



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 04, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom

## MINUTES

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

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

### CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(none)

### PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

### RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

(none)

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: July 21, 2025

#### **MOTION: Adopt the consent agenda**

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Mayton.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

## OLD BUSINESS

### 2. Policy Adoption: Special Service Contract Program Guidelines

The Deputy City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- The Council asked how applicants would be scored if they have no previous record of grant implementation or responsible stewardship of public funds. It was the consensus of the Council that all applicants should receive the full 20 points for this category unless they have an unsuccessful track record of grant implementation.
- The Council sought clarity regarding the required timing of grant reporting, particularly for recipients receiving an alternative funding accommodation. It was noted that two written reports and a presentation to the Council at the end of the biennium is still desired, and that clarity and certainty will be to the benefit of the applicant as well as the Council. Staff responded that additional clarity will be added to the final guidelines.
- It was suggested that application scoring could potentially support equity and inclusion, as well as community engagement. After discussion, it was noted that such initiatives are broader than this particular program and are better addressed through the Council Policies.
- It was noted that the City Council has final discretion in SSCP funding decisions, and that the scoring results from the subcommittee constitute a recommendation to the Council.
- It was noted that all grant recipients must execute a written grant agreement with the City, and that any alternative funding accommodations would be explicitly included in an agreement.

**MOTION: Adopt the 2025-2027 guidelines for the Special Service Contract Program with the following amendments: specify that applicants will receive the full allotment of points under the Grant Track Record category unless they have a unsuccessful track record of grant management; and provide additional specificity regarding the required timing of grant reporting and presentations**

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Smallwood.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

## NEW BUSINESS

### 3. Plan Adoption: SandyNet Master Plan

The SandyNet Director summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Suggestion to strike the work 'political' from the subtitle on page 7 of the ranking system

- Clarification that new connections to the system are made with SandyNet's funds
- Discussion and clarification on staff's approach to determining which new connections are prudent investments:
  - Note that decisions to proceed with new connections are made after careful fiscal consideration
  - Note that the guideline of 12 subscribers per mile is an industry standard
- Emphasis on the importance of ensuring that existing residents are not unduly subsidizing the cost of new connections
- Suggestion that new connections must be evaluated on a case by case basis based on the expected revenue and return on investment, and the availability of capital to invest
- Note that some ranking criteria inherently involve discretion, while some others are purely objective
- Emphasis on staff's intentions to focus expansion on proximity to existing infrastructure, and on areas where multiple connections will be involved to reduce the cost per unit
- Note that existing infrastructure can likely accommodate five more years of system growth before additional main lines would need to be installed
- Agreement on the need to periodically assess the progress of system expansion to ensure guidelines and objectives are being met
- Note that staff will continue to work closely with the SandyNet Advisory Board which will provide oversight and guidance, and that expansion decisions that are complicated or difficult will be brought to the Council for review
- Suggestion that connections costing more than \$4,000 - \$5,000 might be deemed too expensive

**MOTION: Adopt the SandyNet Master Plan with its included addendums and exhibits**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

**REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- Legislative update from Nellie deVries, including the scheduled special session of the Legislature, possibilities that the Governor may exercise line item veto powers and the process for reallocating vetoed funds, and the City's interest in maintaining the traditional split of gas tax revenue
- Note of the upcoming Library Advisory Board meeting
- Note that the projector used for Starlight Cinema broke, and staff is evaluating potential options for the future
- Update on the current recruitments within the Police Department
- Note that an update for the Council on the status of Council Goals will be delivered soon

## COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

### Councilor President Hokanson

- Appreciation for the Sandy Night Out event
- Concern about the recent OGEK ruling regarding serial meetings, especially as it may negatively impact the Council's ability to communicate and govern effectively
  - Suggestion that the City should draft a letter to this effect, or support such a communication already being organized by other jurisdictions
  - Note that onboarding new councilors is would be especially difficult given this ruling
  - Staff will send the answers provided by the City Attorney in response to Councilor Hokanson's recent questions to the entire Council

### Councilor Hanley

- Thanks to the Police Department and Human Resources for all the work going into the current recruitment processes
- Praise for the Parks and Recreation Department for their work during recent community events
- Acknowledgement of the upcoming National Night Out block parties

### Councilor Ramseyer

- Recap of the recent Planning Commission decision regarding the Deer Pointe Park covered basketball structure

### Councilor Sheldon

(none)

### Councilor Smallwood

- Congratulations to the D31 Foundation on a successful Sandy Night Out event

### Councilor Mayton

(none)

### Mayor Walker

- Thanks for the staff work on the SSCP program guidelines
- Update on the Library Task Force process and possible opportunities for cost adjustments
- Thanks to the Council President for beginning the meeting
- The Mayor explained her reasoning for postponing the discussion on alternative wastewater systems to the next meeting in order for staff to provide additional analysis and information on the long-term impacts of installing septic or other similar systems, especially in terms of forgoing SDC and utility rate revenue for extended periods of time. She suggested that Councilors should send any questions they might have to the City Manager in advance of the meeting. Concerns were raised by some Council Members about the procedural appropriateness of delaying the second reading of Ordinance 2025-17, the first reading of which was approved at the July 21, 2025 meeting. Council President Hokanson asked for the Mayor's assurances that a second

reading of the ordinance would be on the next regular meeting agenda, regardless of what is scheduled for the next work session. The Mayor stated that the next agenda would be developed in accordance with legal advice. The City Recorder confirmed that the first reading of the ordinance had indeed been approved as presented on July 21, 2025, and the City Attorney stated that he was unaware of any particular requirements about the precise timing of holding a second reading of an ordinance. The Mayor stated that Council Members had expressed confusion about what exactly had been approved on July 21<sup>st</sup>, and that it was of paramount importance that the Council have complete information before approving the second reading of the ordinance.

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