



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

Council President Deb Ruehle called the special meeting of the Sandpoint City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, in Council chambers at City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Councilor Joel Aispuro
Councilor Deb Ruehle
Councilor Justin Dick
Councilor Kyle Schreiber
Councilor Pam Duquette
Councilor Rick Howarth

ABSENT

Mayor Jeremy Grimm

As required by the City's adopted Code of Ethics and Civility, as the presiding officer, Council President Ruehle identified law enforcement personnel serving as sergeant-at-arms for the meeting: Police Chief Corey Coon.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Ruehle led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opinion Release

1. Release of Third-Party Legal Opinion

Council President Ruehle announced that the special meeting was called at the request of Council members to consider a vote on the public release of the third-party legal opinion regarding the expiration of the City's legal services agreement with Lake City Law Group, PLLC, followed by discussion, with City Attorney Fonda Jovick and Council President Deb Ruehle fielding Council member questions.

Motion to release the third-party legal opinion.

Motion made by Councilor Aispuro, Seconded by Councilor Schreiber.

Voting Yea: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Dick, Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Duquette, Councilor Howarth, Councilor Aispuro

Executive Session

- 2. Motion to Convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent and Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss**

the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated as provided in Chapter 1 of Title 74, Idaho Code.

Motion made by Councilor Dick, Seconded by Councilor Aispuro.

Voting Yea: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Aispuro, Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Duquette, Councilor Howarth, Councilor Dick

Council President Ruehle asked everyone not participating in the session to exit the room and announced that the meeting recording would end.

3. The executive session was held pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 74-206(1)(b) and (f), as noted above.

Reconvene and Adjourn

Following conclusion of the executive session, the meeting was reconvened and immediately adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

I presided over this meeting and can confirm that the foregoing minutes, prepared by the Deputy City Clerk, were approved by City Council during their meeting held _____, 2025.

Deb Ruehle, Council President

Attest: Hayley Keys, Deputy City Clerk