

Meeting of the City of Sandy Springs City Council – SUMMARY MINUTES
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Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on March 17, 2026 Following Work Session, Mayor Pro Tem John Paulson presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem John Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call and General Announcements

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem John Paulson, Councilmember Melody Kelley, Councilmember Melissa Mular, Councilmember Frank Roberts, Councilmember Mary Ford, Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky

Members Absent: Mayor Rusty Paul

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem John Paulson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comment

1. **Ronda Smith, 76 Long Island Place, Sandy Springs - Comp Plan**

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to approve the meeting agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. Consent Agenda

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

- A. **2026-064** Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2026 City Council Meeting
- B. **2026-065** Request for Mayor and City Council to Approve Acceptance of the Deed for Dedication of Right of Way and the Dedication of Permanent Easement (1 and 2) for the Construction of Sidewalk, on Property Located at 6669 Peachtree Dunwoody Road in Land Lot 20 of the 17th District, Fulton County, City of Sandy Springs, GA (Tax ID# 17-0020 - LL0175)

Resolution No. 2026-03-036

- C. **2026-066** Request for Mayor and City Council to Approve Acceptance of a Purchase and Sale Agreement from Angelynn Howe AKA Angelynn Marie Doll as Trustee of Trust for the Benefit of Michael Alan Smith, for an Easement for Construction of Driveway Rights (with a Cost to Cure Payment) on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 4760 Lake Forrest Drive (Tax ID # 17-0119-0006-006-3), in Land Lot 119 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia for the S2185 Lake Forrest Sidewalk Project

Resolution No. 2026-03-037

VII. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VIII. Public Hearing

- A. **2026-067** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration to Conduct a Public Hearing on the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning & Zoning Manager, presented a Public Hearing on the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.

The CDBG Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

In 2026, Staff will continue working on the implementation of the South Roswell Road Multiyear Sidewalk Project, specifically the area south of Interstate 285 (Phase III), and other projects as determined, and begin the design for the Hope Road Sidewalk Project. Residents can offer input on this project at the public hearing, as well as other needs in their community relative to the CDBG Program.

Additional information is available for the public at sandyspringsga.gov/community-development-block-grant.

The City's 2025 CDBG allocation was \$485,216. The City anticipates receiving notice from HUD regarding the allocation for 2026 by fall of this year. Section 108 Loan funds allow the City to accelerate project construction without significant financial impact.

There being no public comment, **Mayor Pro Tem John Paulson** closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulson asked where can a copy of the Annual Action Plan be found?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said it is online and the printed version is also available.

****No action needed****

- B. **2026-068** TA-26-1
Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Development Code

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning & Zoning Manager, presented a recommendation to approve an Ordinance to Amend the Development Code.

The text amendments proposed are annual fixes. Some of the corrections are material, while most are simply clarifying descriptions, writing omissions, or even improving hierarchical ordering. Staff believes the proposed amendments will improve the Development Code in small ways. The Staff Report delves further into individual edits and its merits.

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There being no public comment, **Mayor Pro Tem Paulson** closed the public hearing.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to approve an Ordinance to Amend the Development Code. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2026-03-004

IX. New Business

- A. **2026-069** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve an Agreement by and between the City of Sandy Springs and the Fulton Perimeter Community Improvement District for the Peachtree Dunwoody Road Sidewalk Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to Approve an Agreement by and between the City of Sandy Springs and the Fulton Perimeter Community Improvement District for the Peachtree Dunwoody Road Sidewalk Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement

The Project consists of the design, utility coordination and construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Peachtree Dunwoody Road from the existing sidewalk at Palisades to the existing sidewalk at Interstate 285 westbound exit ramp. This is a Capital Improvement Project funded in FY26, and the CID has indicated interest in advancing this Project as outlined in this Agreement.

Pursuant to the Agreement, the CID will be responsible for 50% of the funds required for the Project and the City will be responsible for 50% of the funds required for the Project. The CID will execute design of the Project in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and all City ordinances, rules, and regulations. The City will execute construction of the Project. The proposed Agreement was drafted by both the City and the CID and was approved by the CID Board on January 28, 2026.

The Project will consist of adding a 6-foot sidewalk with 5-foot landscape buffer on the east side of Peachtree Dunwoody Road from the existing sidewalk at Palisades to the existing sidewalk at Interstate 285 westbound exit ramp. Project components will include sidewalk, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and pedestrian and street lighting. When completed, this Project will improve pedestrian facilities and fill the sidewalk gap on east side of Peachtree Dunwoody Road from the newly built sidewalk completed by Georgia Department of Transportation I-285/Georgia 400 Interchange Project and the existing sidewalk at Palisades.

