



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 02, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM

1. Program Update: Sandy Drinking Water Reinvestment

The Public Works Director summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. Presentation slides were also included in the packet.

Discussion related to the following topics:

- Acknowledgement that the Council needs another visit to the Alder Creek water treatment plant
- Clarification on the size of the filters now in service at the treatment plant
- Recognition that the Alder Creek bid is \$2.5 million lower than the engineer's estimate; note that the current improvements are that last major element of scheduled reinvestment for Alder Creek
- Note that the total reinvestment cost for Alder Creek is about \$21 million
- Note that Bluff Rd will be repaved after the pipe installation is completed
- Clarification on the location of Sandy's future pump station within the PWB filtration property
- Clarification on the role of PWB in installing pipe within the boundaries of their own property
- Discussion on PWB's requested extension of the filtration compliance deadline; potential for PWB's delay to affect the ability for Sandy to meet its own compliance deadline; potential for Sandy to seek a longer extension than PWB; note of the potential for Sandy to enact partial curtailment beginning in the summer of 2028 in a worst case scenario; emphasis on the importance of Alder Creek functioning at peak capacity
- Clarification on Brownell Springs water rights; efforts to precisely measure the volume of production
- Concern about equipment sitting unused for long periods of time and expired warranties
- Discussion of the City's wholesale water customers, and the degree to which Skyview Acres will be affected by the changes in the City's water system
- Discussion of whether it would be prudent to delay construction contracts because of potential delays; reluctance to rebid projects and incur higher costs
- Discussion of PWB's incentives to complete its construction as fast as possible
- Note that the total budget for the City's water reinvestment program is now \$60 million instead of \$70 million, with the potential to continue to move lower

- Discussion of reduced needs for rate increases in the future
- Discussion of the projects in the water master plan, outside of the immediate reinvestment program, that could potentially be phased or delayed to save future costs and reduce rate increases in the out years
- Note of the need to update the capital improvement plan table in the master plan
- Recognition that the water reinvestment program has been on time and under budget generally
- Note of the minimal change orders within the reinvestment program
- Note that the large intake pipe leading from the Alder Creek source to the treatment plant needs reinvestment

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilor Laurie Smallwood

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- It was agreed that the Meinig Park Renovation item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

(none)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

- The City Manager stated that Mr. O’Leary’s questions were answered during the last meeting, and that staff met with the residents who raised concerns about the Jonsrud Viewpoint camera and were able to accommodate them by finding an alternate location on the viewpoint property.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

- Nellie deVries reported on the current session of the Legislature, explaining that no cities managed to secure capital construction appropriations. She stated that the City made a good case and did all that was possible, but state fiscal constraints ultimately determined the outcome. It was noted that the state’s priorities for housing production were not advanced by

this decision. Ms. deVries also reported on the Legislature's actions regarding referral of the transportation bill to voters in May, and on the bill related to the recent OGEC rulings.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. City Council Minutes: February 17, 2026

MOTION: Adopt the consent agenda

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilor Mayton

MOITON CARRIED: 5-0-1

NEW BUSINESS

3. Purchase Authorization: Restroom for Meinig Park Renovation

MOTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute a change order to add the restroom building kit and installation for the Meinig Park renovation project, in the amount of \$334,483 for a total contract price not to exceed \$735,457, as included in the meeting packet

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

4. Contract Award: Alder Creek Water Treatment Plant Construction

The Public Works Director summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. It was noted that under the new wholesale water agreement with PWB, the City is able to stop purchasing a minimum amount of water per day beginning this summer.

MOTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute a construction contract for the Alder Creek Water Treatment Plant Upgrades project with McClure and Sons, Inc. for a maximum total fee of \$11,532,851

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

5. Community Survey Preliminary Results

Mr. Brewster summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. Presentation slides with notable survey results were shared; they are attached to these minutes.

