



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

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

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Kathleen Walker
Council President Don Hokanson
Councilor Laurie Smallwood
Councilor Rich Sheldon
Councilor Kristina Ramseyer
Councilor Lindy Hanley

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

Erika Moseson: is a doctor at Mt Hood Medical Center; stated that menthol is pernicious, e-cigarettes are not safe and cause disease; and that candy and nicotine together are addictive for children. Stated that flavored tobacco should not be sold so easily, and asked for Council support for a county-wide ban. Stated the thoracic society supports a ban, and that menthol and other cooling agents prevent users from realizing they are inhaling toxins.

Selena Garzon: shared that a friend of hers recently got e-cigarettes from her parents and many other students at her middle school use them in secret.

Heidi Low: with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, stated that local governments should protect youth from dangerous products like flavored tobacco; shared statistics on tobacco use; stated that flavored tobacco is a started product that leads to future addiction.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

(none)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: August 17, 2026

MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Ramseyer, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

PRESENTATIONS

2. NAMI Presentation - Suicide Prevention Month

Gary Marschke with NAMI Clackamas provided a presentation to the Council; presentation slides were included in the meeting packet. The Council asked staff to share mental health and suicide prevention resource information on the City's website.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Civil Infractions Code Discussion

The Development Services Director summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. The Council discussed the number of code enforcement warnings that are issued before any fines are levied, as well as code enforcement procedures generally. They also discussed the possibility of acquiring property in the case of severe chronic nuisances, especially if fines are not paid.

Other topics of discussion included:

- Emphasis on the need to update the code and adopt penalties to dissuade property owners from moving retention trees
- Suggestion that chronic nuisances should be Class A violations rather than Class B; agreement that the chronic nuisance chapter can be handled separately with respect to fine amounts
- Discussion of code enforcement success metrics, procedures, likelihood of compliance, and concern about possible overreach
- Emphasis on livability and respect for neighbors, and the importance of the ability to impose fees and liens to gain compliance which is the goal of code enforcement
- Concern about mental health challenges that can lead to code violations
- Clarification on fee amounts for unlawful camping and applicable state law limits

Following the discussion it was the consensus of the Council that staff should revise the draft code to ensure chronic nuisances will be Class A violations. Staff also agreed to continue proactively working on developing code language to dissuade property owners from moving retention trees.

4. Council Chambers Audio/Visual Improvements

The IT Director summarized the staff report in the meeting packet, and explained the two AV improvement proposals provided by the preferred vendor.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Clarification on the option for a roll-away monitor
- Possibilities for tilting monitors on the dais downward to more easily see other Council Members
- Possibilities for installing monitors that are recessed into the dais
- Possibilities for directional cameras that can follow people who are speaking
- Suggestions for installing a large monitor on the wall behind the dais
- Clarification on the procurement process for this project
- Consideration related to paying for the project, including use of Council contingency funds; note that \$50,000 had been discussed for the project during budget development
- Suggestion to reduce costs by moving from seven to four monitors on the dais
- Suggestion to prioritize audio improvements and forego visual improvements
- Concern about wasted investments if the Council Chambers is comprehensively remodeled in the near future; suggestion that staff should gather more information on the potential cost to reorient the room layout
- Suggestion to provide a monitor to make it easier for presenters to see their slides
- Discussion related to the integration of audio and video processing
- Suggestion to look into the cost of rebuilding the dais itself

Following the discussion it was recognized that more information is needed. Staff agreed to gather additional choices for the Council's consideration including four dais monitors rather than seven, an option to make only audio improvements and not visual, and information related to reorienting the Council Chambers layout.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

5. Flavored Tobacco Follow Up

The City Manager asked whether the Council would like to add its support to the letter drafted by the City of Oregon City regarding a proposed county-wide ban on flavored tobacco sales. After discussing the matter, the Council indicated its general support for efforts to reduce access of minors to flavored tobacco, alongside the need to consider the impact on local businesses and the importance of giving voters an opportunity to express their desires. It was agreed that staff should draft a separate letter from the City of Sandy expressing these concurrent views.

Further City Manager Report items included:

- Update on ODOT ADA ramp construction night work
- Update on Energize Sandy grant progress at the former Paola's Pizza location
- Update on wastewater projects being completed to gain access to the conditionally-approved 190 ERUs; note that staff have begun working with Justin Green and Mike Eliason on intergovernmental relations related to wastewater
- Update on ongoing street paving projects

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President Hokanson

- Suggestion to consider repairing or rebuilding the Council dais

Councilor Hanley

- Reminder about the Dine Around Sandy fundraiser
- Reminder about CamoCon and the Trick or Treat Trail

Councilor Ramseyer

- Recap of the volunteer appreciation event
- Recap of the recent Transit Advisory Board meeting; note that there will be more Jolly Trolley rides during this next Winterfest
- Reminder of the great service provided by the Shopper Shuttle

Councilor Sheldon

- Recap of the most recent C-4 meeting regarding transportation needs
- Concern that ODOT is taking too long to complete the ADA ramp improvements; further details from staff on the challenges ODOT is experiencing with the project

Councilor Smallwood

(none)

Mayor Walker

- Thanks to Darren Wegener and Jil Williamson for attending the meeting
- Thanks and appreciation for the City's volunteers; details on the number of volunteer hours and equivalent labor value provided
- Recap of the recent Rip City Rally event
- Note of the recent meeting with Senator Drazan's staff and the upcoming meeting with Congresswoman Dexter
- Praise for the work beginning with Justin Green and Mike Eliason
- Praise for the Meinig Park improvement project work
- Note that planning is underway for a Kobyn McClure memorial
- Note of the upcoming Community Livability Task Force meeting
- Suggestion that staff should increase communications related to street paving work and ODOT ADA ramp work

STAFF UPDATES

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