

Meeting of the City of Sandy Springs City Council – SUMMARY MINUTES
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March 4, 2025 Following the Work Session
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Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on March 4, 2025 Following the Work Session, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

II. Roll Call and General Announcements

Members Present: Mayor Rusty Paul, Councilmember John Paulson, Councilmember Melody Kelley, Councilmember Melissa Mular, Councilmember Tibby DeJulio, Councilmember Andrew Bauman

Members Absent: Councilmember Jody Reichel

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rusty Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comment

1. **Alexander Somer, 1503 Treelodge Parkway, Sandy Springs** - Concern over closed school and how it will affect the children of Sandy Springs
2. **Raymond Grote, 7125 Brandon Mill Road, Sandy Springs** - Thank You For Your Support
3. **Bill Griffith, 9580 Roberts Drive, Sandy Springs** - Roberts Drive Speeding
4. **Theodore Davis III, 272 Summer Drive, Sandy Springs** - Sandy Springs Citizens Leadership Academy
5. **Natasha Crawford, 395 Pryor Street SW, Atlanta** - Spalding Drive Elementary
6. **Andrew Quigley, 2555 Andover Drive, Atlanta** - Sustainability and Solar Power for Sandy Springs
7. **Ameetav Nangrani, 5716 Taylor Way, Sandy Springs** - Neighborhood Crime and HOA Spending Thousands Cleaning Unhoused Community
8. **Courtney George, 5726 Taylor Way, Sandy Springs** - Neighborhood Crime and HOA Spending Thousands Cleaning Unhoused Community

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A. 2025-048** Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2025 City Council Meeting
- B. 2025-049** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Accept an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement from Ernest Barnes, IV and Sarah Barnes on Property Located at 6046 Kayron Drive in Land Lot 71 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia (Tax ID #17-0071-0003-032-8) in Relation to the S2-193 Hammond Drive Widening Project

Resolution No. 2025-03-027

VII. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VIII. Public Hearing

- A. **2025-050** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of the First Amendment to Contract for Loan Guarantee Assistance Under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, As Amended, 42 U.S.C. §5308

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning & Zoning Manager, presented a recommendation to approve the first amendment to contract for Loan Guarantee Assistance under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §5308.

The Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program (Section 108) provides communities with a source of low-cost, long-term financing for economic and community development projects. Section 108 can fund economic development, housing, public facilities, infrastructure, and other physical development projects, including improvements to increase resilience against natural disasters. Section 108 financing provides an avenue for communities to undertake larger, more costly projects, where they may have limited resources to invest upfront.

On March 18, 2019, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development approved the City of Sandy Springs (City) for a \$2,872,000 Loan Guarantee Assistance under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The monies were originally to be used for the South Roswell Road Sidewalk Project with a payment period of 10 fiscal years beginning August 2019. The City's Public Works Department estimates completion of the approved projects and expenditure of the funds by June 2030. The City would therefore request to amend the deadline for disbursement under Part II, Section 1(a) of the Contract from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2029.

The City would set up a new checking account with Truist (formerly SunTrust), opening it with \$250,000 disbursed directly from the current Georgia Fund 1 account. The City would convert the \$2,622,000 of remaining proceeds within Georgia Fund 1 (\$2,872,000, less the \$250,000 put into the checking account) into Federal government securities, to be held by Truist or another institution. We currently owe a total of \$1,883,372.64, to be paid over the next 6 fiscal years, ending in August 2030. HUD charges a financing fee to cover defaults under its loan portfolio. This amendment does not modify the dollar value of the Section 108 Loan.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve the first amendment to contract for Loan Guarantee Assistance under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §5308.

Councilmember Paulson asked with the change in dates, are there any financial implications other than what was originally agreed to?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said there are no additional financial implications.

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Councilmember Kelley said the agenda memo mentions June 30, 2020. What is the significance of that date?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said that was the deadline for the original agreement, and we are changing that now.

