



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM

1. PGE Presentation

JD Podlesnik and Heidi Bell with PGE were present to deliver the presentation slides included in the meeting packet and answer questions from the Council. Discussion related to the following topics:

- Details of the early fault detection system, including trip out lines and sensors that will be installed
- Details of the FITNES program and possible replacement of power poles within the city
- Suggestion from the Council that PGE needs to address poles that impair ADA access as part of their inspection process
- Discussion of the smart thermostat program and opportunities to reduce peak electricity demand while saving families money
- Discussion related to AntFarm's assistance in clearing vegetation
- Opportunities to serve on community advisory councils
- Discussion related to data centers and HB 3546, particularly related to new special customer categories for data centers and rates for high demand users; note that the legislation only applies to certain utilities in the state
- Bill assistance program details
- Recap of community outreach during Music Fair and Feast
- Emphasis on the importance of PGE's support for Winterfest
- Discussion related to PSPS power shutoff protocols; note that Sandy neighborhoods are now isolated from more rural sections of the grid; note that critical City infrastructure will be prioritized for reenergization by PGE

SURA MEETING (separate agenda) – 6:30 PM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Kathleen Walker
Council President Don Hokanson
Councilor Laurie Smallwood

Councilor Rich Sheldon
Councilor Kristina Ramseyer

ABSENT

Councilor Lindy Hanley

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(none)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

(none)

CONSENT AGENDA

2. City Council Minutes: June 15, 2026
3. IGA Revision: Clackamas County Business ISP Services

MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

4. Declaration of City Council Vacancy: Seat #1

The Deputy City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. The Council agreed with staff's suggestion that any appointment to the vacant seat should wait until the results of the 2026 election are known.

MOTION: Due to the recent resignation of Chris Mayton, I move to declare Sandy City Council Seat #1 to be vacant, effective immediately

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

5. Contract Award: 2026 Pavement Maintenance

The Public Works Director summarized the staff report in the meeting packet, and the City Manager noted the intent to gather more advance input on paving from the Council in the future. Discussion related to the following topics:

- Discussion related to the pavement budget and future plans for maintaining the city's pavement condition index (PCI)
- Concerns about previous pavement contractors used; emphasis on the need to clearly communicate with residents in cases where crews will return to a street section to finish work after initial applications have had a chance to cure
- Further explanation of the OCI process
- Suggestions to communicate with residents to explain how the City decides which streets to pave, and considerations regarding addressing the most distressed sections of pavement and keeping other higher quality sections from deteriorating into distressed status

MOTION: Accept the low bid of \$561,990.50 with Knife River Corporation, NW for the 2026 Pavement Maintenance Program Construction Contract, and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Knife River Corporation, NW to complete this project

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

6. Discussion: Senate Bill 1561 - Nonconforming Development

Esin Onart and Josh Soper with BEH both provided summary remarks about HB 1561 and the potential implications on development within the city. It was noted that the definition of "involuntary event" is not defined in the statute, so the law's application to a house fire that destroys a structure is unclear and will likely be determined through the court system. The effects of the City's development moratorium were also considered, and it was noted that the legislation leaves the City without options other than to adopt the new provisions.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Mayor Walker, Councilor Sheldon, and Councilor Ramseyer indicated their interest in attending the upcoming LOC Annual Conference
- Update on City Hall renovation progress
- Note that the Mayor will need to select a new liaison to the Parks and Trails Advisory Board
- Note that utility bills with new rates have been sent to customers
- Update on the Meinig Park renovations
- Thanks to Clackamas County Bank for sponsoring the fireworks show

- Discussion related to chairs placed on Pioneer Blvd sidewalks in advance of the Mt Festival parade
 - Concern about legal consequences should the City be challenged by those wishing to preserve ADA access
 - Respect for the tradition of leaving chairs out to reserve parade viewing space
 - Appreciation for the small-town charm of the tradition
 - Concern that allowing the chairs could undermine the City's ability to enforce other right-of-way regulations

Ultimately there was no clear consensus among the Council. Suggestions were made to potentially find a compromise where chairs would be allowed but roping off sidewalk areas would not, and only within a certain number of days before the event. It was agreed the issue should be revisited at a later date.

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President Hokanson

- Update and discussion related to recent SandyNet service expansion planning

Councilor Ramseyer

- Praise and appreciation for the Mt Festival

Councilor Sheldon

- Note that C-4 was canceled in July
- Praise and appreciation for the Mt Festival
- Suggestion that instead of the usual thorough survey about LOC legislative policy priorities, Councilors should simply select their top five

Councilor Smallwood

- Concerns about homeless camping near Tickle Creek; discussion as to whether the camping is on private property; note that camping in a shed is not allowed, nor is leaving abandoned shopping carts on property

Mayor Walker

- Praise and appreciation for the Mt Festival; thanks to Councilor Hanley for her efforts
- Reminder to staff to address the Ziplify facility noise complaint as soon as possible
- Discussion regarding whether Sandy should join other cities in the county in opposing the sale of flavored tobacco in an effort to protect children; suggestion to bring the matter to the next meeting
- Encouragement to support the LOC proposed policy on water reuse
- Suggestion to patrol Tickle Creek in evenings to prevent camping
- Reminder that water reuse experts are needed on the City's consulting team

STAFF UPDATES

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ADJOURN

EXECUTIVE SESSION - The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h)

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