CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Studio Theatre at Sandy Springs City Hall
1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328
Mayor Rusty Paul presiding

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rusty Paul at 6:00 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; and Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky.

The City Clerk provided general announcements regarding silencing electronic devices and public comment procedures.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Public Comment

The City Clerk advised that no public comment cards had been received, and the public comment period was closed.

V. Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was considered with two additions. A resolution was added to set a hearing date for the business license revocation hearing for Neptune General LLC d/b/a Nubia Cafe and Restaurant for September 15, 2026. A second resolution was added to set the hearing date for the Holy Innocents' Episcopal School special permit denial appeal, Application No. SE-26-27.

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, to approve the meeting agenda with the additional business license revocation hearing date item. **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky** then moved, seconded by **Councilmember John Paulson**, to further amend the agenda to add the Holy Innocents' Episcopal School special permit denial appeal hearing date item. **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky** stated that the item had not been inadvertently omitted and had become ripe after publication of the agenda. There being no objection to either added item, the agenda as amended was approved by unanimous vote.

Passed Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0
Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Frank Roberts, Mary Ford, Andrew J. Chinsky
Nays: None

VI. Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda items were approved:

A. 2026-235 Meeting Minutes: May 26, 2026 City Council Special Called Meeting – FY2027 Budget Presentation/Budget Workshop; August 18, 2026 City Council Meeting; and August 27, 2026 City Council

Special Called Meeting.

B. 2026-236 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 Fulton County, Georgia, on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 5025 Roswell Road (Tax ID #17-0093-0007-042-7) in Land Lot 93 of the 17th District, Fulton County, Georgia in Relation to the T0019 Roswell Road Streetscape Improvements Project.
Resolution No. 2026-09-135

C. 2026-237 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 Lawrence David Stier and Maureen Ann Stier on that Certain Tract of Land Located at 5297 Roswell Road in Relation to the T0019 Roswell Road Streetscape Improvements Project.
Resolution No. 2026-09-136

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.

Passed Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0
Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Frank Roberts, Mary Ford, Andrew J. Chinsky
Nays: None

VII. Presentations

No presentations were listed for this meeting agenda.

VIII. Public Hearing

A. 2026-238 ABL No. 28777
Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Approval of Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Sun Ash Enterprises, LLC / DBA Chevron Food Mart at 5300 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, GA, 30342. The Applicant is Asif Machani for Package Beer and Wine.

Cori Holiness, Revenue Manager presented a request for approval of a packaged beer and wine alcohol license for Sun Ash Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Chevron Food Mart at 5300 Roswell Road. She advised that the applicant had met applicable requirements and staff recommended approval.

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to approve Agenda Item 2026-238. 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 J. Chinsky
Nays: None

B. 2026-239 2025 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Draft Public Hearing

Dabney Brand, Grant Administrator, presented the draft 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. The presentation explained that the CAPER is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for communities receiving Community Development Block Grant funds and summarized 2025 program activity, including public infrastructure improvements associated with the South Roswell Road multi-year sidewalk project and design work for Northwood Drive, Long Island Drive, and Hope Road sidewalk improvements. The public comment period opened on September 1, 2026, and was to remain open through September 15, 2026. No public comment cards were received. The public hearing was closed, and no Council action was required at this meeting.

IX. New Business

A. 2026-240 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor's Signature on the Housing and Urban Development "Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5" Document for the Long Island Drive Sidewalk Community Development Block Grant Project

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented the item. He advised that the Long Island Drive sidewalk project is a Community Development Block Grant-funded project and that the required consultant coordination, agency outreach, and initial research had been completed, resulting in a recommendation of categorical exclusion under Section 58.5. Staff recommended authorization for the Mayor to sign the environmental review document.

Resolution No. 2026-09-137

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to approve the item. 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 J. Chinsky

Nays: None

B. 2026-241 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor's Signature on the Housing and Urban Development "Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5" Document for the Hope Road Drive Sidewalk Community Development Block Grant Project

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director, presented the item. He stated that the Hope Road sidewalk project is also a Community Development Block Grant-funded project proceeding on a parallel track. He explained that the project includes infill sidewalk infrastructure on Hope Road where some sidewalk already exists and that consultant coordination, agency outreach, and initial research supported a recommendation of categorical exclusion under Section 58.5. Staff recommended authorization for the Mayor to sign the environmental review document.

