



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 05, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

WORK SESSION: 6:00 PM

1. Sandy Winterfest Planning

The Parks and Recreation Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet along with presentation slides. Also presenting were the Community/Senior Center Manager and the Parks & Facilities Manager.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Suggestions for strategies to reach out to businesses, including letters followed by direct individual follow up contact
- Suggestions to reach out to businesses beyond only those located directly on Hwy 26; options for participation methods such as sponsorships and coupon books
- Explanation of the strategy to leverage the funding allocated for downtown decorating to focus on the City-owned right-of-way, followed by methods of encouraging businesses to participate in the effort as well through the Merry Makeover Challenge
- Suggestion to supplement this strategy the following year by establishing a theme and providing options for businesses to purchase on-theme decorations through the City
- Importance of leveraging the City's contacts and relationships with local businesses
- Concern about unauthorized usage of power outlets in Meinig Park
- Concern about safety and the need for adequate lighting
- Note on the funding allocated for trail lighting in the current budget
- Discussion of the plan to procure heaters for park events, as well as storage pod space and the need for a more permanent long-term storage solution
- Discussion on the implementation of data trackers to measure park event attendance
- Suggestion to start the event after Thanksgiving
- Suggestion to install street decorations that can potentially be used all winter
- Lack of power outlet options on Pioneer Blvd; discussion on the potential for businesses to collaborate to supplement the lighting
- Suggestion to increase the size of Merry Makeover prizes
- Discussion on how direct lighting grants might be workable
- Opportunities for the Sticking Stroll to drive customers to local businesses
- Discussion on involvement and partnerships with community non-profit organizations at Meinig Park events
- Opportunities to feature high school performances on the main stage
- Staffing challenges
- Discussion concerning whether a Hanukkah event will be organized by a community organization again this year

- Possible opportunities for sponsorships
- Discussion of the importance of parking planning and transit coordination
- Discussion of the need to proactively advertise events on a regional level
- Suggestion to use the trolley for an event touring light displays, possibly including caroling
- Discouragement of using an artificial tree
- Potential for volunteer assistance for decoration setup and takedown
- Potential need for traffic control and signage
- Suggestion to create an organized program for santas and/or other costumed participants, including vetting and security

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 PM

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

(none)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

Scott Foster: is representing his client on tree removal. There is a tree approximately 80 feet tall, 20 feet from the home. The tree has a bow to it; he and potential buyers are concerned that it is a hazard that should be removed. The tree was designated as a retention tree during the land use process. He needs a reasonable solution to the situation, and stated that the covenant language provides certain flexibility. In response to Council feedback, the City Manager stated he would coordinate with Development Services staff to find a path forward.

Jan Lee: due to technical difficulties, Ms. Lee's comments were inaudible. After the meeting she submitted a written version of her comments to the City Recorder, which is attached to these minutes.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

2. City Council Minutes: August 21, 2023

MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Exner, Seconded by Councilor Sheldon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pulliam, Council President Smallwood, Councilor Mayton, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Walker, Councilor Exner, Councilor Hokanson

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

OLD BUSINESS

3. Cascade Creek Parks SDC Dedication Discussion

The Parks and Recreation Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. It was noted that no motion was required of the Council if they do not wish to proceed with the Planning Commission's suggestion. The Council discussed the suggestion that a development agreement could essentially create the same equity concerns inherent in SDC dedication, but after discussion it was determined that any negotiated agreement would be brought to the Council for approval, that it was still unknown whether there is even a willing partner to negotiate with, and that staff routinely seeks out opportunities for development agreements in such situations and that the projects referenced in the staff report were merely examples. The issue was tabled.

RESOLUTIONS

4. Changes to the Master Fee Schedule

The Interim City Manager summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 2023-31

Motion made by Councilor Walker, 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

- Camp Creek Fire status update: 16% contain containment has been achieved; the fire is hemmed in by the #12 and #14 forest roads.
 - More information is needed on rehabilitation efforts and the risk of future turbidity
 - This event reinforces the need for the new transmission line to Portland's new filtration plan to provide access to the Columbia Wellfields
 - Note that the fire is likely to smolder for a very long time, and that risks exist with future dry east winds
 - Communication on the fire has been excellent

- Thanks to staff for their work during this event
- Remarks concerning the first day of school and traffic impacts
- Recap of the upcoming city manager finalist process provided by the Interim Deputy City Manager

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Hokanson

- Thanks for everyone's efforts on the fire response

Councilor Exner

- Reminder to be careful on roads with school children present
- Concern about the sign at the intersection of Hwy 211 and Proctor causing vehicles to pull forward to see, thus preventing large trucks from turning south onto Hwy 211
- Will arrive late at the LOC conference

Councilor Walker

- Concern about unauthorized camping along Tickle Creek Trail; emphasis on the need to remediate such camping quickly
- Thanks and appreciation for former Chief Roberts
- Thanks and appreciation for Parks and Recreation staff

Councilor Sheldon

- Thanks and appreciation for Parks and Recreation staff

Council President Smallwood

(none)

Councilor Mayton

(none)

Mayor Pulliam

- Thanks and appreciation for staff
- Remarks on the impacts of school traffic
- Reminder on the city manager interview process
- Praise for the recent chainsaw art event

STAFF UPDATES

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

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