

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 June 2, 2026 Following Work Session, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

II. Roll Call and General Announcements

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rusty Paul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, 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 Mary Ford**, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- A. **2026-145** Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026 City Council Meeting
May 20, 2026 City Council Special Called Meeting

- B. **2026-146** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve and Accept an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement from Broaderley (U.S.), Inc., on That Certain Tract of Land Located at 5549 Roswell Road (Tax ID # 17-0091- LL-093-0) in Land Lot 91 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia in Relation to the T0019 Roswell Road Streetscape Improvements Project.

Resolution No. 2026-06-080

- C. **2026-147** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve and Accept an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement from Stars Oil, Inc., on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 5701 Roswell Road (Tax ID # 17-0091- LL-110-2) in Land Lot 91 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia in Relation to the T0019 Roswell Road Streetscape Improvements Project

Resolution No. 2026-06-081

- D. **2026-148** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve and Accept an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement from Costco Wholesale Corporation on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 6350 Peachtree Dunwoody Road (Tax ID #17-0019- LL-130-9) in Land Lot 19 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia in relation to the TS131 Peachtree Dunwoody Road Last Mile Connectivity Project

Resolution No. 2026-06-082

- E. **2026-149** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve and Accept an Agreement to Purchase Fee Simple Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement from Costco Wholesale Corporation on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 6350 Peachtree Dunwoody Road (Tax ID #17-0019- LL-132-5) in Land Lot 19 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia in relation to the TS131 Peachtree Dunwoody Road Last Mile Connectivity Project

Resolution No. 2026-06-083

- F. **2026-150** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve and Accept an Agreement to Purchase Temporary Construction Easement from Securus Properties, LLC, on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 5163 Roswell Road (Tax ID # 17-0092 LL-042-6) in Land Lot 92 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia in relation to the T0019 Roswell Road Streetscape Improvements Project

Resolution No. 2026-06-084

- G. **2026-151** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve and Accept a Driveway Easement from Progeny Investment Company, a Georgia Corporation, Related to Property Located at 5165 Roswell Road (Tax ID# 17-0092-0004-045-4); in Land Lot 92 of the 17th District, City of Sandy Springs, Fulton County, Georgia, in Relation to the T0019 Roswell Road Streetscape Improvements Project

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VII. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VIII. Public Hearing

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- A. **2026-152** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Provide for the Adoption of a Budget, Its Execution and Effect for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027 (FY 2027)
First Public Hearing

Eden Freeman, City Manager, presented a recommendation to Provide for the Adoption of a Budget, Its Execution and Effect for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027 (FY 2027) (First Public Hearing)

The line item detail in the packet is unchanged from the formal proposed budget presentation on May 26, 2026, however analysis determined how much of the funds proposed for appropriation tie directly back to Council's priorities.

The City's General Fund budget is estimated at \$170,400,000 with an All-Funds budget of \$1,089,000,000. As a reminder to residents, the tax rate remains the same since incorporation and there are no proposed tax increases. With the breakdown of the City's investments, public safety has been the number one priority since inception, and this budget reflects that commitment. The second priority is transportation and community appearance, followed by recreation and cultural enrichment, sustainable growth and environmental stewardship, and customer service, citizen engagement, and innovation. Multiple priorities are interwoven within each of these areas. For instance, customer service, citizen engagement and innovation underpins everything within each priority area. Also, there were innovative programs in each area, particularly with the Police Department's Information Intelligence Operation Center and Fire Department's implementation of the drone as the first responder program, and more. Also on the list of Council's priorities is economic development and redevelopment and water reliability. Public safety and transportation and community appearance are most of the City's investments since incorporation.

There was no action taken.

- B. **2026-153** ABL No. 28466
Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of the Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Dagwoods Pizza and Deli / DBA Dagwoods Pizza and Deli at 7746 Spalding Dr., Sandy Springs, GA 30092. The Applicant is Devang Patel for Consumption on premises Wine & Malt.

Cori Holiness, Revenue Manager, presented a recommendation to approve Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Dagwoods Pizza and Deli / DBA Dagwoods Pizza and Deli at 7746 Spalding Dr., Sandy Springs, GA 30092. The Applicant is Devang Patel for Consumption on premises Wine & Malt.

This is a Change of Ownership Application for Consumption Beer & Wine. The business is located at – 7746 Spalding Dr., Sandy Springs, GA 30092. The applicant submitted a completed application on March 16, 2026, and has passed the background investigation.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Dagwoods Pizza and Deli / DBA Dagwoods Pizza and Deli at 7746 Spalding Dr., Sandy Springs, GA 30092. The Applicant is Devang Patel for Consumption on premises Wine & Malt. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- C. **2026-154** ABL No. 123804
Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of the Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Arabian Nights LLC / DBA Arabian Cafe at 8347 Roswell Rd., Sandy Springs, GA 30350. The applicant is Lucas Butris for Consumption on the Premises of Beer, Wine & Distilled Spirits.

