



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2025 at 5:30 PM

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

Call to Order

Mayor Jeremy Grimm called the special meeting of the Sandpoint City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in Council chambers at City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Jeremy Grimm
Councilor Deb Ruehle, City Council President
Councilor Joel Aispuro
Councilor Justin Dick
Councilor Kyle Schreiber
Councilor Pam Duquette
Councilor Rick Howarth

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Grimm led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Workshop

Mayor Grimm explained that this special meeting had been called for the purpose of a workshop, requested by City Council, to review plans for the Cedar Street Reconstruction Project, noting that it was identified on the agenda as an action item for any recommendations or changes Council may request during the meeting.

Following the Mayor's introduction, Public Works Director Holly Ellis provided a presentation, followed by Council discussion and questions fielded by Mayor Grimm, Ms. Ellis, City Engineer Brandon Staglund, Police Chief Corey Coon, and Fire Chief Gavin Gilcrease. Council members sought changes to the proposed plans and concurred on the following features for this project:

- 10.5' travel lanes;
- 5' sidewalk on the north side of Cedar Street;
- 6-7' planter strip on the north side of Cedar Street;
- 7' planter strip on the south side of Cedar Street;
- 10' shared-use path on the south side of Cedar Street;
- Minimize, to the extent possible, removal of sidewalk on the south side of Cedar Street;
- Minimize, to the extent possible, removal of existing trees; and
- Determine the cost to save the established silver maple tree that exists in the 1600 block of Cedar Street.

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Staff recommended that, given all the changes, the plans should move back to the public review and engagement step and noted that it will most likely not be possible to undertake this project this construction season.

Adjourn

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Ward, City Clerk

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