



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 07, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL / PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION: 6:00 PM

1. Comprehensive Plan Block 2 Work Session

The City's consultant, Anais Mathez with 3J Consulting, provided a presentation for the Council. Slides were included in the agenda packet. The slides provided an update on the status of the Comprehensive Plan update project, as well as an overview of the second of three 'blocks' of goals and policies for the Council's consideration.

General Council discussion included the following issues:

- Clarification that a Zoning Map update would be separate from the current process
- Acknowledgement that the previous 'Sandy 2040' project was an unusually ambitious planning horizon
- Clarification that there were transit-focused elements of the recently adopted Transportation System Plan
- Note that the City has undertaken a large number of master plan updating processes in recent years, giving the Comprehensive Plan a solid foundation
- Reflections on natural hazard planning workshops; discussion on whether the workshops included appropriate representation from business interests; explanation of the efforts to include business representatives and ensure their views were represented
- Clarification that the Council will see the results of the Housing Needs Analysis before discussing the third block of policies

The following Council feedback was given on specific draft policies:

Natural Hazards and Resiliency

- Policy 3.6: Discussion on whether the working is too loose; clarification that the wording is intended to focus on adverse effects
 - Discussion on the City's continuity of operations and emergency plans; note that Goal 4 focuses on regional collaboration
 - Suggestion to include specific language on the City's emergency plan under Goal 4, including regular training of staff and elected officials
- Policy 3.5: suggestion to replace "promote a reduction of" with "restrict"
- Policy 4.5: add language regarding collaboration on development of timber harvest plans

Parks, Trails, and Natural Resources

- Policy 3.5: concern about the legality of using stormwater fee revenue for parks maintenance; suggestion to clarify the language to avoid confusion
- Policy 5.2: suggestion to clarify and elaborate on the intent for developing an urban forestry plan; emphasis on protecting native tree species

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING (following SURA meeting)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Stan Pulliam
Councilor Chris Mayton
Councilor Laurie Smallwood
Councilor Rich Sheldon
Councilor Kathleen Walker
Councilor Carl Exner

ABSENT

Councilor Don Hokanson

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

Carol Stenerson: concerned about invasive blackberries on City property that are encroaching on her property; Public Works has not addressed the problems yet; the blackberries are causing damage to her fence and the situation needs to be addressed.

Amy Hardesty: executive director of D31; provided a recap of the successes of the recent National Night Out event; over \$9,000 was raised for the Shop with a Cop program; expressed thanks and appreciation for all involved; more than 600 attendees participated.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Interim City Manager stated that staff have been working hard to keep the Skaters of Sandy organization integrated into the process of developing the new skatepark at the Community Campus Park. Staff are also continuing to attempt to address the concerns raised by Mr. Jenkins.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. City Council Minutes: July 17, 2023

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

RESOLUTIONS

3. Revision and Expansion of Utility Customer Assistance Program
Resolution 2023-30

The Interim City Manager summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. The Council expressed its agreement on the need for making this program amendment. A suggestion was also made to consider including specific assistance for veterans in the future.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 2023-30

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Mayton.

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

NEW BUSINESS

4. Noise Exception – Chainsaw Carving Event (File No. 23-024 TEMP)

The Development Services Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Concern about overlap with the Hood to Coast event
- Designated areas for parking
- Praise for the vision and organization of the event
- Clarification that closure of city streets is no longer being sought
- Suggestion that the largest noise impacts will conclude well before the event ends

MOTION: Approve the noise exception for File No. 23-024 TEMP

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Walker.

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

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Recap of the most recent concert in the park
- The application period for the city manager recruitment has closed
- Chief Roberts is retiring; his last day will be September 1st; an interim chief will be needed while the recruitment process proceeds; an update for the Council will come very soon

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Exner

- Thanks and appreciation for Chief Roberts
- Clackamas River Watershed Council is pleased about the opportunity to help restore Tickle Creek
- Praise for the recent National Night Out event
- A Sandy Fire Board meeting is upcoming

Councilor Walker

- Praise for the recent National Night Out event
- Concern regarding the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding usage of certain SDC revenue for improvements in Bornstedt Park; concerns about fairness for residents of other areas of the city and breaking promises; concern about setting undesirable precedents; emphasis on the importance of following adopted master plans

Councilor Sheldon

- Note on the value of following master plans
- Reminder of the need to develop and adopt updates to the City's code violation fines and processes
- Praise for the recent concerts in the park
- Suggestion to recognize employees who volunteer in the community, particularly through programs like the Trauma Intervention Program

Council President Smallwood

- Thanks and appreciation for Chief Roberts
- Praise for the recent National Night Out event
- Note on the value of allowing advisory boards to evaluate situations and make recommendations
- Praise for the recent concerts in the park

Councilor Mayton

- Thanks and appreciation for Chief Roberts
- Agreement on the need to recognize employees who volunteer in the community, particularly through programs like the Trauma Intervention Program
- Clarification that his role as a liaison in passing along the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding Bornstedt Park does not necessarily mean he agrees

Mayor Pulliam

- Reminder on the importance of improving the audio/visual equipment in the Council Chambers
- Encouragement for interested residents to get actively involved in the governance process
- Praise for the recent National Night Out event and the recent concerts in the park
- Agreement that more park improvements are needed

STAFF UPDATES

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