



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 06, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

## MINUTES

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Mayor Kathleen Walker  
Councilor Don Hokanson  
Councilor Chris Mayton  
Councilor Laurie Smallwood  
Councilor Rich Sheldon  
Councilor Kristina Ramseyer  
Councilor Lindy Hanley

### COUNCIL OATHS OF OFFICE

1. Oath of Office - Mayor Walker
2. Oath of Office - Councilor Sheldon
3. Oath of Office - Councilor Ramseyer
4. Oath of Office - Councilor Hokanson

The City Recorder administered the oaths of office. Following each oath, photos were taken. Council Members subsequently provided remarks as follows:

#### Councilor Sheldon

- Thanks to his family; looking forward to his second term; there is a lot of important work ahead including executing the Comprehensive Plan and securing external financial assistance for necessary infrastructure projects

#### Councilor Ramseyer

- Thanks to all who assisted during the election campaign; looking forward to helping take Sandy into the future

#### Councilor Hokanson

- Thanks to his spouse and family; looking forward to future accomplishments during a second term; thanks to former leaders; appreciation for the public service of others; reminder that despite criticism, serving the public is a privilege

### Mayor Walker

- Reflections on opportunities and challenges facing the City; thanks to staff, Councilors, family, and friends; gratitude for the opportunity to serve as mayor; reflections on the shared goals and priorities of Sandy residents; emphasis on the importance of pursuing resident-friendly policies; highlights of Sandy accomplishments and superior services/amenities; overview of the infrastructure challenges ahead and the need to secure outside funding to minimize the cost to residents to the extent possible; emphasis on the need for increased public involvement in local leadership

## **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

### 5. Election of Council President

**Councilor Sheldon nominated Councilor Hokanson to serve as Council President. Councilor Ramseyer seconded the nomination.**

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Mayton, Councilor Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley, Councilor Hokanson

**Councilor Hokanson was elected Council President: 7-0**

Following the vote, Council President Hokanson expressed thanks and a commitment to ensuring the community feels heard and involved.

## **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

(none)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)**

Julie Wilde: expressed concerns regarding an effort to develop 38091 Sunset St. into a childcare facility; stated the City has made it difficult for the buyer to use the property; stated it would be beneficial to have a business operating at the site; mentioned past acts of vandalism and police presence at the site; highlighted the value of the building in terms of history and quality materials; stated that regulatory exceptions should be made because of the value of the building; stated that the City should have done more to improve the adjacent street

Chris Hawes: Vice President of the Clackamas Fire Board; introduced himself to the Council; stated he is also Chair of the Sunrise Water Authority Board; stated he has enjoyed partnering with the Sandy community and serving friends and neighbors in the area; stated he looks forward to continuing to work together collaboratively

Jim Gaither: representing Ms. Wilde; stated he approached the City about a possible daycare at the site which has been vacant for many years, and that staff provided a list of actions that would be necessary; stated that after significant time and money was invested, a pre-application meeting was held during which staff stated that the use would not be possible; stated he is unsure why the site was zoned commercial; stated that he wants to create a successful daycare business at the site, but that all plans have been turned down

Kevin Moss: raised concerns about traffic safety at the intersection of Langensand and Gary, stating that parking of vehicles on Gary St has the potential to lead to collisions

## **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS**

(none)

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

6. City Council Minutes: December 16, 2024
7. SandyNet Advisory Board Appointments
8. Resolution 2025-05: Audit Corrective Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2024

### **MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

9. Lieutenant Craven Oath of Office

The Mayor administered the oath to Lieutenant Craven, after which photos were taken

10. Life Saving Award: Sergeant Herrera

The Police Chief read the letter included in the meeting packet and presented the award to Sergeant Herrera, after which photos were taken.

## **ORDINANCES**

11. PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2025-01: Zone Change for the Sandy Operations Center

### Abstentions

(none)

### Conflicts of Interest

(none)

### Staff Report

The Development Services Director presented the staff report, which was included in the meeting packet along with the presentation slides. It was noted that uses within the city similar to the Operations Center are zoned I-2. In response to questions from the Council, staff noted that this zone change could/should have been completed in 2006, that it will allow for a more simplified building design within the interior of the property, that the conditions of approval are

consistent with other similar applications, and that the triangular property northeast to this property is still vacant.

Applicant Presentation

(none)

Public Testimony

(none)

Staff Recommendation

Approval

Applicant Rebuttal

(none)

Council Discussion

It was suggested that public facilities should not necessarily have to be conditional uses; they could be permitted outright like other uses.

**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 Smallwood, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley,

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

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**MOTION: Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-01**

Motion made by Councilor Mayton, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

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**MOTION: Approve the second reading of Ordinance 2025-01**

Motion made by Councilor Ramseyer, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

## REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Congratulations to newly elected and reelected Council Members
- Reminder of Council goal setting on February 1<sup>st</sup>; information from departments will be compiled and distributed to the Council soon
- The City's legal team is working to address and refine issues related to homelessness in the municipal code; a homelessness task force is needed soon
- Budget development is underway
- A new Utility Specialist has been hired
- Staff will look into and report back on public comments offered earlier

## COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

### Council President Hokanson

- New members of the SandyNet Advisory Board are excited to execute the new Master Plan
- Suggestion to form a new code compliance committee to provide oversight and policy guidance for Police and Development Services
- Praise for Winterfest
- Emphasis on the need to attract living wage jobs; discussion of mass timber industry in Eagle Creek and the possibility of developing ancillary enterprises in Sandy
- Reflections on the public comments offered about the proposed daycare; emphasis on the need to remove barriers and work collaboratively with prospective businesses
- Suggestion to attend the upcoming regional meeting on housing

### Councilor Hanley

- Congratulations to newly elected and reelected Council Members
- Suggestion that more recognition is needed for extraordinary accomplishments by members of the community

### Councilor Ramseyer

- Congratulations to the Mayor; thanks to all who assisted during the election campaign
- Looking forward to moving Sandy forward and involving the community

### Councilor Sheldon

- Agreement with Council President Hokanson on economic development needs; note that he was unaware of the daycare proposal
- Excited to work with other Council Members, and especially to jointly advocate for the City's need for outside funding for wastewater infrastructure

### Councilor Smallwood

- Congratulations to Parks and Recreation on a successful Winterfest
- Request for staff to provide statistics on paid volunteer program usage

### Councilor Mayton

- Congratulations to newly elected and reelected Council Members
- Agreement with Council President Hokanson on economic development needs; that property needs to be addressed and the community needs more childcare facilities

### Mayor Walker

- Praise for the recent holiday events
- Council committee assignments will be forthcoming
- Reminder of upcoming Council goal setting; suggestion to retain the majority of the time for Council discussion rather than presentations
- Emphasis on the need to address homelessness, and incorporate successful approaches used by other cities
- Reminder of City Day at the Capitol; staff will send the final version of the funding request document to the Council
- Discussion of pump track drainage problems; the contractor needs to make it right; Parks staff is doing all it can to mitigate the problem; the City must move aggressively and pursue potential legal options; short term mitigation is also needed to preserve the infrastructure
- Looking forward to moving Sandy forward successfully

### **STAFF UPDATES**

Monthly Reports: <https://reports.cityofsandy.com/>

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