

Application for Appointment to the Sandy City Council
Applications due: 4:00 p.m. September 25, 2024 at Sandy City Hall

Date: 9/5/2024

Name: Brandon Zawaski

Home Address: 15713 Jade Glen Ave

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

1. Are you a registered voter in the State of Oregon? Yes No

2. How long have you been a resident of Sandy?

(Applicant must have resided within Sandy city limits continuously for at least 12 months preceding the appointment; since at least October 21, 2023)

Month January Year 2018

3. Please list 3 personal or professional references who are not current City Council Members:

Name	Phone	Address
a. <u>Luke Reid</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u> Hillsboro, OR 97124
b. <u>Roger Thompson</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u> Portland, OR 97201
c. <u>Dave Gix</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u> Portland, OR 97236

4. INTEREST STATEMENT: Why are you interested in serving on the City Council?

I would like to join the city council to get more involved in my community, to serve in varying capacities and to contribute towards achieving the goals set forth by the council. Generally and without any bias I support the city's goals and that we have a long term vision for making and keeping Sandy a great place to work, play and thrive. I've seen how well the current council (including Carl who is leaving) listen to and take measured steps to address the concerns of Sandy's citizens. That has made me realize this is a great group and means for me to step up and contribute physically and mentally my talents towards the City of Sandy. I try to engage with other members of my community and think I would find serving on the council equally rewarding (for all.) I want to serve on the city council because I am excited about Sandy and where we are going as a community. There are not many places where families can say they let their kids play outside or that adults are able to take a quick drive and catch some fish-that is the heart of our community, a place where we thrive. And I plan to make sure we continue to thrive, be a looking at a municipal budget, putting an eye on infrastructure or even fielding feasibilities studies on things we are doing down the road. I don't mind picking up the phone or a shovel when I have to, it's all part of getting the job done.

5. SKILLS: What skills, interest, or experience do you possess that you believe would bring value to the City Council?

I like to draw out various viewpoints, figure out the key issues and focus in on what needs to be done by a group. I try to be realistic and respectful both with time and available resources. If I think I need to get a hold of an expert in a certain area I would start by asking around, if somebody has any referrals for other things that are sought after. Something that can be challenging in a group of people is that not everybody thinks, operates or even plans the same way. We come from different walks of life. I've had volunteer and professional experiences where I've found myself getting person A to talk to person B and that is 50% of the battle, to start the critical conversations. I have worked quite a bit with state and local agencies on various licenses/property tax related matters and other compliance tasks that I feel will translate directly into the types of projects the council works on regularly. As an accountant I am very cost and people conscious, everybody has an end goal in mind but being able to communicate both technical and financial information to our stakeholders (citizens) is key to ensuring we are meeting and exceeding targets.

6. EMPLOYMENT: Please describe your employment history, especially as it may relate to serving in this position.

I am an accountant by profession (not a licensed CPA or grad) but work in a sales/use/property tax department on return prep, audit work, compliance tasks and maintaining a calendar for our small tax department. I have been with Radius Recycling, Inc (formerly Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc) since June 2015. In that time I have not only done said functions above but have also been asked to help out the treasury department with tax payments and am a go-to person for direction, leadership, planning, feedback and execution to ensure the company meets it's goals both internally and externally. I also do bookkeeping for a church in Hillsboro Oregon, Way Church (assumed business name for Resound Church.) I helped plant the church in a movie theater in 2011 and we eventually bought two multi-million dollar pieces of real estate. Both Radius and Resound have undergone rebranding in the past year, like many others and have their own unique challenges to adapt to a changing business environment. I do not plan on leaving either position upon acceptance of this city council seat.

7. PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: Please list all previous experience relating to local, regional, or state government advisory boards, committees, or commissions.

Some volunteer work, none directly.

8. VISION: Please describe your vision for Sandy over the next 10, 20, 30 years. What are the most important opportunities our city needs to take advantage of?

2020's: sources of funding for parks, municipal maintenance, growth, public services and community resources for citizens to engage. We should also try and get a major employer to locate in Sandy (retail would be fine but high tech would be ideal to maintain a well trained local workforce.)

2030: develop more housing, industrial parks, community centers, provide jobs and opportunities for our growing community. Attract a college to build in Sandy to keep high school graduates in Sandy post K-12

2040: urban renewal of downtown Sandy, urban transformation of certain surrounding residential areas that may need improvement, making Sandy a central shipping hub for major carriers

2050: work with state of Oregon on major infrastructure projects such as a "Sandy by-pass" road similar to Dundee

9. CHALLENGES: What are the biggest challenges facing Sandy over the next few decades, and what are some of your ideas on how to address those challenges?

Transportation, education, affordable housing, water, quality of the community and environment, accountability for major projects, being able to attract and maintain educated working professionals.

10. COMMITMENT: Can you commit to attending all regular City Council meetings and special meetings (including Budget Committee) during your appointment (at least 2-3 evening meetings a month) or providing timely notice in the event of an occasional absence?

Yes

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that no compensation will be paid by the City in connection with the services described herein. But if appointed I may receive reimbursement for eligible expenses.

I authorize the City to contact the listed references and any other contacts as may be necessary through those contacts, I release from liability my references for anything they may say about me.

I affirm that I am a registered voter in the State of Oregon, and that I have lived within Sandy city limits continuously since at least October 21, 2023. I understand that should either of the above points be demonstrated to be untrue, my application will be rejected by the City.

I understand that I may be required to verify any information provided in this application and I specifically declare that the information provided herein is true and accurate and I have not withheld or misstated any information relative to this application.

I understand that any misrepresentation or omission, as well as any misleading statements or omissions in this application, and in any related attachments, may result in my being considered ineligible for the position to which I have applied.

By signing this application voluntarily, I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and requirements as listed herein. I also understand that upon signing, this document will become a public record, will be reviewed by the City Council, and provided to the general public as part of a regular City Council Agenda packet. I agree to make myself available to be interviewed by the City Council at the regular City Council meeting to be held on October 21, 2024.

Brandon Zawaski *Brandon Zamani*

Applicant Signature

9/5/2024

Date

Return this application to the City Recorder by 4:00 p.m. on September 25, 2024 via hand delivery to Sandy City Hall, 39250 Pioneer Blvd. Sandy OR, 97055. When you submit your application, please bring your state-issued photo ID.