



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 21, 2024 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 (attending via Zoom)
Councilor Kathleen Walker
Councilor Don Hokanson

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(none)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

(none)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: October 7, 2024

MOTION: Adopt the consent agenda

Motion made by Councilor Hokanson, Seconded by Councilor Walker.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

2. Meinig Memorial Park Improvements and Restoration Meeting #3

The Parks and Recreation Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the meeting packet. Staff with Lango Hansen Landscape Architects were present to deliver a presentation; slides were also included in the packet.

Council discussion related to the following topics:

- Clarification on ADA access to the proposed shelters
- Clarification on proposed access points to the creek
- Importance of using durable materials
- Questions about whether the public may prefer to keep the design of Fantasy Forest very similar to what currently exists; suggestion to poll the public directly on this question; clarification that the current design is not ADA compliant
- Clarification that further public engagement will occur with refined concepts of Fantasy Forest; public involvement is very important for such a cherished community asset
- Suggestion that public preferences could shift after the opening of Cedar Park
- Discussion on the long lifespan of the proposed wood materials
- Discussion of the concept of incorporating an iconic structure/feature, which could be beneficial in terms of branding and marketing; suggestion that the community could provide input on this
- Concern that playing in the creek could impede restoration; discussion of strategies to mitigate impacts
- Suggestion to conserve space for future events and/or to include accommodations for sinks in the lower shelter
- Emphasis on the need to ensure public safety and to have the Police Department review plans from a security perspective
- Suggestion that elements could be constructed in a phased manner for budgetary reasons
- Suggestion to include seating for parents at Fantasy Forest

3. Police Staffing

Introductory remarks were made by the City Manager, followed by Mayor Pulliam. The Mayor emphasized the importance of fulfilling the Council's responsibility to ensure the safety of the community. He suggested that allocating funding toward the identified staffing need could be viewed as the City essentially awarding itself a COPS grant. He urged the Council to allocate the necessary funding without delay.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Concern about exhausting the Council's contingency funds at this point
- Questions as to whether the Council would be willing to increase the Public Safety Fee
- Suggestion that this discussion could wait until the upcoming budget development process
- Suggestion to allocate funding now from the Council's contingency, to allow the lengthy hiring process to begin

- Suggestion that the Council would be willing to make difficult funding decisions in the future
- Suggestion that the new Police Chief needs additional time to make organizational and staffing plans for the department
- Note of probable cost increases if sergeants unionize
- Emphasis on the length of the hiring process
- Suggestion to fund body cameras and other necessary equipment
- Suggestion to explore other funding options and opportunities
- Frustration that staff was not more prepared with suggestions, details, and funding solutions
- Note that the Police Chief is currently at the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference, exploring funding opportunities
- Suggestion that the Council needs to hear directly from the Police Chief with respect to what his staffing needs are
- Discussion on the City's collaborative relationships with neighboring jurisdictions with respect to public safety
- Emphasis on the need for robust public engagement before any increase to the Public Safety Fee

MOTION: Table the agenda item to the November 18, 2024 meeting

Motion made by Councilor Hokanson (not seconded)

MOTION: Allocate \$294,000 from the City Council's contingency funds to begin the hiring process for the recommended police positions

Motion made by Mayor Pulliam (not seconded)

MOTION: Table the agenda item to the November 4, 2024 meeting

Motion made by Councilor Hokanson, Seconded by Councilor Mayton.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

4. Sandy Utilities Program, Stantec Amendment 5, Program Management Task Order No. 2

The Public Works Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. The Council sought and received clarification on the status and role of Leeway Engineering as a subcontractor, and on the status of the project budgets. It was noted that program management is typically 20% of total project cost, and this contract is consistent with that figure with respect to wastewater, and lower with respect to drinking water.

