



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

MINUTES

WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM

1. Clackamas County Homelessness Services

Adam Brown and Vahid Brown with Clackamas County Health, Housing, and Human Services (H3S) were present to share information on the County's efforts to address homelessness in the Sandy area; Nunpa with AntFarm was also present to participate in the discussion. The work session began with an overview of the programs and services provided and administered by H3S.

Council discussion centered around the following issues:

- The County's efforts to create a more comprehensive system to address homelessness compared to what existed previously, and the specific services being provided in Sandy itself
- Increased funding since 2020, which has created more capacity and freed-up other funds that can be directed toward rural areas of the county like Sandy
- Clarification that funding is being redirected to Sandy; people are not being moved to Sandy from other areas
- Intentions to create a geographically distributed system of care to avoid creating magnets, to ensure equitable sharing of impacts, and to promote adequate access to services
- Overview of services available for individuals facing eviction
- Recognition that data regarding homelessness in Sandy is limited, though it is thought the number of individuals is low
- Suggestion that prevention of homelessness is the most effective way to deal with the challenge
- Overview of the outreach program to reach those who are already living outdoors, which is very time and effort-intensive
- Overview of the shelter bed system
- Overview of the cold weather sheltering efforts that occurred during the winter of 2023-24, which involved temporarily housing individuals at the local Best Western
 - History and context of the program; intentions for it to serve as transition housing until more permanent housing could be identified for individuals
 - Concern about the lack of communication with the City

- Concern that people may have come to Sandy from other areas, and services are not available for them in Sandy
- Suggestion that regular patrolling of known camp sites is necessary
- Overview of the new County-funded position that can assist in responding to encampments
- Note that AntFarm staff are available to help address encampments
- Overview of the LoveOne organization
- Details on what would disqualify individuals from receiving support
- Information on tiny home villages being built elsewhere in the county
- Differentiations between individuals already camping in the woods and those at acute risk of becoming homeless
- Need for easier access to information on services and programs available
- Request for the County to address the long wait times at the Sandy Clinic
- Overview of the 24-hour Coordinated Housing Access phone line service
- Commitment to working closely with the City on an ongoing basis
- Thanks and praise for the County's efforts

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Stan Pulliam
Council President Laurie Smallwood
Councilor Chris Mayton
Councilor Kathleen Walker
Councilor Carl Exner
Councilor Don Hokanson

ABSENT

Councilor Rich Sheldon

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(none)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)

David Weatherall: Stated that an officer came to his home to look at his wife's car; stated that the officer said he is not the only rich guy we've ever put in jail; stated he recorded the interaction and reported it to the Chief; stated that wrongdoing was covered up; stated that a judge warned the Chief not to do it again; stated that the Chief said her subsequent city

manager contract protected her; stated that bully tactics were used within the police department

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS COMMENTS

(none)

CONSENT AGENDA

2. City Council Minutes: June 3, 2024
3. Contract Amendment: Veolia Water North America – West, LLC

MOTION: Adopt the consent agenda

Motion made by Councilor Walker, Seconded by Councilor Hokanson.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

PRESENTATIONS

4. Mt Hood Community College Presentation

Representatives from Mt Hood Community College were present to provide information on their proposed bond measure. Presentation slides were included in the agenda packet. Discussion points included the impact of COVID on enrollment, prospects for formation of a political action committee and consultant assistance, support for Mt Hood Community College and its mission, discussion on the accuracy of construction cost estimates, identification of proposed improvements not being included in the proposed package, and the assessed value of properties within the district.

ORDINANCES

5. PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2024-15: Authorizing Wastewater Revenue Bonds (WIFIA Loan Agreement)

Abstentions

(none)

Conflicts of Interest

(none)

Staff Report

The Public Works Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. It was noted that the City Manager had requested a review of whether WIFIA continues to be a financially advantageous option; the staff is confident it is.

