



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION: 6:00 PM

1. Feasibility Study Update for the Community Campus Annex Building

The Parks and Recreation Director summarized the staff report and introduced Sean Barnett with Polymath Studio Architecture. Mr. Barnett delivered a presentation showing several possible renovation options for the Community Campus Annex Building. Slides were included in the agenda packet.

Council discussion on this item related to the following topics:

- Structural integrity of the building, especially if a large number of windows are installed. It was noted that all renovation options include seismic upgrades
- Suggestions to include building entrance options on the north end of the building to emphasize integrations with the adjacent park
- Discussion on the importance of accounting for storage space
- Opportunities for ensuring flexibility of space usage
- Best usage of office space versus community center space within the concepts
- Discussion on the possibility of including Library space in the building along with Parks and Recreation, thus freeing up other City facilities for other uses.
- Emphasis on the importance of building for the future, rather than hitting capacity limits shortly after finishing construction
- Concern that discussion of the Library option is premature
- Concern about soundproofing with large open spaces within the building
- Concern about the layout and functionality of the front desk area
- Emphasis on the need to further consider how we plan to use the space
- Concern about the 'industrial' look of the design concepts
- Emphasis on the need for a gym in the community
- Suggestions regarding discussion topics for the upcoming urban renewal retreat, including the bonding capacity of the district and the need to set direction and project priorities
- Frustration that it is difficult to decide whether to pursue building renovations without knowing how it would be used
- Emphasis on the importance of determining whether all of the district's bonding capacity should be dedicated to this renovation project; if not, time would be better spent pursuing other opportunities
- Discussion on the potential for cost recovery of recreation programming

- Discussion on the City's facility space needs possibilities for renovating or expanding other buildings
- Concern that combining Library and Parks and Recreation could limit space for community center programming in the future

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Stan Pulliam
Council President Laurie Smallwood
Councilor Chris Mayton
Councilor Rich Sheldon
Councilor Kathleen Walker
Councilor Carl Exner
Councilor Don Hokanson

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(none)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

(none)

CONSENT AGENDA

2. City Council Minutes: November 6, 2023
3. Appointment of Library District Advisory Committee (LDAC) Representative
4. Planning Commission Appointments
5. Resolution 2023-33: Business Oregon Funding for Alder Creek Water Treatment Plant Improvements and Assessment

MOTION: Adopt the consent agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Exner.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pulliam, Council President Smallwood, Councilor Mayton, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Walker, Councilor Exner

Voting Abstaining: Councilor Hokanson

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-1

PRESENTATIONS

6. Mt. Hood Community College Strategic Plan

Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) President Dr. Lisa Skari, along with Board of Education Directors Andrew Speer and Marie Teune, provided a presentation on MHCC's new strategic plan. Presentation slides were included in the agenda packet.

Following the presentation, discussion ensued on the following topics:

- The definition of 'east county' and whether Sandy is included in such references
- The number of students taking advantage of SAM transportation, and opportunities to better advertise the service
- Whether MHCC may be able to partner with the City to provide aquatic services for Sandy residents
- Technical training opportunities with SandyNet
- Whether MHCC could eventually open a satellite campus in Sandy
- Services provided by College Housing Northwest
- Coordination and scheduling of class timing to ensure broad access for students; increased usage of online learning

NEW BUSINESS

7. Public Hearing: Temporary Extension of Moratorium on New Wastewater Connections
Resolution 2023-34

Abstentions

none

Conflicts of Interest

none

Staff Report

The City Attorney summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. Staff recommended approval of the resolution.

Public Testimony

none

MOTION: Close the public hearing.

Motion made by Councilor Walker, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pulliam, Council President Smallwood, Councilor Mayton, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Walker, Councilor Exner, Councilor Hokanson

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

The Council noted a positive outlook with respect to the future capacity of the wastewater system. In response to a Council question, staff noted that annexation applications have been allowed since the modified moratorium was adopted in June 2023. The Council indicated that approval of any annexation applications would depend on specific circumstances. Staff stated that conclusion of proceedings with EPA and DEQ and formal establishment of the system's capacity for the Capacity Assurance Program is expected in the early months of 2024.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 2023-34.

Motion made by Councilor Mayton, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pulliam, Council President Smallwood, Councilor Mayton, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Walker, Councilor Exner, Councilor Hokanson

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Discussion on changing the date of the upcoming urban renewal retreat to December 9th
- A sneak peak at the lights in Meinig Park will be held on November 28th
- The holiday tree lighting will be hold on December 1st
- The December 18th Council meeting will include a work session discussion with AntFarm staff to discuss partnerships on responding to homelessness
- The City will be closed for Thanksgiving
- Recognition of the new map in the Council Chambers
- Cost increases have occurred for the planned bookmobile purchase; staff is exploring partnership options to close the funding gap

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Hokanson

- Inquiry on the signup process for santa volunteers
- Concern about the security of the Council's chromebook computers

Councilor Exner

- Clackamas Watershed Council programming opportunities for youth
- Suggestions regarding microphones in the Council Chambers
- Praise for the recently deployed speed trailer
- Heavy truck usage of Langensand seems to have decreased

Councilor Walker

- Thanks and appreciation for volunteers newly appointed to advisory boards
- Suggestion to recruit police officers from the MHCC program

- Concerns regarding density and HB 2001; questions regarding the application of local density regulations; concern that local infrastructure cannot support higher density; need for further discussion of how the City can exercise local control

Councilor Sheldon

- Concern regarding speeding on the new 362nd / Bell road extension
- Encouragement to move forward on a employee volunteer program

Council President Smallwood

- Reminder on the upcoming Tickle Trot event

Councilor Mayton

- Observations on Winterfest communications and advertisements

Mayor Pulliam

- Recognition of upcoming Tickle Trot and Winterfest events

STAFF UPDATES

Monthly Reports: <https://reports.cityofsandy.com/>

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