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**Special Called Meeting of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 7:30 a.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.**

**Council Members present:** Council Member John Paulson, Council Member Steve Soteres, Council Member Jody Reichel and Council Member Andy Bauman

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Administration**

**1. 19-249 Approval of meeting agenda**

**Motion and Vote:** Council Member Paulson moved to approve the meeting agenda for the August 6, 2019 City Council meeting. Council Member Reichel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ad Valorem Tax**

- 2. 19-250** Ad Valorem Tax Rate Public Hearing and Set Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020  
(SECOND PUBLIC HEARING, NO ACTION BY COUNCIL)  
*(Presented by Karen Ellis, Finance Director)*

**Mayor Rusty Paul** asked for any Public Comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Joel Blackford**, 90 Marchman Drive, Sandy Springs 30342 – I’ve lived in Sandy Springs for 50 years and this is one time I’ve voted for a change of government that I’m proud of. So, I would like to go on record and say, I hate an increase of taxes but I’m so excited for the services that you and the Council and the City give me, that I’m willing to suck it up and do it. I just wanted to come and publicly thank you for your service in what you’re doing and I love your water fountains.

**Mayor Rusty Paul** explained why there was an Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Public Hearing and how this was calculated. He stated that there is a cap on the millage rate and it cannot be raised without a Referendum. State law says that if you get more revenue than last year, it’s considered a tax increase.

**Finance Director Karen Ellis** confirmed the Mayor’s explanation.

Mayor Rusty Paul closed the Public Hearing

**ADJOURNMENT**

**3. 19-251** Adjournment

**Motion and Vote:** Council Member Paulson moved to adjourn the special called meeting for August 6, 2019. Council Member Soteres seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 a.m.

Date Approved: August 6, 2019