Cori Holiness, Revenue Manager, presented a recommendation to approve Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Dagwoods Pizza and Deli / DBA Dagwoods Pizza and Deli at 7746 Spalding Dr., Sandy Springs, GA 30092. The Applicant is Devang Patel for Consumption on premises Wine & Malt.

This is an Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Dagwoods Pizza and Deli / DBA Dagwoods Pizza and Deli at 7746 Spalding Dr., Sandy Springs, GA 30092. The Applicant is Devang Patel for Consumption on premises Wine & Malt. The applicant submitted a completed application on May 6, 2026 and has passed the background investigation.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Dagwoods Pizza and Deli / DBA Dagwoods Pizza and Deli at 7746 Spalding Dr., Sandy Springs, GA 30092. The Applicant is Devang Patel for Consumption on premises Wine & Malt. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. **New Business**

- A. **2026-155** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Appoint a Member to the City of Sandy Springs Planning Commission (Jay O'Meara to Fill the Unexpired Term of Elizabeth Kelly)

Rusty Paul, Mayor, presented a recommendation to Appoint a Member to the City of Sandy Springs Planning Commission (Jay O'Meara to Fill the Unexpired Term of Elizabeth Kelly).

Elizabeth Kelly was a conscientious member of the Planning Commission but resigned due to personal matters. At inception, **former Mayor Eva Galambos** ensured a balance between members who represented neighborhoods and real estate, but over the years representation in real estate drifted. This balance is important. Jay O'Meara is knowledgeable of the Sandy Springs commercial real estate market and the Perimeter market. With these credentials, Council should consider appointing Jay O'Meara to fill the unexpired term of Elizabeth Kelly.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, to Appoint a Member to the City of Sandy Springs Planning Commission (Jay O'Meara to Fill the Unexpired Term of Elizabeth Kelly).

Councilmember Paulson said Elizabeth Kelly made significant contributions to the Sandy Springs Planning Commission and will be missed.

Mayor Paul said her resignation is a loss to the board but her personal matters are understandable.

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

Resolution No. 2026-06-086

- B. **2026-156** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Renewal to the License Agreement with Microsoft and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the License Agreement

TJ Martin, IT Help Desk & Systems Administrator Manager, presented a recommendation to Approve a Renewal to the License Agreement with Microsoft and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the License Agreement.

The City has maintained an agreement with Microsoft since 2006, with licensing expanding over time to include additional products and services to better support the City’s evolving technology needs. The City currently uses SHI International Corp. as the reseller for this licensing structure, which provides enterprise licensing for core productivity, collaboration, security, server, database, and remote access tools used across City operations to support daily business functions, such as email, document creation, file collaboration, device management, security, server operations, and other essential technology services. With the current agreement at the end of its term, it is necessary to move forward with renewal to maintain uninterrupted coverage and avoid any loss of access.

The Agreement is being processed through the City’s existing structure vendor, SHI International Corp., and represents the City’s Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment renewal for the period of May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027, as part of a three year licensing term. The renewal provides licensing for Microsoft 365 GCC products, Entra ID P1, Exchange Online, Microsoft 365 F1, Power Automate Premium, Power BI Pro, Teams Phone, Teams Rooms Pro, Teams Shared Devices, Windows operating system licensing, Project Standard, SQL Server Standard Core, Visio Standard, Windows Remote Desktop Services CALs, and Windows Server Datacenter Core.

These Microsoft products collectively support the City’s core technology environment by providing essential software for staff productivity, communication, information security, and infrastructure operations. The licensing covers tools used across departments for email and collaboration, document creation and storage, data analysis and reporting, voice and video communications, and management of servers and end user devices. Because the annual renewal amount exceeds the City Manager’s purchasing authority, this item is being presented to the Mayor and Council for approval and to provide transparency regarding the City’s ongoing technology licensing costs. Although formal competitive procurement is not required for this renewal, the purchase will be made through Microsoft’s State and Local Government licensing program, consistent with the City’s purchasing policy authorizing cooperative purchasing to meet competitive procurement requirements. The total annual renewal cost for the Agreement, covering the period from May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027, is \$277,619.22. Of this amount, \$46,269.87 will be charged to the remaining months of FY26, and \$231,349.35 will be charged to FY27, contingent upon adoption of the FY27 budget on June 16, 2026. Funding for this expenditure is included in the approved FY26 budget and the proposed FY27 budget.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember Melissa Mular**, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to Approve a Renewal to the License Agreement with Microsoft and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the License Agreement. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2026-06-087

- C. **2026-157** Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize Approval of a Georgia Power Relocation Agreement for the S2185 Lake Forrest Sidewalk – Phase II Project

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation to Authorize Approval of a Georgia Power Relocation Agreement for the S2185 Lake Forrest Sidewalk – Phase II Project.

Project S2185 Phase II includes the construction of approximately 3300 linear feet of 6-foot sidewalk on the west side of Lake Forrest Drive from the City Limit to 4822 Lake Forrest Drive and from 25 Pine Lake Drive to 4990 Lake Forrest Drive. This portion of sidewalk will complete the Lake Forrest Sidewalk Project from City Limit to Mt. Paran Road.

