



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

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

The City Manager stated that staff has followed up with the individuals who expressed concerns about retention trees at the last meeting, both by email and by phone. Staff are still awaiting a tree removal application.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: September 5, 2023
2. City Council Minutes: September 15, 2023
3. Approval of Amendment #1 to IGA between City of Sandy Transit and Clackamas County
4. Disbursement Agreement Approval: Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District; No. GG230851EVL

MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Council President Smallwood.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

PRESENTATIONS

5. Police Oaths of Office
 - Sergeant Manny Herrera
 - Sergeant Christian Normand

The Mayor administered the oaths of office to both sergeants. After the oaths were completed, photos were taken.

6. Police Department Awards

The Interim Police Chief presented the following awards:

Life Saving Awards:

- William Wetherbee
- Randall Santos (x2)
- Mike Boyes
- Hala Ling

Award of Valor:

- Randall Santos

Distinguished Service Award:

- Mike Freeman

After the awards were presented, photos were taken.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Award of Special Service Contract Program Grants for 2023-2025

The Economic Development Manager summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. He stated that the review panel felt that all the applications were of high quality. While the applications from the Chamber of Commerce and Museum were not recommended to be funded under this program, the review panel recommended that the Council hold a work session in the near future to discuss other funding possibilities for the short term, as well as have a future-oriented discussion about more permanent funding mechanisms, especially related to tourism.

The Council also discussed the need to revise and standardize the application process and the midterm reporting process to ensure consistency and accountability. It was also suggested that funding for youth focused programs should be made a priority in the future.

MOTION: Accept the award recommendations forwarded by the SSCP application review panel as presented

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Exner.

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

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REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Discussion on logistics for the 362nd / Bell ribbon cutting event; should be held during the week of October 2nd; staff will send a scheduling poll; past City leaders and current County leaders will be invited
- Logistics on communication plans regarding demolition at the Community Campus
- Community meeting for the Police Department staffing study coming soon
- Volunteer appreciation event will be held in the near future
- Thanks and appreciation for the Council's confidence in offering the permanent City Manager position

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Hokanson

- Suggestion to form a Winterfest committee to assist with management and workload
 - Management of the event may be external eventually
 - The Parks and Recreation Director should be consulted as to whether forming a committee at this point would be helpful
 - Council Members wish to volunteer and assist

Councilor Exner

- Congratulations to Tyler Deems on being selected for the City Manager position
- Importance of maintaining medians
- Recent presentation to the Economic Development Advisory Board on aesthetics of the downtown, particularly regarding a closed gas station property
 - Need to determine what the anticipated next steps are for that property
 - Importance of consistency and following a process that is equitable for everyone
- Fire Board meeting is upcoming soon

Councilor Walker

- Meeting upcoming with the County regarding financial support for the Hoodland Library
- Observations on the SSCP project proposals
- Praise for the Police Department awards; recognition and appreciation is very important for staff

Councilor Sheldon

(none)

Council President Smallwood

- Congratulations to Tyler Deems on being selected for the City Manager position
- Praise for the Police Department awards

Councilor Mayton

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- Recognition of two new employees in the Development Services Department
- Economic Development Advisory Board provided input on staff's workplan for implementing the Economic Development Strategic Plan

Mayor Pulliam

- Discussions are occurring with AntFarm on possibilities for coordinating homelessness response
- Recognition of two significant grants obtained by the Transit Department for electrification of the Operations Center, and in support of SAM Gresham and SAM Rides
- Congratulations to Tyler Deems on being selected for the City Manager position
 - The recruitment process was rigorous; Deems' success in the process is impressive
 - Deems was the top choice considering all the feedback obtained in the process
- Confidence and optimism on the ability of the Council and staff to achieve the City's goals
- Recent discussions of the Community Campus Subcommittee on potential conversion of the middle school annex building (bunker building) into civic center space that could accommodate workspace for staff currently occupying City Hall and the Community Center, as well as providing community meeting space and possibly a new Council Chambers.
 - An architect has been retained to develop a potential scope and cost
 - City space needs are a priority, but community meeting space should be of high importance
- Discussion of the potential for a public/private partnership for the front portion of the Community Campus that could involve issuing a request for proposals that would establish the kinds of development the City would be willing to entertain on the site, followed by the potential execution of a development agreement. Troutdale has undergone a similar process recently.
 - It was suggested that a work session is needed to discuss options and objectives in a transparent manner
 - Addressing the front portion of the site is timely given the park improvements underway

STAFF UPDATES

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