The current estimated total cost for the Project is \$400,000.00. Per the Agreement, the City and the CID will each be responsible for 50% of the funds required for the Project, which come to a total of \$200,000.00. The funding details are shown in the table below table. There are sufficient funds within Capital Project T2602 to support this agreement.

	Engineering and Design Activities	Construction Activities	Total
City (50%)	\$60,000	\$140,000	\$200,000

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CID (50%)	\$60,000	\$140,000	\$200,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$120,000	\$280,000	\$400,000

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, seconded by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, to Approve an Agreement by and between the City of Sandy Springs and the Fulton Perimeter Community Improvement District for the Peachtree Dunwoody Road Sidewalk Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026-03-038

- B. **2026-070** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Award a Contract to Rhodeside & Harwell Incorporated for Professional Planning Services for the City's Comprehensive Plan Update and Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract

Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning & Zoning Manager, presented a recommendation to Award a Contract to Rhodeside & Harwell Incorporated for Professional Planning Services for the City's Comprehensive Plan Update and Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

All local jurisdictions in the State of Georgia, per state law O.C.G.A. § 110-12-1, are required to follow the Department of Community Affairs' ("DCA") Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning. Per DCA, the City of Sandy Springs (the "City") is required to complete and approve its Comprehensive Plan by June 30, 2027. Given the extensive process and effort this will entail, the City issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to seek qualified firms to prepare the Comprehensive Plan Update 2027-2047. Three (3) addenda were issued during the solicitation period, one of which included an update to the City's Recreation and Parks Master Plan as a combined effort with the Comprehensive Plan. These Plans will guide future growth, development, and sustainability through community vision and data-driven analysis.

The RFP detailed a scope of work describing the services required for the Comprehensive Plan update and the Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update, which included a robust outline for community engagement and the completion of a conjoint analysis and policy preference modeling component to support decision-making.

Proposals were evaluated using a Performance Price Tradeoff ("PPTO") framework based on three (3) primary criteria:

1. Technical Acceptability (Capabilities and Approaches)
2. Past Performance (Performance Confidence)
3. Cost/Price

The following Offerors were deemed to have submitted responsive, qualified proposals based on the requirements set forth in the RFP:

1. Clarion Associates, Inc with Blue Cypress Consulting, LLC, Gresham Smith and Partners, TischlerBise, Inc, Green Heron Planning, Able.City, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Perez Planning + Design.
2. Inspire Placemaking Collective, Inc with CPL, CMI Research, and Perez Planning + Design.

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3. Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc with Sycamore Consulting & Holding, L.L.C, Pond & Company, and Brown Bag Marketing.
4. Rhodeside & Harwell Incorporated with TSW Design Group, Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc, KB Advisory Group, ReconMR, LLC, and Perez Planning + Design.

Proposals were evaluated by a staff-comprised Evaluation Committee with representatives from the City Manager's Office, Finance, Communications, Public Works, Recreation and Parks, and Community Development Departments and were divided into three (3) separate evaluation teams to correspond with the following areas of evaluation consistent with the Proposal volumes: (1) Capabilities and Approaches; (2) Performance Confidence; and (3) Cost/Price. The Evaluation Committee members were:

Capabilities and Approaches

- Ginger Sottile, Community Development Director
- Brent Walker, Recreation and Parks Director
- Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning and Zoning Manager
- Dan Coffey, Assistant Director of Communications
- Ezekiel Guza, Senior Transportation Planner
- LaQuita Williams, Planner II

Performance Confidence

- Kristin Smith, Assistant City Manager
- Matthew Anspach, Senior Planner

Cost/Price

- Michael Hietter, Budget Manager

The RHI team submitted the lowest total cost proposal among the firms receiving a Substantial Confidence performance rating.

Project Team	Technical Acceptability and Performance (Capabilities Approaches)	Past Performance (Performance Confidence)	Cost
Clarion	Acceptable	Substantial Confidence	\$1,221,934
Inspire	Acceptable	Satisfactory Confidence	\$1,295,375
Jacobs	Acceptable	Limited Confidence	\$1,319,980
RHI	Acceptable	Substantial Confidence	\$1,146,313

Based on the evaluation of technical acceptability, past performance, and cost proposals, the Evaluation Committee determined that the proposal submitted by RHI with TSW, Nelson/Nygaard, KB Advisory Group, ReconMR, and PP+D, represents the best value to the City. Accordingly, the evaluation Committee submits the following recommendation:

- Award the contract for Comprehensive Plan Update 2027-2047 and Recreation and Parks Master Plan consulting services to Rhodeside & Harwell Incorporated.

