



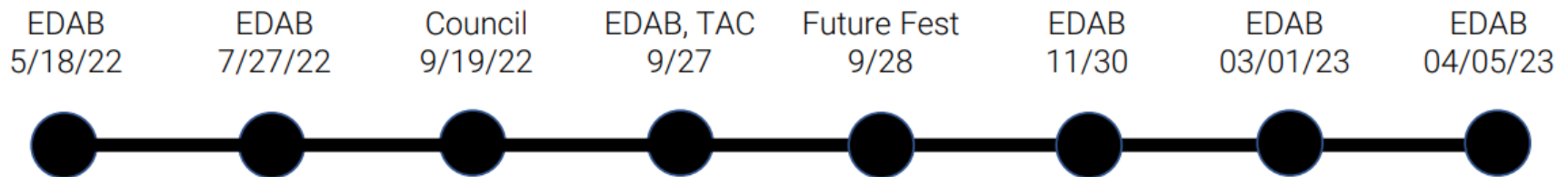
File # 25-045 CPA

Economic Development
Strategic Plan Adoption

City Council
(Public Hearing)
November 17, 2025

Background and Purpose

The City of Sandy has developed an Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) to direct staff and partner agencies to grow Sandy's economy in the coming years. The Economic Development Advisory Board unanimously recommended the EDSP for adoption by the City Council on April 5, 2023.



City Council adopted the EDSP by motion (not ordinance) on June 5, 2023.

Key Considerations

Because no formal resolution or ordinance was adopted by City Council on June 5, 2023, our City Attorney advised the City that having an ordinance would set a stronger foundation for supporting various actions when the City sets new economic development policy or uses existing policy to implement community and economic development activities.

- **The project goals of the plan that establish a clear economic development direction will now be codified.**
- **The 2023 Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) will assist in distribution of the conditional 190 ERUs.**
- **If employment projects are consistent with the goals and strategies of the EDSP, they should be prioritized.**

Adoption by Ordinance

2025-2027 Biennial City Council Goal:

Goal 6.2: Review and formally adopt the Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) as a Comprehensive Plan background document.

Now the EDSP can join the other ten support documents and master plans adopted as amendments to the “*Envision Sandy 2050 Comprehensive Plan*”.

- 2002 Locally Significant Wetlands Determination (Ordinance No. 2002-18)
- 2003 Bornstedt Village Specific Area Plan (Ordinance No. 2003-09)
- 2016 Water Management and Conservation Plan (Ordinance No. 2023-06)
- 2017 Urban Growth Boundary Expansion Analysis (Ordinance No. 2017-02)
- 2020 Transit Master Plan (Resolution No. 2020-07)
- 2021 Parks and Trails Master Plan (Ordinance No. 2021-26)
- 2022 Water System Master Plan (Ordinance No. 2023-06)
- 2023 Transportation System Master Plan (Ordinance No. 2023-24)
- 2024 Economic Opportunity Analysis (Ordinance No. 2024-02)
- 2024 Housing Capacity Analysis (Ordinance No. 2024-03)

Conclusion and Recommendation

CONCLUSION:

Staff are asking that the City Council review the supportive findings, hold a legislative hearing and vote; however, staff would not recommend extensive re-appraisal of the document, as it has already been acknowledged by the City Council through motion. The consultants are no longer under contract to update the substance or the formatting of the document. The EDSP is only two years old, so staff believe the data used for this plan is still relevant.

Staff believe the draft findings accomplish the following:

1. **Satisfies all applicable criteria of the City's Development Code for plan amendments.**
2. **Is consistent with all the Statewide Planning Goals.**
3. **That the Plan is in full compliance with all state statutes and administrative rules.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council hold a legislative public hearing, take comments, and vote to adopt the Economic Development Strategic Plan as an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

"I move to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-31."