



SANDY SPRINGS

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Rusty Paul, Mayor
John Paulson – District 1
Steve Soteres – District 2
Chris Burnett – District 3
Jody Reichel – District 4
Tibby DeJulio – District 5
Andy Bauman – District 6

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Special Called Meeting

4:00 p.m.

The August 11, 2020 City Council Special Called Meeting will be held virtually.

Live-stream:	Sandy Springs Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SandySpringsGA/ Zoom Webinar: http://spr.gs/spe8112020
Teleconference:	Dial Options (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): • +1 646 558 8656 • +1 301 715 8592 • +1 312 626 6799 • +1 669 900 9128 • +1 253 215 8782 • +1 346 248 7799 Webinar ID: 816 3236 3008
Public Comment:	Public Comment Cards may be submitted online: http://www.sandyspringsga.gov/government/public-meetings-calendar

I. Call to Order - Mayor Rusty Paul

II. Roll Call and General Announcements - City Clerk

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

IV. Public Hearing

- A. **2020-198** Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearing and Set Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2021
(Presented by Dan Lee, City Attorney)

V. New Business

- A. **2020-199** Request for Mayor and City Council Approval of the City of the Sandy Springs' Participation in the Municipal CARES Funding Injunction
(Presented by Rusty Paul, Mayor)

VI. Adjournment

Gonzalez, Raquel

From: commaccounts@sandyspringsga.gov
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 7:52 AM
To: Gonzalez, Raquel
Subject: Public Comment - Megan Easterbrook - 08/11/2020
Attachments: SandySpringsPublicCommentCard.pdf

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Name : Megan, Easterbrook
Address : [REDACTED], Sandy Springs, GA, 30328
Phone : [REDACTED]
Email : [REDACTED]
Name of Group :
Meeting Type : City Council
Meeting Date : 08/11/2020
Type of Comment : Public Hearing Item Comment
Agenda Item Number : 1
Position : Opposition
Affiliations : I am the applicant. : Yes I am a Sandy Springs resident. : Yes I am a Sandy Springs business owner. : No I am a paid representative of either the support or opposition. : No I am a local lobbyist duly registered with the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission. : No
Please Select : No
How would you like to present your Public Comment? : Read by City Staff
Public Comment : I do not agree with this increase of mileage rate during a pandemic. I can definitely appreciate that it hasn't increased since the incorporation. However, I have a difficult time understanding why it is being brought to while so many are struggling to find employment opportunities? There is a claim that property values have risen thus prompting this change. The state purchased dozens of homes in 2019 for an upcoming road work project. Therefore, I believe it is reasonable to point out this rise in value partially inflated by government. In addition, I believe that the government should be making budget cuts during the pandemic. If the budget cannot work with the current taxes, difficult decisions need to be made to revise the budget. It's not appropriate to ask tax payers for more funds during the highest rates of unemployment we have seen in several years. I am disappointed in this proposal and the lack of engagement with tax-payers. The previous meeting held on August 4, 2020 lasted only five minutes. It seems excessively time consuming and difficult to make comments in the Zoom meeting structure. More efforts to inform the public about a tax increase need to be made. In addition, the online public forum comment submission requires you to complete a CAPTCHA composed of letters to type out to verify you are human. What are people with vision disabilities supposed to do to submit their comments?