MOTION: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Stantec for Program Management professional services to increase the original budget not-to-exceed from the amount of \$2,320,007.45 to \$7,235,496.05

Motion made by Councilor Mayton, Seconded by Councilor Hokanson.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

5. Vacant City Council Seat #5: Applicant Interviews and Appointment Vote

Mayor Pulliam provided introductory remarks. The Council proceeded to interview all five applicants for the Council Seat #5 vacancy in alphabetical order: Patrick Bernards, David Breams, Lindy Hanley, Michael Thompson, and Brandon Zawaski.

Interview questions were published in advance. They were:

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Sandy City Council?
2. How have your skills and experiences (both professional and volunteer) prepared you for serving effectively on the City Council?
3. What do you see as the most significant challenges facing Sandy now and in the future? What do you see as the City's most significant opportunities?
4. Please share your understanding of some of the most significant projects and programs currently underway at the City.
5. What is the one thing you would most hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council? In other words, what is your top policy priority, and why?
6. Please use the remaining time to provide a closing statement on why you are the best candidate to fill this position.

Each applicant was provided a total of twenty minutes for their interview. They were encouraged to remain in the building lobby until it was their turn to interview.

Once the interviews were finished the Council thanked everyone for their participation. The Council then voted on whom to appoint to the vacant seat using paper ballots (Councilor Sheldon, who attended the meeting remotely, voted by sending an email to the City Recorder). The completed and signed ballots, as well as Councilor Sheldon's email, are attached to these minutes.

VOTE ON APPOINTMENT TO CITY COUNCIL SEAT #5

<u>Council Member:</u>	<u>Voted For:</u>
Councilor Mayton	David Breames
Council President Smallwood	Patrick Bernards
Councilor Sheldon	Lindy Hanley
Councilor Walker	Lindy Hanley
Councilor Hokanson	Lindy Hanley
Mayor Pulliam	Lindy Hanley

LINDY HANLEY was appointed to City Council Seat #5, having received four of the six votes.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Interview panels are needed for the openings on the Planning Commission, Parks and Trails Advisory Board, and SandyNet Advisory Board. It was agreed that the most recent panels would be used again in all cases, with newly-appointed Councilor Hanley replacing former council Exner.
- Recap of the recent League of Oregon Cities annual conference, which offered excellent communication and networking opportunities
- The process for decorating for Winterfest is underway

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Hokanson

- Recap of the recent League of Oregon Cities annual conference. Brought back a variety of materials that can be used for City communications.
- Suggestion to pursue short term rental regulations
- Discussion of possibilities for developing faster and lower cost wastewater infrastructure, including possibilities for reducing the effluent impact of businesses; suggestion to include such possibilities in the forthcoming wastewater facilities plan
- Request for staff to identify the amount of contingency funding available across all funds

Councilor Walker

- Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the recent candidate forum
- Was recently named to a state recreation trails grant review committee; recently visited Post Canyon near Hood River, as well as Gateway Green in Portland, both of which are impressive and offer useful examples
- Encouragement for council vacancy applicants to apply for board and commission openings

Councilor Sheldon

- Thanks and appreciation for the applicants for the city council vacancy

Council President Smallwood

- Recognition of the upcoming opening of Cedar Park
- Suggestion that new construction could be required to development site-specific wastewater plans, such as using gray water to irrigate

Councilor Mayton

- Thanks and appreciation for the applicants for the city council vacancy

Mayor Pulliam

- Recognition of the upcoming opening of Cedar Park
- Note that the upcoming legislative session is expected to focus on transportation; Sandy needs a seat at the table on League of Oregon Cities legislative committees to advocate for the City's priorities
- Suggestion that only big problems find solutions at the Legislature, and Sandy needs to explain that our challenges rise to that level
- Suggestion that cities should be able to spend transient lodging taxes with more flexibility, including on law enforcement
- Staff should look into County efforts to address the urban growth boundary and pursue opportunities for City involvement in the process
- Eastside leaders group will be discussing housing soon; infrastructure and the Three Basin Rule will be discussed which is an important opportunity
- Thanks and appreciation for the applicants for the city council vacancy
- Intends to form an ad hoc committee to make recommendations for long-term funding solutions for the identified police staffing need

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