Public Testimony

(none)

MOTION: Close the public hearing

Motion made by Councilor Hokanson, Seconded by Councilor Mayton.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Council Discussion

In response to a Council question, staff noted that the interest rate will lock on the date of closing; details were provided on the current rate. It was also noted that, similar to a line of credit, not all funds are required to be used.

MOTION: Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-15

Motion made by Councilor Exner, Seconded by Councilor Hokanson.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

MOTION: Approve the second reading of Ordinance 2024-15

Motion made by Councilor Mayton, Seconded by Councilor Exner.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

6. Purchase Authorization: Street Sweeper for Public Works Department

The Public Works Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. The rising costs of the existing sweeping contract were noted. Purchasing a sweeper and performing the service directly is expected to result in substantial savings in the Street Fund allowing potential additional staffing, which can be examined during the next budget process.

In response to Council questions, the following points were made:

- The expected life of the sweeper would be 12-15 years
- Owning and operating a City sweeper would allow increased responsiveness after storms and accidents
- It is important to ensure a replacement plan exists as the sweeper ages
- Concerns about potential sites for temporarily storing collected debris

MOTION: Authorize the City Manager to procure an Elgin RegenX street sweeper from Owen Equipment Company for the Public Works Department in an amount not to exceed \$330,000.

Motion made by Councilor Mayton, Seconded by Councilor Walker.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Acknowledgement of Sandy Trash Force volunteers
- Update on code enforcement actions
- Update on recent shoplifting enforcement operation
- Update on project to repair Police Department roof
- Note that Chief Huskey's first day is expected to be August 1st
- Recap of recent C-4 retreat
- Information on pedestrian safety experiment conducted by ODOT involving bollard placement within a crosswalk
- Potential for installing hillside seating at Cedar Park; a price estimate was received for \$110,000 and renderings were displayed for the Council. Discussion ensued on the following issues:
 - Concern about spending additional funds at the park; desire to stay within the project budget
 - Importance of ensuring that sledding remains possible
 - Concern about maintenance of the facility
 - Discussion of the project budget, savings from the demolition project, and other features the Council desires at the park
 - Discussion of the state of the Urban Renewal Fund
 - Importance of developing seating for events at the action sports park; suggestion to approve this funding now
 - Suggestion that seating could instead be installed later only if the budget allows
 - Acknowledgement that the Council does not have consensus on this matter; Councilor Sheldon should be consulted as well

COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Hokanson

- Reminder about the July 4th fireworks show
- Concerns about running red lights; suggestion to install radar speed signs and to practice proactive traffic enforcement
- Inquiry as to why all crosswalks on Hwy 26 are not painted
- Reminder of the need to name the new City parking lot
- Suggestion that public comment delivered earlier in the meeting necessitates staff follow-up
- Praise for the successful police chief recruitment process

Councilor Exner

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- Praise for vegetation management efforts
- Concern about the vacant lot across from the Arco station
- Suggestion to cut back vegetation from signs

Councilor Walker

- Note that the Library Advisory Board invited Commissioner West to the Hoodland Library; the outcome of the effort to secure County support for Hoodland's rent is still uncertain
- Concerns about pedestrian safety; more traffic enforcement and lower speeds on Hwy 211 are needed
- Emphasis on the need to practice proactive code enforcement; suggestion to allow homeless camps to be reported through the MySandy app

Council President Smallwood

- Reminder about the upcoming Longest Day Parkway event

Councilor Mayton

- Praise for the successful police chief recruitment process
- Note that the Planning Commission is working on proposed updates to the Temporary Use section of the Development Code
- Praise for the homelessness work session

Mayor Pulliam

- Praise for the successful police chief recruitment process
- Recap of the recent Mayor Monday interview
- Acknowledgement of the SandyNet Master Plan interview process currently underway
- Recap of the recent C-4 retreat; the Legislature is expected to focus on transportation during the upcoming session; observations on gas taxes

- Praise for the homelessness work session

STAFF UPDATES

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