



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 05, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM

1. Pleasant Street Improvements Work Session

The City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet and provided context about the original Pleasant Street planning concept and the economic development goals that existed concurrently with the purchase of the former Cedar Ridge property. It was noted that the original plaza street concept is no longer under consideration, that improvements to Bruns and Smith Streets are now being recommended, and power poles that do not meet ADA access standards are being recommended to be addressed. Presentation slides were also included in the meeting packet.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Desire for PGE to pay to move power poles that were placed within sidewalks, impairing ADA access
- Clarification on the need to bring ADA ramps up to code standards if work is proceeding on the adjacent streets; concerns about cost containment
- Clarification on the proposed improvements to Strauss for connectivity purposes; concern about limiting downtown parking opportunities if spaces are removed on Strauss
- Explanation of the original design and planning goals of the Pleasant Street Master Plan concept
- Details of the project map attached to the staff report, and the associated cost estimates
- Details on street improvement projects that would occur anyway under the pavement management program regardless of whether a special project is undertaken in the Pleasant Street area
- Clarification on the ADA ramp needs surrounding Sandy Grade
- Note that the projects that would fall beyond the scope of the pavement management program would total approximately \$1.6 million
- Suggestion to address only the most egregious needs throughout the city, with Pleasant Street improvements naturally being prioritized
- Suggestion that Pleasant Street will eventually be improved when surrounding properties develop, including the former community campus property
- Possibilities for future parking options along Strauss south of Pioneer adjacent to the future vet clinic property; note that the City will be undertaking a stormwater master planning process soon that will affect the area

- Concern about not being able to use projects as a match for a future Safe Routes to School grant
- Suggestion that investment in Pleasant Street is needed now, regardless of whether the City receives a Safe Routes to School grant, because of the importance of student safety and the need to connect the elementary and middle schools with safe sidewalks and crosswalks
- Details of the Safe Routes to School grant and matching requirements
- Suggestion to focus on improvements to Pleasant Street adjacent to Sandy Grade, and not side streets or any kind of special streetscape design
- Discussion related to bus and parent pickup areas for Sandy Grade; suggestion to potentially allow vehicles to use the City's adjacent property as was done in the past
 - History and context for why the City discontinued this use on its property
 - Concerns for safety and the integrity of the equipment stored on the property
 - Emphasis on OTSD's responsibility to provide an adequate pickup location and process

It was the consensus of the Council that Pleasant Street improvements should no longer be treated as a holistic master plan; rather, pavement improvements should be rolled into the city-wide pavement management program, and student safety and access to schools should be prioritized by addressing sidewalk, crosswalk, and ADA ramp deficiencies. A full city-wide inventory of sidewalk, crosswalk, and ADA ramp deficiencies should be developed, and projects within the Safe Routes to School project area should be specifically identified and included in a new grant application. Staff should also work with PGE to ensure the utility financially contributes as much as possible to fixing the ADA access problems created by pole placement.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Kathleen Walker
 Councilor Laurie Smallwood (virtually)
 Councilor Rich Sheldon
 Councilor Kristina Ramseyer
 Councilor Lindy Hanley

ABSENT

Council President Don Hokanson

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

Angela Davis: manager with AntFarm who works with at-risk kids; tries to keep kids away from substance abuse but flavored tobacco makes it difficult especially with sweet flavors etc.; is a

mother of four, all of whom work blue collar jobs, and knows tobacco is marketed as an easy answer to stress; is glad the draft letter aims to protect kids while also being mindful of impacts to businesses

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

(none)

PROCLAMATIONS

2. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Mayor read the proclamation aloud and emphasized the importance of preventing domestic violence, especially in light of the events that occurred in Sandy on May 31, 2026. Erin Ritchie with A Safe Place expressed thanks for the proclamation and summarized the work of her organization in Clackamas County and upcoming community conversation events; she acknowledged the victims of the May 31st tragedy

CONSENT AGENDA

3. City Council Minutes: September 21, 2026

MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Ramseyer, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

ORDINANCES

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2026-23 - Civil Infractions Code Amendments

Abstentions

(none)

Conflicts of Interest

(none)

Staff Report

The Development Services Director summarized the staff report included in the meeting packet. It was noted these changes are consistent with the new fine structure instituted in 2024. Consistent with Council direction at the previous meeting, chronic nuisance fines are designated as Class A while others are designated as Class B.

