



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 02, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

WORK SESSION: 6:00 PM

1. Concept Planning for Community Campus Annex Building Renovation

The Parks and Recreation Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. Slides were presented by Sean Barnett with Polymath Architects; the slides are attached to these minutes.

Concern was expressed from some Council Members about the brief timeline envisioned for this planning process and the amount of public engagement. It was also expressed that the rest of the Council (those not on the subcommittee) have not been incorporated into this process so far. It was noted in response that the regular Council subcommittee process is being followed, that the timeline is simply a draft and can be amended, and that it may be to the City's advantage to move quickly. Staff are looking for Council feedback and direction on this work.

The park development work currently underway adjacent to the building in question was raised as a reason to proceed with this site planning at this time; the City may realize efficiencies by proceeding concurrently.

Concern was also expressed about possible exhaustion among the public regarding public engagement processes for this property.

Concern was also raised about the facilities report that was used as part of this planning process, and whether it adequately projected future space needs. It was noted in response that the report is an official document that provides a viable starting point for planning.

It was suggested by some Council Members that community center space should be the highest priority.

Additional discussion ensued, covering the following topics:

- Discussion of the possibility and potential process for conducting more public engagement, though much engagement has already been done; suggestion that engagement is often more successful if the public has substantial proposals to react to
- Emphasis on the importance of addressing the City's facility needs
- Suggestion to avoid a ballot measure and new property taxes
- Discussion of the history and context of planning for this site
- Concerns regarding retaining a new architecture firm
- Suggestion that the Annex Building would provide sufficient space for a community center for years to come
- Discussion of the constraints of the Annex Building with regard to gym usage

- Emphasis that this planning process will determine what options are financially viable; recognition of the City's financial limitations, and the fact that not every desire is achievable
- Suggestion that high quality City facilities can attract and retain talent
- Suggestion that new remote work options could lower the needed amount of City office space
- Comparisons to community centers in other cities; acknowledgement that Canby is much larger than Sandy
- Suggestion that a future parks and recreation special district could provide more community amenities
- Whether a private business might be interested in building a gym elsewhere on the site

Finally, the Council discussed the logistics and next steps for this planning process, including future opportunities for the full Council to provide input. It was noted that a formal bidding process would be used to award a full architecture contract.

It was emphasized that this planning process is intended to allow the City to realize as much value as possible from this existing asset, given what is feasible and what the City can afford. It will be important to clearly understand and appreciate both the City's and the community's needs, and to make decisions on prioritizing usage of available urban renewal funding.

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(none)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

(none)

CONSENT AGENDA

2. City Council Minutes: September 18, 2023

MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Hokanson, Seconded by Councilor Mayton.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

3. Contract Award: Operations Center Expansion Design

Prior to summarizing the staff report for the expansion design, the Transit Director presented an infographic (attached to these minutes) that encapsulated the major initiatives being undertaken by her department.

General discussion ensued, covering the following topics:

- Discussion of the strategy to deploy the new vehicles, in the context of the new Clackamas Town Center route being launched
- Versatility advantages that can be realized by using the cut-a-way vehicles across different routes

Discussion related specifically to the expansion design contract covered the following topics:

- Discussion of the different funding sources to pay for the project, including grant funding and payroll taxes; context of the amount of tax revenue necessary for this project relative to total revenue
- Clarification on usage of the maintenance bay and bus wash space
- Clarification on administrative space planning, and future phase areas to the east of the current building
- Importance of planning for all departments' space needs; discussion of Public Works' contingency planning for administrative space

MOTION: Approve the evaluation committee's recommendation and authorize staff to negotiate and execute a contract with MWA Architects in an amount not to exceed \$331,534 for the architectural and engineering design of the Sandy Operations Center Expansion Project.

Motion made by Councilor Walker, Seconded by Councilor Hokanson.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

4. Purchase Authorization: Three 35-foot Gillig Electric Buses

The Transit Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. Discussion ensued on differing maintenance needs for Gillig versus Protera vehicles, and how grant funding factors into this analysis. Discussion also related to the intended options shown on the price variance page; in particular whether it would be advisable to purchase the extra battery pack.

MOTION: Authorize staff to purchase three Gillig electric buses, as detailed in the agenda packet.

Motion made by Councilor Mayton, Seconded by Councilor Exner.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

5. Purchase Authorization: Two Mid-Size Transit Vehicles

The Transit Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. Discussion ensued on the rationale for selecting the more expensive vehicle, due to the layout of the ADA seating and the back door. Discussion also related to procedures for evacuation of passengers in wheelchairs, and the relative ease of maintenance and repairs.

MOTION: Authorize staff to purchase two gasoline powered mid-size cut-a-way vehicles from Schetky Bus Sales, as detailed in the agenda packet.

Motion made by Councilor Exner, Seconded by Councilor Hokanson.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Overview of the new My Sandy app, offering the public the ability to report issues, pay bills, and similar actions. The app is currently in a 'soft opening' period to gather initial feedback. Discussion ensued on requirements to log in, and the different paint colors in the photo of city hall.
- Summary of the remaining steps to be taken before 362nd / Bell opens to the public
- Homelessness task force meeting is upcoming, including discussion of a response agreement with AntFarm

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Hokanson

- Appreciation for the recent volunteer recognition event
- Reaffirmation of his willingness to work constructively with all Council Members and discuss options for the Annex Building renovation project

Councilor Exner

- Need for a weight limit sign for trucks on Langensand (Public Works is actively exploring options)
- Discussion of the cost of fighting the Cedar Creek Fire and processes for Federal reimbursement; a great deal of rehabilitation work is ahead
- Upcoming art show at the Sandy Library

Councilor Walker

- Appreciation for the recent 362nd / Bell ribbon cutting event
- Discussion of possible solutions for improving congestion stemming from Cedar Ridge Middle School dropoff and pickup
- Discussion of recent meeting with Sandy Historical Museum representatives; possibilities for classifying historic buildings

- Observations regarding possibilities for a win-win at the community campus, balancing City and community needs; possibilities for a recreation special district in the future

Councilor Sheldon

- Reiteration that he did not mean to convey anger during the work session

Council President Smallwood

- Discussion of the recent community meeting for the police staffing study
- Upcoming meeting with staff and Mountain Festival personnel on a Winterfest parade
- Parks and Trails Advisory Board meeting is next week

Councilor Mayton

- Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the Community Campus Park; discussion on hybrid meeting logistics for advisory boards
- Appreciation for the recent 362nd / Bell ribbon cutting event

Mayor Pulliam

- Appreciation for the recent volunteer recognition event
- Suggestion to offer theater programming at the Meinig Park amphitheater
- Appreciation for the recent 362nd / Bell ribbon cutting event

STAFF UPDATES

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