



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 03, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM

1. Intersection Study for Highway 211 and Dubarko Road

The City Manager provided contextual remarks; Reah Flisakowski with DKS presented the staff report included in the meeting packet.

Council discussion ensued related to the following:

- Clarification and context on the level of service analysis
- Discussion related to two-way stop control
- Clarification that level of service relates to vehicle delay at intersections, and is not related to traffic speed; safety factors are a separate analysis
- Discussion on the process for conducting speed studies
- Discussion related to the process for executing statutory speed changes; concern that Hwy 211 may not meet the required characteristics to establish a 25 mph limit under the statutory process
- Discussion related to traffic circles in comparison to traffic signals with regard to bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Analysis of costs and benefits of different intersection options
- Note that construction of a traffic circle would be extremely difficult and expensive, including substantial right-of-way acquisition; note that traffic circles are less effective for pedestrian safety
- Explanation of why reducing speeds would not change the recommended intersection improvement solution, as intersection analysis is based around level of service and traffic delay, not speed
- Discussion related to turn lane recommendations under the traffic signal option
- Discussion related to the traffic modeling process and how future demand is forecasted
- Possibilities for a hybrid pedestrian signal that could potentially be used if traffic were in fact slowed to 25 mph
- Discussion of options to potentially reduce speeds on minor arterials within the city
- Suggestion that reducing speeds is of preeminent importance
- Discussion among Council Members on what are the most important priorities related to improvement of the Highway 211 and Dubarko Road intersection; suggestion that speed reduction, pedestrian/bike safety, and level of service improvement are all needed

2. Intersection Study for 362nd Drive and Dubarko Road

- Explanation of the intersection analysis and projections of future traffic demand
- Discussion related to development of the property immediately to the west of the intersection; note of the importance of establishing what future intersection improvements are necessary in advance of any development so appropriate conditions of approval can be required
- Recap of recent intersection improvements
- Discussion of the statutory speed process; reconciliation with past explanations to the Council that did not address contextual characteristics
- Overview of the financial state of the Street Fund
- Suggestion for the City to pursue grant funding related to safety

Following the discussion, the Council directed staff to prioritize pursuing possible funding strategies for improvements to the 211/Dubarko intersection. It was noted that regardless of speeds on 211, there is no safe way to get pedestrians across the highway without a signalized intersection.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilor Laurie Smallwood

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(none)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

(none)

CONSENT AGENDA

3. City Council Minutes: July 20, 2026

MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Ramseyer, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2026-17 - Senate Bill 1561 Nonconforming Development

Abstentions

(none)

Conflicts of Interest

(none)

Staff Report

The Development Services Director summarized the staff report in the meeting packet and provided context regarding this recently adopted state legislation

Public Testimony

(none)

Staff Recap and Recommendation

Staff recommended approval of the ordinance

MOTION: Close the public hearing

Motion made by Council President Hokanson, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Council Discussion

It was noted that the additional text in the enrolled bill displays the rest of the existing ORS language that was not changed by the legislation

MOTION: Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-17

Motion made by Council President Hokanson, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

MOTION: Approve the second reading of Ordinance 2026-17

Motion made by Councilor Ramseyer, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

5. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2026-10 - Chapter 17.74 Temporary Uses / Structures

Abstentions

(none)

Conflicts of Interest

(none)

Staff Report

The Development Services Director summarized the staff report in the meeting packet, and provided an overview of the changes made to the text after the last Council work session on this matter in March 2026.

Public Testimony

(none)

Staff Recap and Recommendation

Staff recommended approval of the ordinance

MOTION: Close the public hearing

Motion made by Council President Hokanson, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Council Discussion

- Note that fences and retaining walls, initially included under this draft ordinance, will be considered at a later date
- Discussion related to portable structures in rights-of-way, procedures for addressing complaints about such structures, and processes for obtaining permits from Public Works

- Considerations regarding allowing RVs within rights-of-way versus portable structures

MOTION: Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-10

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

MOTION: Approve the second reading of Ordinance 2026-10

Motion made by Council President Hokanson, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Update on Sergeant Thornton's recovery
- Update on ratification of the collective bargaining agreement by the union
- Thanks to the Development Services Director for managing the City Hall renovation project
- Update on the Finance Director recruitment process
- Discussion related to ODOT's requested night construction work; discussion of tradeoffs between minimizing traffic impacts at night compared to noise nuisances for neighbors; emphasis on the importance of notifying neighbors in advance
- Overview of the recent human trafficking exercise the Police Department engaged in; general description of how such operations are conducted, building upon previous detective work and evidence gathered
- Update on Meinig Park construction progress

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President Hokanson

- Reminder to look after neighbors during severe smoke and heat events
- Emphasis on the need to pursue grant funding for construction of a traffic signal at the 211/Dubarko intersection

Councilor Hanley

- Suggestion to apply branding verbiage on the Base Camp skatepark infrastructure in advance of the upcoming Drop In event for publicity purposes, especially for aerial photography

- Suggestion that the verbiage should say Base Camp, Sandy Oregon rather than only Base Camp
- Consideration of banners rather than painting directly on infrastructure
- Discussion of whether staff can execute this task under a short timeline at a high quality level
- Determination that staff should indeed proceed with attempting the painting idea; note that it can be power washed away before the event begins if desired
- Congratulations to everyone involved with the Mt. Festival and Music Fair and Feast
- Recap of the recent Library Advisory Board meeting, which included a discussion of a recent proposal for the Library to rent space in a local organization's facility to use as a library annex
 - Suggestion to ensure the Library's services do not overlap with Parks and Recreation
 - Note that the Board asked for additional information and details on the idea
 - Concern that the Library just implemented the Mobile Library, and staff are stretched already
 - Suggestion that the Library should not expand just for the sake of expanding; it should expand its space only if there is an identified need

Councilor Ramseyer

- Recap of Transit's recent presence at the Farmers Market
- Overview of Transit's summer parks and pops rides; note of their usefulness during Meinig Park construction
- Suggestion that Transit should run shuttle service during the Drop In event

Councilor Sheldon

- Overview of the recent Community Livability Task Force meeting
 - Suggestion that the City should adopt code change to allow for towing of vehicles that have registration expired over 90 days
 - Suggestion that addition code options should be explored related to regulation of camping on private property
 - Suggestion that the Task Force should transition to a public advisory board on livability, which could address topics like traffic safety too
- Note of the upcoming C-4 meeting

Mayor Walker

- Update on the Sandy Post archiving project underway with the Friends of the Library
- Recap of the recent mayors meeting with the Clackamas County Chair; discussions regarding a potential ban on sales of flavored tobacco to minors
- Discussion related to the potential for libraries to spend district funds on capital expenditures, and the importance of changing the district funding formulas
- Concerns about basketball court puddling
- Emphasis on the importance of continued progress by the Community Livability Task Force

STAFF UPDATES

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

ADJOURN

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

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