



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

WORK SESSION: 6:00 PM

1. Legislative Session Debrief and Government Relations Priorities

The City's government relations consultant, Nellie deVries, provided a summary of the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. Ms. deVries recapped the recent legislative session, and provided remarks and observations on the circumstances that led to the City being unsuccessful in its request to secure state funding assistance for the Drinking Water System Reinvestment Project. She also raised the possibility that the City could amend its request to instead seek funding for the Sandy Clean Waters program, especially given the state priorities related to housing development.

Council discussion ensued on the following issues:

- The importance of maintaining relationships with the City's legislative representatives, potentially including inviting them to future work session meetings
- The possibility of the Legislature holding a special session in the coming months
- Other potential avenues for pursuing the City's financial requests, including by working with representatives of neighboring districts as appropriate
- Possibilities for securing grant funding through state agency programs
- Difficulties inherent in securing state funding during short legislative sessions
- Remarks on other jurisdictions that were successful in their funding requests
- Suggestions for right-sizing the City's ask in the future
- Benefits of amending the request to the issue of wastewater instead of drinking water
- Observations on political dynamics
- Importance of advocating on the City's behalf, rather than solely through legislators
- County and regional government relations priorities and opportunities:
 - Advocating for inclusion of the Hwy 26 bypass in the County's TSP
 - Opportunities for staying more connected with regional meetings, committees, and funding avenues
 - Importance of staying engaged and aware of the County's efforts to address homelessness, which potentially includes purchasing property
 - Concern regarding new provisions for converting commercial property to residential uses
 - Risks of further erosion of local control of land use

REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 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

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Interim City Manager stated that blackberries have been trimmed back from the property of the affected resident who raised the concern at the previous meeting, and that management practices will be improved in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. City Council Minutes: August 7, 2023
3. Compact Excavator procurement for the Public Works Department
4. Oregon Department of Transportation Grant Agreement No 35396
5. Oregon Department of Transportation Grant Agreement No 35560

MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Mayton.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilor Hokanson

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-1

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Police Chief Roberts is retiring at the end of the month, and Lieutenant Lundry will serve as interim chief while a recruitment process proceeds. Initial steps in the recruitment are being taken now so the process can proceed quickly once the permanent city manager is in place.
- The police staffing study that was funded during the Budget Committee process will be beginning soon

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Hokanson

- A Winterfest planning work session should occur soon

Councilor Exner

- Concerns regarding dirt being moved in large quantities in private back yards, especially regarding erosion control when rains return

Councilor Walker

- Susie Jenkins retired from the Library
- Praise for the paving on Pleasant Street; many more needs exist
- A grant application for a Jonsrud live cam was submitted to Travel Oregon
- Many code compliance needs will face the new code compliance officer when they start work

Councilor Sheldon

- Thanks and appreciation for Chief Roberts
- Remarks on the new RV parking permit program
- Congratulations on his 13th anniversary

Council President Smallwood

- Remarks on coordination with the Sandy Mountain Festival regarding the opportunity to hold a parade during the Winterfest celebration

Councilor Mayton

- Reminder on the upcoming Mt Hood Hospice remembrance event

Mayor Pulliam

- Recap of the recent Oregon Mayors Association conference and discussions on homelessness
- Concern regarding the lack of concern about the erosion of home rule authority
- Concern regarding state preemption of local tree ordinances
- Upcoming Steve Duin column on home rule
- Community level non-profits are finding funds available for homelessness services including resource managers and transitional housing; a new homelessness task force meeting is needed
- Council consensus to add the City's logo to a C-4 statement on tolling

RECOGNITION OF CHIEF ERNIE ROBERTS

The Council recognized and expressed its deep appreciation for retiring Chief Roberts and his 20 years of leadership and service to the city. Remembrances and remarks were made regarding the Chief's service, notable memories, and the quality of the department and culture he has cultivated. A gift was presented to the Chief and photos were taken.

STAFF UPDATES

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

ADJOURN

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:00 PM

The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a)

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