

Special Called Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 2:45 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Rusty Paul, Council Member John Paulson, Council Member Andrew Bauman, Council Member Chris Burnett, Council Member Steve Soteres, Council Member Jody Reichel, Council Member Tibby DeJulio

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, seconded by Council Member Steve Soteres, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. Executive Session

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Chris Burnett, to recess regular order and enter into executive session for the purposes of personnel discussions. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Executive Session began at 2:46 p.m.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, to adjourn the executive session and return to regular order. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Executive Session ended at 3:06 p.m.

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

Ken DeSimone, Sandy Springs Police Chief presented the recommendation to approve the participation of the Sandy Springs Police Department (SSPD) 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. If approved, the Sandy Springs Police Department will send a team to support law enforcement officers in western Kentucky. Following conversations with some of its contacts in Kentucky, SSPD anticipates the Commonwealth may require

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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. The Police Department will coordinate three strike teams of six officers and a sergeant to participate on a rotational basis if needed. SSPD officers will provide traffic control, road blocks, and light, emergency calls for service.

Council Member Tibby DeJulio asked can the City could help with relief efforts financially.

Police Chief DeSimone stated currently the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing financial resources. However, local law enforcement agencies are in need of bodies to support their work efforts.

Mayor Rusty Paul advised the Red Cross is collecting contributions. There are other charities also.

Council Member Andy Bauman asked will the SSPD officers be in City uniforms. Will officers be on the Sandy Springs payroll? Is there legal liability? This is mutual aid across state lines.

Police Chief DeSimone replied SSPD officers will wear training uniforms. This is volunteer work because there is no housing - officers will live in tents and use cots. The City will pay their salaries, and be reimbursed by FEMA. SSPD Officers will be sworn in by the local law enforcement agency to provide the officers with the authority to support. This is more of a humanitarian mission than law enforcement.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Jody Reichel, seconded by Council Member Steve Soteres, to approve 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. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Mayor Rusty Paul presented a nomination to appoint Eden Freeman as the City Manager for the City of Sandy Springs. Rather than conducting a broad search, the Mayor reached out to a small group and coordinated opportunities for the Council to meet with candidates. The Mayor was looking for someone who knew Sandy Springs and understood the City's expectations. Eden Freeman was an Assistant City Manager at the City of Sandy Springs. She has also served as City Manager of the City of Winchester, Virginia and the Deputy City Manager of the City of Greenville, South Carolina.

Council Member Andy Bauman thanked the Mayor for an expedited process. The City of Sandy Springs Charter provides that the mayor makes the appointments, and the City Council contributes in an advice and consent role.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member John Paulson, seconded by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, to approve the mayor's nomination of Eden Freeman to City Manager of the City of Sandy Springs. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. Adjournment

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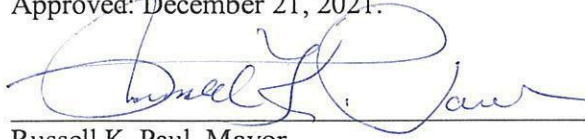
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Motion and vote. A motion was made by Council Member Tibby DeJulio, seconded by Council Member John Paulson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Approved: December 21, 2021.



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Raquel D. González, City Clerk

