



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 04, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

## MINUTES

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 PM:** The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i)

### REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

#### OATH OF OFFICE

1. Councilor Lindy Hanley

The City Recorder administered the oath of office to Councilor Hanley. After the oath photos were taken.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ROLL CALL

##### PRESENT

Mayor Stan Pulliam  
Council President Laurie Smallwood  
Councilor Chris Mayton  
Councilor Rich Sheldon  
Councilor Kathleen Walker  
Councilor Lindy Hanley  
Councilor Don Hokanson

#### CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(none)

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

#### RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

(none)

#### CONSENT AGENDA

2. City Council Minutes: October 21, 2024

3. Declaration of Community-Wide Event (Winterfest 2024)

**MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Hokanson.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

**PRESENTATIONS**

4. Sandy Drinking Water Reinvestment Program Update

The Public Works Director along with personnel from Stantec were present to deliver a presentation updating the Council on the drinking water reinvestment program. Slides were included in the meeting packet.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- The timing of the completion of improvements at the Alder Creek treatment plant, vis a vis the cryptosporidium related regulatory deadline
- Clarification that the risks are listed in order of importance
- Relative difficulty of securing funding for drinking water rather than wastewater
- Concern about the amount of time and effort required to secure and access WIFIA funding
- Possible options for bridge financing
- Emphasis on the importance of securing \$6 million without delay to begin the construction of the transmission line to access Bull Run water
- Discussion on the consequences that would be expected should Portland not complete its filtration plant by the regulatory deadline; discussion on what the Alder Creek plant can produce on its own in such a scenario; discussion on the possibility of temporary voluntary curtailment during the summer of 2028 in such a scenario
- Discussion of the possibility of using a bond to finance pipeline construction
- Discussion of the time required to complete facility design
- Considerations related to maintaining management reserve; discussion of the need to secure remaining funding components as soon as possible
- Praise for the execution of the new wholesale water agreement with Portland

**ORDINANCES**

5. PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 2024-22: SMC Chapter 12.08 Code Modifications

Abstentions

(none)

Conflicts of Interest

(none)

### Staff Report

The Development Services Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the meeting packet.

### Public Testimony

(none)

### Staff Recap and Recommendation

Staff recommended approval of the proposed ordinance.

### **MOTION: Close the public hearing**

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Walker.

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

### **MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

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### Council Discussion

- Clarification that the language in 12.08.080 is proposed to be retained on the advice of the City Attorney; generally speaking the language in Title 12 is oriented toward improvements to existing structures, while the language in Title 17 is oriented toward new construction.
- Discussion on the definition of 'planting strip'
- Discussion on the standard width of sidewalks vis a vis the Transportation System Plan
- Clarification on required standards for ADA ramps
- Clarification on types of construction referenced in the language

### **MOTION: Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-22**

Motion made by Councilor Walker, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

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

### **MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

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### **MOTION: Approve the second reading of Ordinance 2024-22**

Motion made by Councilor Mayton, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

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

### **MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

## OLD BUSINESS

### 6. Police Staffing Needs

The City Manager summarized the staff report, which was included in the meeting packet. The Mayor offered introductory remarks and asked the Police Chief for his input on staffing needs. The Chief stated that he agrees with the findings of the staffing study.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Prioritization between increasing staffing and procuring needed equipment, particularly additional body cameras
- Whether it would be best to fund one additional officer position at this time, along with procuring all needed equipment, and address additional staffing needs in the upcoming budget process
- Emphasis on the urgency of procuring risk-mitigating equipment, including for community service officer personnel
- Further discussion regarding the need for additional body cameras
- Discussion on funding details for the County-funded community resource officer position, including necessary equipment
- Discussion on the status of contingency funds in the current budget

**MOTION: Allocate \$300,000 from the City Council's contingency funds for the hiring of one additional police officer, as well as necessary police equipment, as outlined in the staff report**

Motion made by Councilor Walker, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