Discussion related to the following points:

- Note of the relatively high response rate
- Clarification that the middle rating for all answers is classified as actually neutral, in contrast to many other surveys
- Suggestion that respondents who feel the city is moving in the wrong direction may be upset about growth
- Note that older residents are overly represented
- Suggestion that people may have chosen not to participate if they are content
- Note that many written complaints are growth related
- Suggestion to analyze responses to the traffic camera question based on respondent demographics
- Note that a great deal of public engagement and education about traffic cameras will be necessary if they are to be implemented
- Note that respondents were not required to make tradeoffs when asked what items were important, making it more likely to list everything as important
- Recognition of the high public concern related to traffic and speeding
- Discussion related to employment opportunities and economic health, and different opinions based on experiences
- Discussion related to future opportunities for follow up engagement on cameras or other topics
- Suggestion that staff may answer some of the questions posed in written comments by posting material on the website

6. Clackamas County TSP Discussion

The City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. A map of the city was shared on the screen to facilitate the conversation.

Discussion related to the following points:

- Suggestion that safety improvements at the intersection of Firwood and Hwy 26 should be added to the proposed list of priorities, with the acknowledgement that ODOT will likely need to bear the majority of responsibility for the work
 - Suggestion that the County could actively advocate to ODOT for these improvements
- Emphasis on the need for the County to prioritize the maintenance and improvement of the roadways over which they have jurisdiction within city limits
 - Note that Ten Eyck, Kelso, and Bornstedt all represent instances of County road jurisdiction adjacent to developments within city limits, which has implications regarding traffic engineering
 - Suggestion that the City should pursue assumption of jurisdiction over these roads, provided that pavement maintenance costs are borne by the County first
- Suggestion that extending 362nd north to Kelso will be important with future commercial development in the area

- Suggestion that bicycle routes to the west of city limits should also be prioritized, including connection to regional trail systems

7. "Bin List" Discussion

The Mayor introduced the discussion topic and summarized the report in the meeting packet. The City Manager also provided contextual remarks. Clarification was provided about the item in the report related to temporary structures.

Council President Hokanson provided presentation slides, attached to these minutes, which included his own recommended multi-stage approach to administering a bin list.

Further discussion related to the following:

- The importance of Councilors being able to advance items onto agendas, in the theoretical event the Mayor is not inclined to allow such an item
- Discussion on the current procedures used to add Councilor ideas to agendas, and whether or not a problem in fact exists
- Discussion on the recent OGEC rulings and the extent to which they limit the ability of Council Members to govern effectively
- Discussion as to whether Council President Hokanson's proposal is appropriate or necessary

After discussion it was the consensus of the Council that a bin list will now formally exist, and that further refinement of bin list administration procedures, to the extent refinement is necessary or desired, will follow in the coming months. It was also agreed that staff should proceed with developing code amendments regarding excess noise and solicitation.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Reiteration of the lack of funding awarded to the City by the Legislature
- Note of the upcoming meeting with County economic development staff
- Recap of the recent business appreciation event
- Note of the Finance Director's current budget review and forecasting effort
- Reminder to direct operational suggestions or criticism to the City Manager rather than to specific staff directly

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President Hokanson

- Agreement with the importance of respecting staff and directing criticism to the City Manager
- Praise for the recent business appreciation event
- Recap of the recent SandyNet Advisory Board meeting
- Praise for the SandyNet Director; suggestion for a SandyNet update/briefing to the Council soon

Councilor Hanley

- Recap of the recent Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Thanks to staff for addressing the concerns of neighbors at Jonsrud Viewpoint

Councilor Ramseyer

- Praise for the recent business appreciation event; emphasis that accessibility to resources is critical for businesses
- Praise for the newly-opened Deer Pointe Park

Councilor Sheldon

- Suggestion to add utility rate forecasts to the website

Councilor Mayton

(none)

Mayor Walker

- Recap of the Jonsrud Viewpoint camera project
- Recap of the recent business appreciation event
- Recap of the recent Chamber of Commerce meeting; note that Jon Legarza will present at the lunch event later in March
- Reminder regarding briefings with staff about wastewater
- Remarks regarding banners and city entry signs

STAFF UPDATES

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

ADJOURN

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