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The approval of this Contract Award Resolution commits the City to a financial impact of \$1,146,313. \$1,200,000 is currently available within the Capital Projects Fund for the Comprehensive Plan and Recreation and Parks Master Plan Updates.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to Award a Contract to Rhodeside & Harwell Incorporated for Professional Planning Services for the City's Comprehensive Plan Update and Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract.

Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky said innovation and community engagement were discussed a lot during the retreat, and it is exciting to hear about the surveys and conjoint study done with this. The conjoint study is a specific survey that helps us value different attributes, for example policy preferences against each other. This is relatively innovative. This is also a way to reach all aspects of the community and get objective data to create policy, and to govern. Thank you Staff for your efforts in soliciting these proposals.

Councilmember Mular said this is exciting. When will Council know who will be on the stakeholder groups?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said the mayor appoints the stakeholder committee.

Councilmember Mular asked what is the process for how stakeholders and steering committee are appointed?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said the DCA requires a steering committee for the City's Comprehensive Plan composed of fifteen to twenty-five people. The mayor appoints these members who will meet regularly, tasked with sharing information with the community and receiving feedback, and are integral to the City's planning study.

Councilmember Mular asked does the mayor make appointments for both the stakeholder and steering committee?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said recommendations will be made for the stakeholder groups composed of members of the community and more, and members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be appointed.

Councilmember Mular asked is it correct that Council does not need to approve those appointments?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said no. The appointments will be presented to Council.

Councilmember Mular said there are about five pop-up plans for apartment complexes. With ninety-six complexes and six districts, what is the criteria for apartment complex selection?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said it is a minimum of five pop-up plans, but could be more dependent on discussions with consultants. The criteria for selection will be determined.

Councilmember Mular asked will some pop-ups be bilingual in different parts of the City?

Planning & Zoning Manager McIntosh-Ross said yes.

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Mayor Pro Tem Paulson said my suggestion is that each councilmember provide their nomination for the steering committee, and the mayor will provide a recommended list to Council.

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

Resolution No. 2026-03-039

- C. **2026-071** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Approve an Amendment to the FY2026 Budget to Transfer Funds from Capital Contingency Budget to the Temporary Fire Station No. 1 Project Budget

Dave Wells, Director of Facilities/Capital Construction and Building Operations, presented a recommendation to Approve an Amendment to the FY2026 Budget to Transfer Funds from Capital Contingency Budget to the Temporary Fire Station No. 1 Project Budget.

The new Fire Station No.1 is in the design phase and will proceed with construction following preconstruction activities. To maintain uninterrupted emergency services during demolition of the existing station, the City of Sandy Springs (the “City”) will lease and improve a temporary facility for Fire Station No.1 operations.

Funding is required to support both the design and build-out of the leased temporary facility, as well as associated costs necessary to make the space fully operational. This includes architectural and engineering services for the interior layout, life safety systems, apparatus accommodations, utilities, communications infrastructure, and required code compliance upgrades.

A budget transfer from the City’s Capital Contingency funds is necessary to fully fund the design and construction of the temporary Fire Station No. 1 and ensure operational readiness prior to demolition of the existing station. This approach maintains continuity of service while preserving overall program delivery timelines.

The transfer of **\$300,000.00** from available Capital Contingency funds will establish the budget necessary to design and build out the leased temporary Fire Station No. 1 facility. This action reallocates existing funds and does not require additional appropriations.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, seconded by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, to approve an Amendment to the FY2026 Budget to Transfer Funds from Capital Contingency Budget to the Temporary Fire Station No. 1 Project Budget. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2026-03-005

- D. **2026-072** Request for Mayor and Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Commercial Lease and Letter of Intent with JAT Partners, LLC for Fire Department Use and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Letter of Intent and a Commercial Lease

Dave Wells, Director of Facilities/Capital Construction and Building Operations, presented a recommendation to Approve a Commercial Lease and Letter of Intent with JAT Partners, LLC for Fire Department Use and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Letter of Intent and a Commercial Lease.

The Sandy Springs Fire Department (“SSFD”) will require temporary operational space to ensure continuity of fire emergency services during the demolition and construction of the existing fire station. To maintain uninterrupted service delivery, staff evaluated potential offsite facilities capable of supporting fire department operations, including firefighter living quarters and support functions.

The property, located at 8615 Roswell Road, has been identified as the most suitable option based on operational needs, site configuration and availability. To secure the premises and to allow staff to proceed with final lease negotiations, staff has negotiated a Letter of Intent, as well as a Commercial Lease with JAT Partners, LLC outlining the principal lease terms.