Councilmember Kelley asked is Hope Road also included?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said yes.

Vote on the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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B. 2025-051 ABL # 27724

Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for CANTON COOKS GA Inc., DBA Canton Cooks, at 5984 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. The applicant is Libin Li for Consumption on the Premises Malt Beverage and Wine.

Cori Holiness, Revenue Manager, presented a recommendation to approve an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Canton Cooks GA Inc., DBA Canton Cooks, at 5984 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. The applicant is Libin Li for Consumption on the Premises Malt Beverage and Wine.

This is a New Alcohol License for Consumption on the Premises Wine and Malt Beverages. The business is located at 5984 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Applicant submitted a completed application on January 23, 2025. Applicant has passed the background investigation.

There being no public comment, **Mayor Rusty Paul** closed the public hearing.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to approve an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Canton Cooks GA Inc., DBA Canton Cooks, at 5984 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. The applicant is Libin Li for Consumption on the Premises Malt Beverage and Wine.

Mayor Paul asked is this a new application or a change of ownership?

Revenue Manager Holiness said the customer requested a new alcohol business license.

Mayor Paul said they have been there for a while.

Revenue Manager Holiness said yes they have, but the request was for a new alcohol business license.

Vote on the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

C. 2025-052 ABL # 27631

Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for MBD Mistero1 Sandy Springs, LLC, DBA Mister 01 Extraordinary Pizza, at 6405 Blue Stone Road, Suite 240, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. The applicant is Miquel Blatt for Consumption of the Premises of Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits.

Cori Holiness, Revenue Manager, presented a recommendation to approve an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for MBD Mistero1 Sandy Springs, LLC, DBA Mister 01 Extraordinary Pizza, at 6405 Blue Stone Road, Suite 240, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. The applicant is Miquel Blatt for Consumption of the Premises of Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits.

This is a Change of Ownership for Consumption on the Premises of Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits. The business is located at 6405 Blue Stone Road Suite 240, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Staff have reviewed this application and recommend approval. The applicant submitted a completed application on January 21, 2025, and has passed the background investigation.

There being no public comment, **Mayor Rusty Paul** closed the public hearing.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve to an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for MBD Mistero1 Sandy Springs, LLC, DBA Mister 01 Extraordinary Pizza, at 6405 Blue Stone Road, Suite 240, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. The applicant is Miquel Blatt for Consumption of the Premises of Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. New Business

- A. **2025-053** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Reappoint Member to the Sandy Springs Board of Ethics (Bethany Diamond)

Mayor Rusty Paul presented a recommendation to reappoint Member to the Sandy Springs Board of Ethics (Bethany Diamond).

One appointment this year is the current Chair of the Sandy Springs Board of Ethics. In twenty plus years, the City has not had an ethics complaint, but they meet regularly. If there is a complaint and a hearing needs to be held, they are prepared. You are limited to two terms on the Board of Ethics and Bethany Diamond has been completed her first term. Council should consider approving her reappointment for a second term.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, seconded by **Councilmember Andy Bauman**, to reappoint Member to the Sandy Springs Board of Ethics (Bethany Diamond). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2025-03-029

X. Reports

- A. **2025-054** Mayor and Council Report

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Mayor Paul said my peers in the metro Atlanta area have unanimously elected me as the Chair of the Metro Atlanta Mayors Association (MAMA), and it is an honor to take this role. It reflects the respect that they have not only for me, but the leadership role the City of Sandy Springs has in the metro area.

B. 2025-055 Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

XI. Executive Session

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Tibby DeJulio**, to recess from regular order and enter executive session for the purposes of real estate and litigation discussion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Passed Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Tibby DeJulio, Andrew Bauman

Nays: None

The Executive Session began at 6:57 p.m.

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

Passed Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Tibby DeJulio, Andrew Bauman

Nays: None

The Executive Session ended at 7:27 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.