to enhance their professional development. SSPD has many graduates of the Southern Police Institute, which is consistently ranked among the top law enforcement educational and training schools in the nation.

Aid and assistance by SSPD, if requested, will be provided to the extent reasonable to ensure adequate resources are maintained within the City for its safety and protection.

Alternatives:

Not to approve SSPD's participation in these efforts, if requested.

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF THE SANDY SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN PROVIDING AID AND ASSISTANCE TO KENTUCKY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VICTIMS OF RECENT SERIES OF TORNADOES IN KENTUCKY, AND TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS AND STAFF TO TAKE ACTIONS TO ADVANCE SUCH PURPOSE

WHEREAS, over the past weekend, a series of tornadoes cut a path of devastation through the Commonwealth of Kentucky and other areas of the Southeast and Midwest, causing many casualties and incalculable damage to towns in its path; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky authorities have reported that the sheer level of destruction is hindering the Commonwealth's ability to tally the damage, with efforts turned to repairing the power grid, sheltering those whose homes were destroyed and delivering supplies; and

WHEREAS, officials of the Commonwealth believe it could take years for some of the hardest-hit areas to fully recover; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky State Police have been working with local law enforcement to conduct hundreds of welfare checks, as well as maintain public safety and security of homes and businesses affected by the tornadoes, including enforcement curfews; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky law enforcement is also charged with victim identification, often utilizing DNA technology to assist in these efforts; and

WHEREAS, following communications with contacts in Kentucky, the Sandy Springs Police Department ("SSPD") anticipates that the Commonwealth may require the assistance of other law enforcement agencies in the performance of these duties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandy Springs ("City") and SSPD desire to aid and assist Kentucky law enforcement agencies in performing their overwhelming and staggering responsibilities during recovery from this disaster; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being well-trained in such operations, SSPD has special associations and relationships with the Commonwealth, including being home to the SSPD Chief of Police and to the Southern Police Institute, which provides advanced education and training to law enforcement practitioners, with the mission to enhance their professional development; and

WHEREAS, SSPD has many graduates of the Southern Police Institute, which is consistently ranked among the top law enforcement educational and training schools in the nation; and

WHEREAS, if requested, law enforcement aid and assistance to the Kentucky disaster area will be provided by SSPD to such extent as may be reasonable to maintain adequate resources within the City for its safety and protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of same as follows:

1. SSPD is hereby authorized to provide law enforcement aid and assistance to the Commonwealth of Kentucky as may be requested by the Commonwealth or its agencies during recovery from the disaster resulting from tornadoes, to the extent reasonable to maintain adequate resources within the City for its safety and protection; and
2. The Mayor, City Manager, Police Chief and City Attorney are hereby authorized to execute such agreements or other documents and to take such actions as may be deemed reasonable and necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

RESOLVED this the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Approved:

Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:

Raquel D. González, City Clerk

(Seal)