

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 05, 2024 at 7:00 PM Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Stan Pulliam Council President Laurie Smallwood Councilor Chris Mayton Councilor Rich Sheldon Councilor Kathleen Walker Councilor Carl Exner Councilor Don Hokanson

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Councilor Sheldon suggested that Chief Huskey's oath of office should be first on the agenda. The Council agreed.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Police Chief Huskey Oath of Office

Mayor Pulliam administered the oath of office to Chief Huskey. After the oath was completed, photos were taken with those in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

The City Manager noted that staff has spoken with Mr. Castle to address his questions regarding the Advance Finance Reimbursement District impacting his property. A follow up letter was also sent to all impacted property owners, which reiterated information on the effective date of interest accrual and calculations of developable versus wetland property.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. City Council Minutes: July 15, 2024
- 3. Resolution 2024-19: WIFIA Loan Agreement for Wastewater Improvements

- 4. Purchase Authorization: Membrane Equipment for Alder Creek Water Treatment Plant Upgrades
- 5. Resolution 2024-20: 2024 Emergency Operations Plan Update

Prior to the motion, Councilor Sheldon suggested that it may be more appropriate in the future to list large and consequential items such as the WIFIA resolution and the water treatment plant upgrades separately on the meeting agenda, rather than as part of the consent agenda. The rationale cited was to allow for appropriate discussion and ensure public visibility, especially given that public and intergovernmental support for these projects is very important. He noted he supported approval of the items.

In further discussion, the Council noted that opportunities may exist to enhance communication between the wastewater oversight subcommittee and the full Council. It was also noted that a public hearing on the WIFIA loan was conducted in June and that the City has been pursuing this financing for years. Staff added that interest rates are moving in a positive direction, and that new project reporting tools are close to being completed.

MOTION: Adopt the consent agenda

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. Intergovernmental Agreement with Sandy Urban Renewal Agency

The City Manager indicated that this is the same agreement that was approved by the Urban Renewal Board earlier in the evening, and that completing this agreement is a necessary formality identified by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Approve the IGA between City of Sandy and Sandy Urban Renewal Agency, as provided in the meeting packet

Motion made by Councilor Walker, 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

7. Purchase Authorization: New Taser Units

Interim Deputy Police Chief Yamashita summarized the staff report in the meeting packet and shared visuals of the proposed new taser units.

Council discussion ensued on the following issues:

- The importance of being able to employ less than lethal techniques that do not rely on pain compliance
- The expected five year lifespan of the new units
- The company's long standing reputation
- The importance of replacement planning from a budgetary perspective
- The ability of the current Police Department budget to absorb this expense
- The anticipated timeline to deploy the new units

MOTION: Authorize the City Manager to purchase 18 new Taser 10 units from Axon Enterprises Inc pursuant to the quote provided in the meeting packet

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, 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

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Welcome to Chief Huskey
- Recap of staff's recent meeting with Regional Solutions to discuss wastewater challenges
- Reminder on the upcoming concert in Meinig Park
- Anticipated closing of the WIFIA loan by the end of the week

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Hokanson

- Suggestion that water/wastewater subcommittee communications with the whole Council can be improved
- The SandyNet Advisory Board has been providing input for the department's master plan, in the interest of ensuring it provides ongoing value
- Praise for the concerts in the park

Councilor Exner

- Concerns regarding ODOT bollards in the roadway, as well as a new speed bump sign; suggestion that staff should keep tabs on these issues
- Regarding the recent vacancy in the Economic Development Manager position
 - The development moratorium is affecting the City's ability to recruit new businesses, but filling existing vacant commercial structures should remain an important priority
 - o It is important not to lose momentum on economic development

 In response the City Manager indicated there are opportunities to leverage consultant assistance in the interim; this is also an opportunity to assess and potentially redefine the best way for the City to pursue economic development

Councilor Walker

- Praise for the staff addressing vegetation that had been covering traffic signs
- Suggestion to invite more vendors to concerts in the park
- Update on the effort to secure funding assistance for Hoodland Library rent
- Praise for the drone footage video of Cedar Park construction progress
- Concern regarding trucks hauling rock along Bluff Rd for the new Portland water filtration plant; impacts are significant, and more information and communication with affected residents is needed
 - Suggestions were made for potential actions the City could take to ensure compliance with traffic regulations, especially considering the middle school along the route; concerns raised about trying to enforce vehicle weight limits

Councilor Sheldon

- Concern that LoveOne has not been communicating/coordinating with the City with regard to its laundry events; staff will work to improve the working relationship
- Concern regarding the need to quickly establish a temporary solution for OTSD drop off and pickup traffic; staff are continuing to work with OTSD
- Reminder that the City needs to continue to ensure we are doing what is best for ratepayers with respect to utility rates; communication with the public is important
- Welcome to Chief Huskey
- Suggestion to cut back vegetation at the intersections of Hwy 211 and Dubarko, and Hwy 211 and Gunderson, to ensure visibility

Council President Smallwood

- Praise for the drone footage video of Cedar Park construction progress
- Praise for the concerts in the park

Councilor Mayton

- Praise for the movies in the park
- Praise for the recent police officer interview process
- Welcome to Chief Huskey
- Thanks and appreciation for Kim Yamashita's service

Mayor Pulliam

- Welcome to Chief Huskey
- Thanks and appreciation for Kim Yamashita's service
- Appreciation for Nunpa and the entire AntFarm organization, including their proactive communication
- Thanks and appreciation for everyone involved in the Mt. Festival

STAFF UPDATES

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