



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 PM

The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f)

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Kathleen Walker
Councilor Chris Mayton
Councilor Rich Sheldon
Councilor Kristina Ramseyer
Councilor Lindy Hanley

ABSENT

Council President Don Hokanson
Councilor Laurie Smallwood

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

1. Police Officer Oath of Office: Jamil Kassab

The Mayor administered the oath of office to Officer Kassab, after which photos were taken.

2. Police Award: Community Member Ashton Rollins

The Police Chief presented the award to Mr. Rollins, after which photos were taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

Pamela Skellenger: expressed thanks on behalf of the Sandy Historical Museum for the recent award of SSCP funding; extended an invitation to their upcoming exhibit ribbon cutting.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

The City Manager stated that the trucking of wastewater, proposed at the previous meeting, would be infeasible. He also stated that staff are currently studying multiple solutions for addressing the parking and congestion concerns on Pleasant Street that were raised at the last meeting, and that a preferred solution is expected to be identified within the next several weeks.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. City Council Minutes: October 6, 2025
4. IGA Approval: Clackamas County and Sandy Transit FY26-FY27.
5. Letter of Support: 2025-27 Technical Assistance Grant for Economic Development
6. Community-Wide Event Declaration: Winterfest 2025

MOTION: Adopt the Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Mayton, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

7. Municipal Judge Retirement

Judge Karen Brisbin was present; the City Manager thanked her for her 30 years of service to the City as Sandy's Municipal Judge and presented a gift in recognition of her upcoming retirement. The City Council also expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Judge for her significant service to the community.

The Judge offered remarks and observations about her service to the City, the functions of the Municipal Court, disposition of citation revenue, and technological improvements that have been implemented during her tenure. With respect to what the City should look for in its next Municipal Judge, she emphasized the importance of consistency and neutrality, knowledge of the law and criminal defense, and a willingness to practice open communication with the Police Department including offering educational feedback to officers after trials. She also discussed where potential applicants might come from. In response to a Council question, she discussed the possible impact of instituting photo traffic enforcement measures.

The Council determined that Councilor Ramseyer would serve on an interview panel with staff members, along with either the Mayor or Council President Hokanson, depending on interest and availability. The full Council will perform interviews of the finalists designated by the interview panel during a public meeting.

MOTION: Approve the Municipal Judge recruitment process as outlined in the meeting packet, and authorize the City Manager to begin the process

Motion made by Councilor Mayton, Seconded by Councilor Ramseyer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Mayton, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

8. Resolution 2025-38: City Manager Grant Application Authority

The City Manager summarized the staff report in the meeting packet. The Council requested that the City Manager provide notification of grant applications to ensure the Council is aware of when they occur.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 2025-38

Motion made by Councilor Ramseyer, Seconded by Councilor Hanley.

Voting Yea: Mayor Walker, Councilor Mayton, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Ramseyer, Councilor Hanley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Reminder about the mobile library fundraiser at Mt. Pizza
- Reminder about the upcoming Halloween flashlight hunt
- Note of the new urban renewal investment program proposals being presented at the next Economic Development Advisory Board meeting
- Update on the Parks and Recreation Director recruitment

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Hanley

- Reminder about the mobile library fundraiser at Mt. Pizza
- Update on the efforts to coordinate Meinig Park improvements with partners including the Mt. Festival and Kiwanis
- Reminder of the Trick or Treat Trail
- Praise for Deer Pointe Park

Councilor Ramseyer

- Note of the upcoming Planning Commission meeting
- Recap of the recent Regional Water Providers Consortium meeting
- Praise for Deer Pointe Park

Councilor Sheldon

- Discussion related to the anticipated completion date for Deer Pointe Park

Councilor Mayton

- Recap of the recent water/wastewater oversight subcommittee meeting

Mayor Walker

- Note of recent conversation with the City Auditor
- Congratulations on the recent ORPA award for Base Camp
- Discussion of possibilities for a new advisory board focusing on history and heritage
- Summary of the outcomes of the recent County library task force, which will include amendments to the intergovernmental agreement to clarify funding parameters as well as an initiative to review the strategic framework of the district

Further discussion ensued on funding equity, the appropriateness of the current district governing structure, and future options for protecting local interests. Additional discussion covered other possible governance structures, the current funding formula, the need for more refined statistics on resident versus non-resident patronage, and the shared materials network.

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