Utility relocations are required to accommodate the proposed sidewalk improvements. GPC has completed its relocation design and submitted the Relocation Agreement for execution. The total estimated cost to relocate the existing distribution facility is \$310,889.00. In accordance with the Franchise Agreement between the City and GPC, the City is responsible for 90% of the relocation cost, which is \$271,700.

Motion and second. A motion was made by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to Authorize Approval of a Georgia Power Relocation Agreement for the S2185 Lake Forrest Sidewalk – Phase II Project.

Councilmember Chinsky asked when this project will start and be completed.

Public Works Director Martin said there will be a property owner on Lake Forest Drive, and once we receive the final agreement, and the relocation agreement is approved, construction should begin in two weeks.

Councilmember Chinsky said please contact me should there be need for me to be personally involved.

Councilmember Paulson asked is Georgia Power doing the work?

Public Works Director Martin said yes. It will be them or a contractor working for Georgia Power.

Councilmember Paulson asked did the City place a bid?

Mayor Paul said the contractor to build the sidewalk is what would be bid.

Public Works Director Martin said Georgia Power will handle utility relocations through their contractor or their own crews.

Councilmember Paulson said the wording is unclear which says the estimated cost to relocate the existing distribution facility is \$310,000 and the City pays 90%. Is this for the sidewalk or power poles?

Public Works Director Martin said power poles, and Georgia Power will be bidding that.

Councilmember Frank Roberts asked could there be any problems with Georgia Power moving poles here?

Public Works Director Martin said polls take time on sidewalk projects as with Roswell Road near Lake Placid. Most of the project can be built until the last 10% of the poles are out of the way.

Councilmember Roberts said Georgia Power has done nothing yet with the pole on Mount Vernon.

Public Works Director Martin said we are still accepting conduit so that other folks on those poles can start the new underground pipe. The facilities will be taken off one pole and moved to the other, but there are three or four parties sequentially, including Comcast and AT&T, as this is done.

Councilmember Roberts asked does Georgia Power have priority on moving the power from the pole to another pole?

Public Works Director Martin said Georgia Power is priority as the new poll is set.

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

Resolution No. 2026-06-088

X. Reports

A. 2026-158 Mayor and Council Report

Mayor Paul said Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) meetings continue and have narrowed down to three major issues. This includes the water issue between the City of Atlanta and the City of Sandy Springs, and animal control for some cities. Another problem for many cities in Fulton County is the jail. Specifically, what services will be provided when people need to be incarcerated, but the Sheriff does not accept them. Mediation will start by June 25, and it is important we are involved now.

Eden Freeman, City Manager, said the manager's group continues to meet throughout the process. Each municipality has been asked to submit their agreements between other municipalities, or between themselves and the county. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is not interested in agreements with private providers. Next week will be another meeting with the Board of Commissioners to further discuss final items.

Mayor Paul said these meetings are public, live streamed and archived. This is done every ten years to review who provides what services and is paying for them to ensure there is no duplication of services and no double taxation. It is an important process with tight deadlines.

Councilmember Melody Kelley said the Next 10 Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee held its first meeting on May 20. This is one of four public meetings. Thank you to the consultants and Community Development team, led by **Michele McIntosh-Ross, Planning & Zoning Manager**, for your efforts, and exceeding my expectations. Congratulations to Rhonda Smith for being selected for the esteemed position as chair of the committee.

Last Thursday was my monthly live community engagement forum, which is also housed on YouTube. Jessica Corbitt of the Fulton County External Affairs provided a thorough overview of each service Fulton County provides for the City. Please check this out if you are interested.

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According to MARTA, the City may receive an upgraded bus stop servicing North Springs High School.

Councilmember Melissa Mular said this is a reminder that Food that Rocks is Thursday, June 4. Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the festival.

Mayor Paul said also on June 12 at City Green, there is a fun concert by Starship featuring Mickey Thomas.

Councilmember Mary Ford said applications for the Sandy Springs Citizens' Leadership Academy opened on Monday. It is a great program and most of Council participated.

Thank you to the Sandy Springs Fire Department for the announcement about the community meeting on Monday, June 15 for the new fire station in District 5.

The recording of the Comprehensive Plan is available online and the first public meeting will be on June 23.

Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky said the Sandy Springs Citizens' Leadership Academy is geared towards adults, but in the coming year, the City should also consider creating one for youth, as the City of Tucker has done.

There were questions in the last budget session about how the millions of dollars allocated for the fields at Morgan Falls are used. At my visit this past weekend for the All-Star Leagues, there was not enough space in the parking lot for families there. There were teams from Sandy Springs, Alpharetta, Brookhaven, and more. Unfortunately, due to the rain, the upper fields were unplayable, but the lower fields with turf were because drainage worked. It is worth it for the City to spend money on turf because these fields will be used often.

B. 2026-159 Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

XI. Executive Session

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, 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 6, No 0, Abstained 0

Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Frank Roberts, Mary Ford, Andrew Chinsky

Nays: None

The Executive Session began at 7:24 p.m.

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

Passed Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0

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Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Frank Roberts, Mary Ford, Andrew Chinsky

Nays: None

The Executive Session ended at 8:16 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.