Resolution No. 2026-09-138

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Melody Kelley**, to approve the item. 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 J. Chinsky
Nays: None

C. 2026-242 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of an Ordinance to Approve Updated TSPLOST-2021 Program Funding

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director presented the item. He explained that updated TSPLOST-2021 funding was needed to fully fund the Lake Forest Sidewalk Phase 2 project so that a construction award recommendation could be considered the same evening. He stated that approximately $600,000 would be reallocated from the Mount Paran/Perry improvements project, where the funds were no longer needed, to Lake Forest Sidewalk Phase 2.

Ordinance No. 2026-09-020

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to approve the item. 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 J. Chinsky
Nays: None

D. 2026-243 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Contract Award to JHC Corporation to Construct the Lake Forest Sidewalk Phase 2 Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract
William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director presented the item. He described the project as construction of a six-foot sidewalk with a two-foot landscape strip, curb and gutter, and associated improvements on the west side of Lake Forest Drive from the city limit to 4822 Lake Forest Drive and from 25 Pine Lake Drive to 4990 Lake Forest Drive. He advised that bids had been received and recommended award to JHC Corporation. Council discussion included support for continued sidewalk connectivity and pedestrian improvements in the area.

Resolution No. 2026-09-139
Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to approve the item. 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 J. Chinsky
Nays: None

E. 2026-244 Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Contract Award to Ohmshiv Construction LLC to Construct the Northwood Drive Sidewalk and Pedestrian Crossings Project and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director presented the item. He stated that the project includes replacement of approximately 316 linear feet of sidewalk with six-foot sidewalk, installation of two signalized midblock pedestrian crossings on Northwood Drive, reconstruction of 12 substandard curb ramps, and installation of eight pedestrian-scale street lights. He reported that two bids were received and that staff recommended the low bidder at $479,494.50, which was generally consistent with the engineer's estimate of $468,741. Mayor Rusty Paul and Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky discussed the significance of the project in one of the City's highest pedestrian traffic areas and its benefit to residents walking to Lake Forest Elementary.

Resolution No. 2026-09-140
Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to approve the item. 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 J. Chinsky
Nays: None

F. Added Item – Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Resolution Setting Hearing Date for Business License Revocation Hearing for Neptune General LLC d/b/a Nubia Cafe and Restaurant

The added item set a hearing date of September 15, 2026, for the business license revocation hearing for Neptune General LLC d/b/a Nubia Cafe and Restaurant. The item was added during approval of the agenda.

Resolution No. 2026-09-142

Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson,** seconded by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, to approve the item.

Passed Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0
Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Frank Roberts, Mary Ford, Andrew J. Chinsky
Nays: None

G. Added Item – Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of Resolution Setting Hearing Date for the Holy Innocents' Episcopal School Special Permit Denial Appeal, Application No. SE-26-27

The added item set the hearing date for the Holy Innocents' Episcopal School special permit denial appeal, Application No. SE-26-27. During discussion on the agenda amendment, Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky stated that the item had not been inadvertently omitted and had become ripe after the agenda was published.

Resolution No. 2026-09-141
Motion and vote: A motion was made by **Councilmember Andrew J. Chinsky**, seconded by **Councilmember Mary Ford**, to approve the item.

Passed Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0
Yeas: John Paulson, Melody Kelley, Melissa Mular, Frank Roberts, Mary Ford, Andrew J. Chinsky
Nays: None

X. Reports

A. 2026-245 Mayor and Council Reports

Councilmember John Paulson announced a first-of-its-kind evening community gathering scheduled for Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the former Loehmann's Plaza area behind Sandy Springs Diner. The event will include vendors, food, and opportunities for residents to engage with community organizations and activities. The City hopes the event will draw a strong crowd and, if successful, could be replicated in other parts of Sandy Springs. **Mayor Paul** expressed confidence that the event would be well attended based on positive feedback received to date.

B. 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 6:29 p.m.

Motion and vote. A motion was made by **Councilmember John Paulson**, seconded by **Councilmember Frank Roberts**, 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, Andrew J. Chinsky, Melissa Mular, Frank Roberts, Mary Ford,

Nays: None

Councilmember Melody Kelley left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 8:09 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 8:09 p.m.

Approved:

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Russel K. Paul, Mayor Raquel D. González, City Clerk