



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

JOINT COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM

1. Comprehensive Plan – Economic Opportunity Analysis work session

Attendance note: Planning Commission Chair Crosby and Commissioners Wegener and Ramseyer were present for the work session.

After introductory remarks from the Development Services Director, Beth Goodman with ECONW delivered a presentation on the Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA) component of the Comprehensive Plan update. The draft EOA and presentation slides were included in the agenda packet.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Barriers to availability of industrial land, including slope and access challenges
- Possibilities for future UGB swaps
- The way in which the plan maps display industrial parcels that are partially vacant
- The need to ensure all land status information is up to date
- The need to perform analysis of the relative ease or difficulty of providing utility service to different parcels, and whether this should be a factor in the plan
- Discussion on work commuting data, and whether more attention should be paid to transportation connections to Portland, Gresham, and Beaverton (where many Sandy residents currently work)
- Limitations on development within the Bonneville Power Administration easement
- Discussion on the data impact of remote work; clarification on the accounting of location data for employees who work at home in Sandy for companies that are headquartered elsewhere
- Discussion of the potential, and the challenges involved, in rezoning properties from commercial to industrial
- Implications of State affordable housing legislation, and discussion of whether rezoning certain properties would be a beneficial action to take to retain local control
- Discussion of urban versus rural minimum wage thresholds, and whether they factor into data in the plan
- Discussion of whether the City's allowance of commercial uses on industrial land has affected metrics in the plan
- Discussion of whether the plan data accounts for parcels that have uses other than what is indicated by the zone

- Request for staff to provide information on how different zones and business types affect City revenue collection through property taxes and other mechanisms
- Staff will incorporate the Council's feedback into the draft plan

Following the discussion, the City Manger introduced the new Senior Planner to the Council.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Stan Pulliam
Councilor Chris Mayton
Councilor Rich Sheldon
Councilor Kathleen Walker
Councilor Carl Exner
Councilor Don Hokanson

ABSENT

Council President Laurie Smallwood

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(none)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

(none)

CONSENT AGENDA

2. City Council Minutes: October 2, 2023
3. Designation of Community-Wide Event (Winterfest)

MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Exner.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

PRESENTATIONS

4. Reaccreditation of Sandy Police Department

Scott Hayes with OAA provided remarks about the police department accreditation process, which helps reinforce the values of service, transparency, and trust with the community. The process includes analysis of 106 different law enforcement standards, as well as compliance review related to applicable laws, regulations, and city policies. This is Sandy Police's fourth accreditation.

5. Officer Oath of Office: Allister Bunch

Mayor Pulliam administered the oath of office to Officer Bunch. Following the oath, Interim Chief Lundry shared remarks about Officer Bunch's life and work experience

NEW BUSINESS

6. City Manager Contract Approval

The City Attorney summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. The Council received an update on the status of the recruitment process for a new Finance Director to replace Mr. Deems' previous role.

MOTION: Approve the proposed city manager contract with Tyler Deems as presented in the packet, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the City.

Motion made by Councilor Walker, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Summary and debrief of the recent League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference
- Council Members are invited to a tour of the recovery efforts related to the Camp Creek Fire
- Recognition of Jenny Coker as PNCWA's Woman of the Year
- The City received a GFOA Certificate of Achievement for 2022
- The proposal to hold a Winterfest Parade will be postponed until next year due to staff capacity limits, to ensure that the event can be given due time and attention

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Hokanson

- A Winterfest Committee is needed next year to expand capacity for organizing the event and adding new features

Councilor Exner

- Remarks on the recent League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference

- Suggestion to pursue a possible Winterfest sponsorship from PGE
- Reminder of the need to clean fallen leaves and maintain the integrity of the stormwater management system

Councilor Walker

- Meeting with the County regarding Hoodland Library rent has been postponed to late November
- The Friends of the Library project to digitize historical copies of the Sandy Post has begun
- Mt. Hood and Columbia River Gorge Tourism Partner Engagement event is upcoming
- A work session with the Chamber of Commerce is needed regarding funding

Councilor Sheldon

- The City is working to develop a formal agreement with AntFarm related to responding to homeless individuals in need of social services
- Remarks on the recent League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference

Councilor Mayton

(none)

Mayor Pulliam

- Remarks on the recent League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference
- Recognition of Jenny Coker as PNCWA's Woman of the Year
- Councilor Walker will be taking Councilor Exner's seat on the Community Campus Subcommittee; thanks and appreciation for Councilor Exner's service

STAFF UPDATES

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

ADJOURN

CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

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