The Letter of Intent with JAT Partners, LLC provides a framework for a twenty-four (24) month lease of approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of flex space at 8615 Roswell Road, including onsite parking, to support SSFD operations during the demolition and construction of the existing station.

Key lease terms include:

- Base rent of **\$15,000.00 per month**
- Security deposit of **\$15,000.00**
- Reimbursement of prorated real estate taxes of approximately **\$833.00 per month**
- Other customary operating expenses

The premises will be used for firefighter living quarters, a full working kitchen, and necessary departmental support functions. The Letter of Intent also includes a six (6)-month renewal option with no increase in rent. Approval and execution of the Letter of Intent will allow staff to proceed with preparation and execution of a final commercial lease in accordance with Mayor and Council authorization. The SSFD plans to utilize contingency funds during this period, these cost will be incorporated into the operational budget for the next fiscal year.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, to Approve a Commercial Lease and Letter of Intent with JAT Partners, LLC for Fire Department Use and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Letter of Intent and a Commercial Lease.

Councilmember Kelley asked why this item was not discussed at the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) meeting.

Director of Facilities/Capital Construction and Building Operations Wells said operational funds of fire department pay for the lease and is not PFA money.

Councilmember Kelley asked can Council approve a commercial lease for two years?

Director of Facilities/Capital Construction and Building Operations Wells said yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulson asked is there an early out option for this twenty-four month lease?

Director of Facilities/Capital Construction and Building Operations Wells said yes. This can be negotiated.

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

Resolution No. 2026-03-040

- E. **2026-073** Request for Mayor and City Council’s Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Subpart A, Chapter 26, Article IV of the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances Related to Massage Establishments and Spas; to Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes

Dan Lee, City Attorney, presented a recommendation to Amend Subpart A, Chapter 26, Article IV of the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances Related to Massage Establishments and Spas; to Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.

The City of Sandy Springs (the “City”) has determined that additional regulation of massage and spa establishments is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City. To further this initiative, the City believes that updated licensing, operational and inspection standards are necessary to enforce compliance with state laws and local ordinances and prevent unlawful activity within the City’s jurisdictional limits.

If approved, the amendments listed below will introduce additional regulations for owners and employees of massage establishments and spas, while also providing further clarity regarding the requirements for obtaining a City Massage License and/or Massage Work Permit.

1. The ordinance applies to all individuals working in massage establishments, not just non-licensed employees.
2. Certain practices licensed by the State of Georgia are exempt.
3. Massage License applicants must be a licensed Massage Therapists in the State of Georgia
4. Massage License applicants must complete a human trafficking awareness program approved by the Chief of Police
5. Applicant must submit the following documentation with license application:
 - An Affidavit swearing to compliance
 - A criminal background check
 - A roster of employees, including each employee’s job function, address, and telephone number
 - A drawing or floor plan of the massage establishment
6. Allows Applicant sixty (60) days to gather the extensive required documentation and complete the license process, as well as the permit applications for all employees, contractors and other personnel involved in the massage establishment
7. Clarifies that the permitting process applies to all individuals working at the massage establishment and requires E-Verify documentation of all non-resident employees.
8. Sets allowed hours of operation from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM (the current ordinance allows 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM)
9. Prohibits overnight stays and table showers
10. Changes the appeal process and removes appeals to Mayor and City Council for the denial, suspension or revocation of a license or permit.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, seconded by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, to Amend Subpart A, Chapter 26, Article IV of the City of Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances Related to Massage Establishments and Spas; to Provide for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.

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Councilmember Kelley asked are you confident that this amendment is enough to address some of the recent issues seen?

City Attorney Lee said yes. In addition, the review done by police and city manager's staff includes changes in enforcement which will further curtail this kind of activity.

Councilmember Kelley said with the City's Next Ten discussions, my interest is land use in general, and proximity restrictions to schools and churches should be considered.

City Attorney Lee said the Police Department and Community Development are working on this. Along massage therapy guidelines and other business uses in Sandy Springs, hopefully this will be brought to Council. Also, as a point of outreach to the community, especially the legitimate massage therapy community, the police department conducted an outreach to many legitimate massage therapy establishments in Sandy Springs, and most are supportive of these changes.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulson said at the March 3 meeting, several business owners from massage establishments came to provide public comments. **Kenneth DeSimone, Police Chief**, did you speak with them?

Chief DeSimone said yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulson said they are legitimate businesses that want to continue. How long is the human trafficking awareness program that must be completed?

Chief DeSimone said it is an online course and can be completed in about fifteen minutes.

City Attorney Lee said this course is also recommended to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulson said it should also be required for the citizens of Sandy Springs.

