



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1 – 6:00 PM: The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d)

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2: The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h)

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Kathleen Walker
Council President Don Hokanson
Councilor Laurie Smallwood
Councilor Rich Sheldon
Councilor Kristina Ramseyer
Councilor Lindy Hanley

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(none)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

(none)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: August 3, 2026

MOTION: Adopt the consent agenda

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Council President Hokanson, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

Voting Abstaining: Councilor Smallwood

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-1

NEW BUSINESS

2. Clackamas County IGA: Opportunity to Recycle, Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act Cooperation

The Deputy City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. Rick Winterhalter with Clackamas County Sustainability & Solid Waste was also present to answer questions from the Council.

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Distinctions between this program and the City's franchise agreement with Hoodview Disposal
- Note that the primary effect of the program is to increase recycling in more rural areas of the state; the metro area is relatively advanced in its recycling options
- Details of the Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) funding system
- Examples of how PRO funding has been used in the county thus far, including for increasing recycling capacity for multifamily housing
- Explanation of cart tagging as a means to reduce recycling contamination
- Suggestion to make carts more differentiated in terms of color
- Clarification that the Metro hazardous waste program is separate from this program

MOTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed IGA with Clackamas County regarding Opportunity to Recycle, and Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act Cooperation

Motion made by Councilor Smallwood, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Council President Hokanson, Councilor Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

3. Sandy Police Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

The City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. In response to a Council question, it was clarified that premium/longevity pay is in addition to cost of living adjustments. Thanks and appreciation was expressed for the Police Department.

MOTION: Authorize the City Manager to sign the collective bargaining agreement between City of Sandy and the Clackamas County Peace Officers' Association on behalf of the Sandy Police Association

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Council President Hokanson, Councilor Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

4. League of Oregon Cities 2027 Legislative Priorities

The Deputy City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet, and explained the proposed policy priorities. The Council expressed its agreement with the five proposed policy priorities identified in the staff report, which staff will submit on behalf of the Council.

5. Financial Forecast – General Fund

The City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet, and provided contextual information including why certain funds were not included in the analysis. He explained projections for property tax and franchise fee revenue, anticipated reductions in revenue related to the development moratorium as well as external economic factors, expenditures projected to increase including insurance, utilities, and PERS costs, the need to establish new revenue streams or hold expense levels steady, the need to have a plan to pay for all program operations sustainably, and the need to maintain fund contingencies and health fund balances, all of which is intended to set a context for budget conversations in 2027.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Suggestion to continue developing asset management plans throughout the city to prepare for capital costs such as replacing roofs and replacing vehicles; the need to collect additional data to facilitate asset management practices
- Suggestion to complete facility condition inventories
- Clarification on the notable increase in expenditures shown on the graph from 2022 to 2027; note that the graph reflects large on-time expenditures that were not factored into the calculation of the annual expenditure growth average
- Emphasis on instituting cost recovery practices throughout the organization
- Clarification that this financial forecasting effort is not intended to be a layoff discussion; rather, addressing these concerns far in advance is intended to avoid painful or regrettable choices in the future

The Council expressed its desire for more communication with departments during the next budget process, including communication of Council priorities and department ideas for potential cost savings. The Council also agreed that this topic should be revisited in advance of the next goal setting process.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Thanks to the Sandy Police Department personnel involved in the recent labor negotiation process, and indeed all staff members who took part
- Reminder of the upcoming Drop In event at Base Camp; note that Transit will not be able to provide shuttle service this time

- Note that he will participate on a panel with the City Attorney at the upcoming LOC conference
- Note of upcoming night work being performed by ODOT at the intersection of Meinig and Proctor; notice will be provided

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President Hokanson

- Questions about the amount of value the City, and other smaller cities, are receiving from membership in the League of Oregon Cities
- Offer to meet and offer knowledge or advice to any of the candidates running for City Council
- Happy Birthday to his wife
- Thanks and appreciation to the Police Department; happy that a contract agreement was reached
- Suggestion that a Winterfest Subcommittee meeting is needed

Councilor Hanley

- Reminder of the upcoming Monte Carlo fundraising event for the Library
- Recap of the Mt Festival debrief meeting; thanks to Lieutenant Craven; desire for a more streamlined permitting process next time
- Thanks to the City Manager for his work as temporary Finance Director
- Reminder of the need to keep the victims of the May 31st incident in mind

Councilor Ramseyer

- Pleased at the contract agreement reached with the police union
- Reflections on her family's recent positive interactions with the Police Department; appreciation for their work and professionalism
- Note of Transit's upcoming presence at the Farmers Market
- Note of the upcoming Planning Commission meeting

Councilor Sheldon

- Pleased at the contract agreement reached with the police union; recognition of their excellent work during challenging times
- Recap of the recent C-4 discussions about e-bikes
- Suggestion that the next Council goal setting session should be more closely tied to fiscal feasibility
- Suggestion to reach out to the Governor's staff and policy advisors to try to find ways to forge more effective partnerships with state agencies, including ODOT

Councilor Smallwood

- Suggestion to engage with members of the Legislature involved with oversight of ODOT to help find solutions, as has been done in the past

Mayor Walker

- Recap of the recent letters sent regarding new state land use rulemaking
- Suggestion to get out in front of any school parking and traffic issues before school begins this year
- Thanks for the staff presence at the Farmers Market this year
- Note that in years past, the Public Works Director has had a productive and helpful relationship with ODOT's Region 1 Director
- Recap and photos of her recent trail building work at Little Crater Lake

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