### 7. Options for Alternative Wastewater Treatment Systems During the Development Moratorium

The Development Services Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the meeting packet.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Differences between septic systems and holding tank systems
- Whether properties that install alternative treatment systems should subsequently be first in line for allocation of ERUs once more become available
- Concern about installation of new septic systems generally; discussion on the frequency of failed septic systems within the city
- Suggestion that some residents would prefer to repair their existing septic systems rather than connect to the City's sewer system
- Direction to staff to explore pressurized liquid only effluent technology as a possible alternative system; discussion as to whether such infrastructure would be publicly

owned, and whether the City would be required to maintain such equipment. An image of such a system was shared on the screen

- Clarification as to whether alternative systems would be temporary or permanent
- Suggestion to explore the possibility of local improvement districts
- Suggestion to explore the use of urban renewal funds to assist with installation of alternative systems
- Clarification that alternative treatment systems would be available for commercial and industrial uses, rather than residential
- Note that the Council would consider a draft ordinance at a future work session before a public hearing occurs
- Discussion on the possible future reallocation of existing ERUs to other commercial or industrial projects

**MOTION: Authorize City staff and the City Attorney to draft an ordinance and other mechanisms to enable and regulate alternative treatment systems for select land uses during the current wastewater development moratorium.**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

8. Contract Approvals: On-Call Construction Services for Drinking Water and Wastewater Facility Minor Upgrades

The Public Works Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the meeting packet. It was noted that the City will ensure that ARPA grant funding is spent before it expires. It was also noted that measures are in place to avoid the potential for any coordination problems between the two contractors.

**MOTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute on-call construction contract services contracts with James W. Fowler Co. and R.L. Reimers Company for drinking water and wastewater facility minor upgrades, as provided in the meeting packet**

Motion made by Councilor Walker, Seconded by Councilor Hokanson.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

9. IGA with Portland Water Bureau for Drinking Water Design and Construction

The Public Works Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the meeting packet. Emphasis was placed on the successful negotiations that have occurred between the

parties, which staff anticipates will continue in later stages. Clarification was provided on the meaning of the term 'substantially similar.'

**MOTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Portland Water Bureau that is substantially similar to that provided in the meeting packet**

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Mayton.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

## **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- Thanks and appreciation for outgoing Public Works Director Jenny Coker
- Update on the Public Works Director recruitment process
- Introduction of new Finance Director Tyler Wallace
- Recognition of the recent Cedar Park grand opening event

## **COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS**

### Councilor Hokanson

- Recognition of Councilor Walker's leadership of the pump track concept
- Thanks and appreciation for outgoing Public Works Director Jenny Coker
- Encouragement for volunteers for the upcoming Winterfest activities

### Councilor Hanley

- Statement that she hopes to serve in a manner that would make former councilor Exner proud

### Councilor Walker

- Thanks and appreciation for all the work that went into the new park, which will be a point of community pride; suggestion to implement rules to ensure helmet use; suggestion to engage the Skaters of Sandy to volunteer as ambassadors who can help set behavior expectations in the park
- Thanks and appreciation for outgoing Public Works Director Jenny Coker

### Councilor Sheldon

- Thanks and appreciation for outgoing Public Works Director Jenny Coker
- Reflections on the opening of the new park; suggestion to ensure proper programming of the park, which will also discourage misuse
- Thanks to the Council for supporting the needs of the Police Department

### Council President Smallwood

- Thanks and appreciation for outgoing Public Works Director Jenny Coker
- Praise for the opening of Cedar Park

### Councilor Mayton

- Thanks and appreciation for outgoing Public Works Director Jenny Coker
- Recognition of the diversity of visitors to the new park, reflecting all ages

### Mayor Pulliam

- Thanks and appreciation for outgoing Public Works Director Jenny Coker, who is a leader in her field
- Emphasis on the importance of supporting public safety
- Reflections on the opening of Cedar Park and the importance of the project; suggestion to hold bike events in the park regardless of whether Red Bull is involved
- Thanks and appreciation to all candidates who ran for City offices
- Suggestion to examine the frequency of night meetings in the interest of pursuing work-life balance
- Proposal to waive first year business license fees for new businesses in city limits; request for staff to calculate the estimated cost of such a program

### **STAFF UPDATES**

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

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