



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION (6:00 PM) – The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f)&(h)

REGULAR MEETING (7:30 PM)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Kathleen Walker
Council President Don Hokanson
Councilor Chris Mayton
Councilor Kristina Ramseyer
Councilor Lindy Hanley

ABSENT

Councilor Laurie Smallwood
Councilor Rich Sheldon

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(none)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

The City Manager noted that the Public Works Director has agreed to fulfil the requests Janet Davis made related to CPO meeting attendance and provision of a hard copy of the wastewater facility plan in the Sandy Library

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: June 8, 2026
2. Mountain Festival Approvals 2026: Exclusive Use of Meinig Memorial Park, Noise Exemption, and Road Closures

3. Music Fair and Feast Approvals 2026: Exclusive Use of Centennial Plaza, Closure of Hoffman Avenue, and Noise Exemption Request
4. Resolution 2026-20: Updating Bank Signatories

MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Hanley, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

RESOLUTIONS

5. PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution 2026-12 - Updating the Master Fee Schedule

Abstentions

(none)

Conflicts of Interest

(none)

Staff Report

The City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet

Public Testimony

Art O'Leary: Asked whether development fees and system development charges (SDCs) are being kept up to pay for the infrastructure needs of the city; expressed concern that the inflation based increases of some fees may not be sufficient to cover the impact of development on city infrastructure

In response, staff stated that while SDCs were not on the agenda, they were recently updated based on the cost of necessary infrastructure projects to the extent that their cost is attributable to growth pursuant to state law. Staff also noted that while loans being used to fund projects are guaranteed by rate revenue because SDC income is not predictable, staff will regularly analyze finances to determine whether opportunities exist to pay off loan principal with SDC funds. It was also noted that the City must ensure sufficient revenue is collected to continue on track with required projects and to meet debt obligations.

MOTION: Close the public hearing

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Council Discussion

- Discussion related to the impact of customer assistance programs on rate revenue; note that the take rate has been relatively low, but that its impact has been accounted for in the rate model, and it could impact rates in the future depending on the number of people enrolled
- Explanation of the debt coverage ratios demanded by lenders to ensure solvency
- Remarks from the Mayor related to high rates including recent reductions to the rate model because of lower project costs, continued efforts to secure grant funding, and the need to understand precisely how the rate model is affected with each new infusion of grant funds. Generally it was noted that fee calculations should be transparent for everyone
- Opportunities for City staff to take back operations of treatment plants to save costs
- Possibilities for deferring far off projects in the rate model to reduce rate increases
- Note of the need to review wholesale water rates at the next opportunity, to ensure cost sharing equity
- Note of the need to provide as much rate relief as possible for residents
- Note that master plans have been adopted, and now they must be funded
- Discussion on the length of time and complications involved with securing federal grant funds

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 2026-12

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

6. Resolution 2026-13: Expanding the Utility Customer Assistance Program

The City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. It was noted that the assistance program applies to residential customers, that the program will be revisited again soon to ensure it is structured optimally, and that future amendments are also possible as needed. Future revenue opportunities may also emerge.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 2026-13

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

7. 2025-2027 City Council Goals Status Update

The City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. Clarification was provided on the timing and the design stage status of the Hwy 211 ADA ramp project. Concern was expressed over ODOT's work on ADA ramps throughout downtown, and the Council's desire for more proactive staff engagement with ODOT on their project to protect the community's interests. Further discussion ensued on the Community Livability Task Force's continuing work, as well as the ongoing efforts to engage the community at the Farmer's Market.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Update on the Finance Director vacancy, recruitment, and evaluation of department needs
- Note of the upcoming Longest Day Parkway event
- Note of the summer concert
- Update on the results of the City's appeal before the Speed Zone Review Panel related to Hwy 26 on the east end of the city
- Note that the July 6th Council meeting is canceled
- Note of the upcoming fireworks show
- Reflections on the tragic loss of St. Helens City Administrator, John Walsh
- Thanks and appreciation for Councilor Mayton's service

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Mayton

- Thanks to everyone
- Hope that the Council continues to protect residents and responsibly plan for the future
- Reflections on his service to the community

Councilor Ramseyer

- Recap of the recent Transit Advisory Board meeting, including SAM advertising, Shopper Shuttle route updates, and Clackamas Town Center ridership
- Note of the upcoming Planning Commission meeting

Councilor Hanley

- Update on Mt Festival plans and Music Fair & Feast plans; praise for community events and the indispensable efforts of volunteers
- Reminder of the need to continue to focus on the needs of May 31 victims who have not been able to move on yet
- Update from the Police Chief on the status of Sergeant Thronton
- Thanks and appreciation for Councilor Mayton's steady and thoughtful leadership

Council President Hokanson

- Thanks and appreciation for Councilor Mayton's service

Mayor Walker

- Thanks and appreciation for Councilor Mayton and his legacy of service for the community
- Update on priorities for the Livability Task Force including homelessness
- Note of upcoming 4th of July and Mt Festival events
- Note of the upcoming Longest Day Parkway event
- Note of the need to continue reaching out to May 31st victims, and eventually creating a memorial when the timing is appropriate

STAFF UPDATES

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