

Public Hearings (*continued*)

13. Public Hearing/Decision: Proposed Amendments to Sandpoint City Code Title 9, Chapter 5, Off-Street Parking and Loading Facilities, and Title 9, Chapter 1, Definitions

Mayor Grimm introduced this item and provided a reminder regarding the public hearing procedure, with Ms. Jovick also providing instructions regarding this matter, where the public hearing would be held, but deliberation would be continued through to the next meeting, and an ordinance reflecting the final approved amendments brought to the Council at a future meeting.

Mr. Dean provided a presentation and, along with Mayor Grimm, Mr. Welker, and Ms. Jovick, fielded questions from the Council members.

Mayor Grimm then opened the public hearing. No one testified, and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Council voted to continue deliberation and a decision on this matter until their next regular meeting on August 20, 2025.

Motion made by Councilor Dick, Seconded by Councilor Aispuro.

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

Mayor Grimm recessed the meeting at 8:49 p.m. for a brief intermission, reconvening at 8:57 p.m.

Old/Unfinished Business

14. Budget: Council Review/Requests

Mayor Grimm introduced this item, and each Council member conveyed their priorities for the budget and potential requests for adjustments to specific line items as provided in the approved preliminary budget, followed by a variety of motions, discussion, and votes, as reflected below. The Mayor and City staff, including Ms. Ellis, Finance Director Sarah Lynds, and Central Services Director Cheryl Hughes, fielded questions from the Council members during this discussion.

Motion to reallocate \$40,000 from the proposed FY2026 budget set aside for improvements to rental property under General Government Projects to the proposed budget for the City of Sandpoint's portion of FY2026 funding for Selkirks-Pend Oreille Transit (SPOT Bus) under the SPOT Bus Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with neighboring jurisdictions.

Motion made by Councilor Dick, Seconded by Councilor Duquette.

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

Voting Nay: Councilor Aispuro, Councilor Howarth

Motion passed.

Motion to reallocate \$45,000 that had been proposed for new "Welcome to Sandpoint" signs to instead fund an efficiency study to assess the City's operations.

Motion made by Councilor Howarth, Seconded by Councilor Dick.

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

Voting Nay: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Duquette

Motion passed.

Motion to seek to reallocate funds currently set aside in the Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency (SURA) budget for the Great Northern Road project at \$1.5 million and the sidewalk project in the vicinity of Baldy Mountain Road and North Boyer Avenue at \$500,000 to a new project that would extend Baldy Mountain Road east to Highway 2 and include the Baldy/Boyer sidewalk project.

Motion made by Councilor Schreiber, Seconded by Councilor Duquette.

Voting Yea: Councilor Schreiber, Councilor Duquette

Voting Nay: Councilor Ruehle, Councilor Aispuro, Councilor Dick, Councilor Howarth

Motion failed.