



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: City Council
Meeting Date: July 20, 2026
From: Jeff Aprati, Deputy City Manager
Subject: Declaration of City Council Vacancy: Seat #1

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether to formally declare Sandy City Council Seat #1 to be vacant.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

On June 8, 2026 City Councilor Chris Mayton sent an email to the Mayor and City Manager announcing his resignation from his seat, effective June 27, 2026. The email is attached to this staff report. His resignation was further discussed during the Council Meetings on [June 8, 2026](#) and [June 15, 2026](#).

City Council vacancies are discussed in Chapter VII of the [City Charter](#), and in Chapter 10 of the [Council Rules](#).

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

When a City Councilor resigns, it is necessary for the remaining Council to formally declare the seat to be vacant. This is done by motion of the Council.

Filling Vacancies

The Council has the ability to appoint a qualified individual to fill a vacancy by adopting an appointment process, advertising the opportunity, reviewing and interviewing applicants, and making a selection during a public meeting. This most recently occurred following the resignation of Carl Exner in 2024.

However, because Seat #1's term expires in less than six months, it would likely make more sense to leave the seat vacant and allow the impending election process to decide the matter instead (rather than appointing someone who may only be able to serve for a short time). Staff and the City Attorney agree this would be a prudent course to take.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Council formally declare Seat #1 to be vacant, but take no further action until the November 3, 2026 general election has concluded.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

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