Public Testimony

(none)

Recap and Recommendation

Staff recommended approval of the ordinance

MOTION: Close the public hearing

Motion made by Councilor Ramseyer, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Council Discussion

The Council thanked staff for their work on the code amendments

MOTION: Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-23

Motion made by Councilor Ramseyer, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

MOTION: Approve the second reading of Ordinance 2026-23

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

5. **PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2026-22 - Bornstedt Views FSH Overlay Map Amendment**

Abstentions

(none)

Conflicts of Interest

(none)

Ex Parte Contacts

(none)

Challenges

(none)

Staff Report

The Development Services Director summarized the staff report and presented slides that were included in the meeting packet. Details were provided regarding the photos included in the slides. Staff also indicated that they are following up with the neighbor who submitted written testimony regarding his stormwater concerns on his property.

Applicant Presentation

(none)

Public Testimony

(none)

Recap and Recommendation

Staff recommended adoption of the ordinance

Applicant Rebuttal

(none)

MOTION: Close the public hearing

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Council Discussion

It was noted that the zoning map amendment will not affect the neighbor on Jerger Street with stormwater concerns. Staff also indicated where the large retaining wall sits on the subject property, and summarized the process that would be followed pursuant to the FSH overlay should the owner of Lot 11 want to develop the property in the future.

MOTION: Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-22

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

MOTION: Approve the second reading of Ordinance 2026-22

Motion made by Councilor Hanley, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

6. Contract Amendment Authorization: Pump Storage and Maintenance

The Public Works Director summarized the staff report in the meeting packet, and also provided additional updates on the City's progress with regard to its drinking water improvement projects. It was noted that the City's pump station land use hearing is about to occur with Multnomah County; details were provided about the hearing process, the subsequent facility design process, and anticipated dates for construction bidding and completion. Other discussion points included the recent bilateral compliance agreement extension, the need for PWB to finish its construction work before Sandy's pump station can be used, the completion of the City's transmission line, plans to complete the dechloramination infrastructure, and the anticipated completion of the work at the Alder Creek treatment plant. The Council emphasized the importance of completing the Alder Creek work to minimize the reliance on PWB water.

MOTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Triangle Pump for storage and maintenance of the pumps for the Bull Run Pump Station, as included in the meeting packet

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7. Draft Flavored Tobacco Letter

The City Manager explained the issue at hand and the request from Oregon City for other cities to sign on to their draft letter. The Council discussed whether the draft in the meeting packet reflected their position on the issue. It was suggested that the letter should take a more neutral stance, emphasizing that this is a question that voters should decide instead of the County Commission. It was also suggested that businesses should be held responsible for selling tobacco products to minors. The Council requested that staff develop another draft of the letter stating that while youth use of tobacco is undesirable, it is ultimately an issue that should be put to the voters.

Further City Manager Report items included:

- Update on the upcoming Bull Run pump station land use hearing

- Update on the MBR treatment plant design process
- Note that the revised wastewater SDC methodology will be published on October 8th and a check in discussion with the Council on rates is scheduled for October 19th.
- Note that staff have been informed that Lennar may have chosen not to move forward with a significant property purchase because of ERU allocation expirations and rising interest rates
- Note of an upcoming meeting with Skyview regarding wholesale water rates

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Hanley

- Praise for the landscaping work at City Hall and other care and attention being paid by staff
- Reminder of the Library casino night fundraiser
- Reminder of the Trick or Treat Trail and CamoCon

Councilor Ramseyer

(none)

Councilor Sheldon

- Recap of the recent Community Livability Task Force meeting; thanks to Police for their ongoing work related to homelessness
- Acknowledgement of the domestic violence proclamation and all the work being done to assist victims

Councilor Smallwood

(none)

Mayor Walker

- Thanks to those who attended in support of the domestic violence proclamation and the acknowledgement of the May 31st victims; reminder of the resources available to assist victims
- Note that planning is underway for a Kobyn McClure memorial
- Note that community members in Boring would like an update regarding their concerns about the City's wastewater discharge planning but planning is only in the early stages; additional conversation and outreach will ensue as more information becomes available
- Note of the upcoming meeting with Skyview and the importance of rate fairness
- Recap of the recent meeting with Representative Dexter
- Recap of the recent C-4 meeting related to buildable land inventories
- Recap of the recent Community Livability Task Force meeting and suggestions to update code around car towing and abandoned shopping carts
- Suggestion that when wastewater SDC rates are next addressed, projects that already have land use approval should be exempt from any rate increases, and even new projects should have an on-ramp to any new higher rates

STAFF UPDATES

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e)

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