Councilmember Mary Ford said this informative and highly recommended class is offered by the Department of Homeland Security. Unfortunately human trafficking is in Sandy Springs, and we should be informed and aware.

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

Ordinance No. 2026-03-006

- F. **2026-074** Request for Mayor and City Council's Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Introduction of Local Legislation for the Placement of a Referendum on the November 2026 General Election Ballot to Grant Redevelopment Powers to the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, as Provided by Georgia Law

Dan Lee, City Attorney, presented a recommendation presented a recommendation to Authorize the Introduction of Local Legislation for the Placement of a Referendum on the November 2026 General Election Ballot to Grant Redevelopment Powers to the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, as Provided by Georgia Law.

The Georgia Redevelopment Powers Law, O.C.G.A. § 36-44-1., *et seq.*, authorizes municipalities to exercise redevelopment powers, including the creation of redevelopment areas and tax allocation districts

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(“TADs”), with the majority approval of the voters of the City of Sandy Springs (See: O.C.G.A. § 36-44-7). The Georgia Constitution and Georgia General Law require local legislation to place the measure on the General ballot, for the decision by the voters of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia.

If approved, the City may implement redevelopment plans and utilize tax allocation financing mechanisms to encourage investment in qualifying redevelopment areas.

The City does not currently possess voter-approved redevelopment powers. Should the attached Resolution seeking local legislation for a referendum be approved, the City would be authorized to: (i) request that the question of granting redevelopment powers to the City be placed on the ballot of the November 2026 General Election; and (ii) authorize the City Clerk to coordinate with the Fulton County Department of Registration & Elections to ensure timely publication and placement of the attached Referendum.

With the approval of the voters of the City of Sandy Springs, the City would be authorized to: (i) designate redevelopment areas; (ii) adopt redevelopment plans; (iii) issue tax allocation bonds; establish tax allocation districts (TADs); and (iv) manage the allocation and use of tax increments to finance future redevelopment projects.

The Referendum does not impose a new tax. It authorizes the City to use tax increment financing, as permitted under State law.

Granting redevelopment powers to the City provides the city with an additional economic development tool to address; (i) disrupted or underutilized areas; (ii) deficiencies in infrastructure; (iii) economic revitalization opportunities; and (iv) strategic long-term planning goals.

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with calling a referendum. If approved, redevelopment activities would be subject to future Council approval through adoption of specific redevelopment plans and financing mechanisms.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to Authorize the Introduction of Local Legislation for the Placement of a Referendum on the November 2026 General Election Ballot to Grant Redevelopment Powers to the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, as Provided by Georgia Law. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026-03-041

X. Reports

A. 2026-075 Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Pro Tem Paulson said the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation is recognizing Keep North Fulton Beautiful (KNFB) for being a responsible environmental group. Thank you KNFB for what you do.

Clark Howard, Radio/Podcast Host and Consumer Expert, commented on the City of Sandy Springs after celebrating its 20th anniversary in local government.

Clark Howard’s recorded comment was played for the audience.

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Councilmember Melissa Mular said Sandy Springs Youth Sports opened this past weekend and Council was there. This was probably the largest turnout and the kids were excited. Thank you to my colleagues for extending your outreach to your constituents. It is great that **Councilmember Melody Kelley** did her first streaming for North End Live and the second is coming. Also, thank you to **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky** and **Councilmember Mary Ford** for sending out newsletters. If anyone wants to go, please visit Facebook and sign up for the newsletters, which are similar but different depending on the district.

Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky said if anyone is interested in attending an 8U softball game at Morgan Falls, please contact me for more information.

Sandy Springs Education Force's (SSEF) 16th Annual STEAM Showcase was at North Springs High School. SSEF is the City's non-profit working to help public school kids in many different programming, in the summer and after school. There was a great turnout, and it was an exciting event.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulson said it is always inspiring to see what these young folks come up with.

Councilmember Chinsky said someone programmed a robot to introduce the chair of the board of SSEF.

Councilmember Mary Ford said regarding community involvement and engagement, this is a reminder, especially for District 5 neighbors living in the High Point area, the High Point Civic Association is holding their annual meeting next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Church of Atonement. It will be a great opportunity to get updates about what is happening in the City of Sandy Springs, and related to the District 5 area. Thank you, High Point Civic Association, for hosting this event.

B. 2026-076 Staff Reports

1. January 2026 Unaudited Financials

Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the January 2026 unaudited financials.

The City is at 58.33 % of the fiscal year. Revenues are at 75.37 % and expenditures are at 50.06% of the budget. The packet identifies all General Fund departments and they continue to operate within approved budgets.

XI. Adjournment

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.