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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Brooke Christensen, District 1
Alison Stroud, District 2
Kristin Coleman-Nicholl, District 3
Monica Zoltanski, District 4
Marci Houseman, At-large
Zach Robinson, At-large
Cyndi Sharkey, At-large

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

5:15 PM

City Hall & Online

City Council

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Work Session

5:15 Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Council Member Alison Stroud
Council Member Kristin Coleman-Nicholl
Council Member Zach Robinson
Council Member Monica Zoltanski
Council Member Marci Houseman
Council Member Cyndi Sharkey
Council Member Brooke Christensen

Council Staff:

Mike Applegarth, Executive Director
Dustin Fratto, Assistant Director
Liz Theriault, Policy & Communications Analyst
Tracy Cowdell, Council Attorney
Christine Edwards, Council Clerk

Administration:

Matt Huish, CAO
Lynn Pace, City Attorney
Bruce Cline, Fire Chief
Greg Severson, Police Chief
Dan Medina, Parks & Recreation Director
Tom Ward, Public Utilities Director
Mike Gladbach, Public Works Director
James Sorenson, Community Development Director
Brian Kelley, Finance Director
Nick Duerksen, Economic Development Director
Wendy Downs, City Recorder

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Council Chair Cyndi Sharkey welcomed those in attendance.

Mike Applegarth, Council Executive Director offered the prayer.
Council Member Marci Houseman led the Pledge.

Work Session Items

1. [21-278](#) Election of City Council Chair and Vice Chair for a term beginning on July 14, 2021 and ending immediately after the first Council meeting of January 2022.

The Council held elections for a new Chair and Vice Chair. Council Member Alison Stroud was elected as the new Council Chair. Council Member Cyndi Sharkey was elected as the new Vice Chair. Council Chair Stroud presided over the rest of the City Council meeting.

2. [21-276](#) First Reading: Council Member Houseman presenting information about community connectedness as mental health protective factor and requesting discussion of ways Sandy City can foster a more connected community.

Sponsors: Houseman

Attachments: [Memo Connectedness in our Community A Mental Health Protective Factor Presentation Connectedness in our Community.pdf](#)

Council Member Marci Houseman presented this item and provided information on mental health during the Covid pandemic, which was the focus of the April Healthy Sandy Steering Committee meeting. Her presentation included statistics on suicide, risk factors and the protective factors that contribute to mental wellness. She focused her discussion on how social connectedness and support are key protective factors that can help buffer the effects of risk factors associated with suicide. Ms. Houseman reviewed the results from the Sandy Well Being survey which found that 73% of the respondents indicated that "social connections" are important/very important to their overall personal well being and she provided a comparison of how other cities are ranked in community connectedness. Ms. Houseman asked the Council for feedback and for their thoughts related to improving the community connectedness in Sandy. The discussion included the need for a plan, the role of the CDBG committee, neighborhood service projects, community education and support resources, supporting the LGBTQ community and enhancing existing city community programs. Council Member Houseman thanked the Council for their insight and encouraged the community to visit the Healthy Sandy website, which is a great resource, for more information.

Council recessed at 5:58 pm for two minutes.

Council reconvened and moved to Time Certain Items and heard General Citizen Comments.

3. [21-277](#) First Reading: Council Member Sharkey proposing that the Council consider the issue of Candidate Financial Disclosures and decide the matter in advance of candidate filing for the upcoming election.

Sponsors: Sharkey

Attachments: [Memorandum.pdf](#)

Council Member Sharkey introduced this item to discuss and determine if any changes need to be made to the filing due dates for candidate financial disclosures. Sandy City voted to participate in the Ranked Choice Voting pilot program for the 2021 municipal election which eliminates the need for a primary election and moves the candidate filing period to August 10 - 17, 2021. Ms. Sharkey reviewed legal analysis and opinions from Stan Lockhart of Utah Ranked Choice Voting and Lynn Pace, Sandy City Attorney. She reviewed analysis gathered by the office staff regarding other municipalities. Currently, Sandy City requires two financial disclosure filings prior to the election and one filing after the election. In conclusion, Ms. Sharkey stated that the data, opinions and analysis presented suggest no reason to change the city law regarding financial disclosure filing due dates. A procedural motion was made by Ms. Sharkey following the presentation.

A procedural motion was made by Cyndi Sharkey, seconded by Alison Stroud to leave financial disclosure requirements status quo and not to bring this item back for a second reading.

A lengthy Council discussion followed. The discussion included state filing requirements, the need to provide more information to residents, whether changes need to be made for this year, the burden on candidates to file additional disclosures and transparency. Wendy Downs, City Recorder, reviewed the process her office uses to notify candidates of filing due dates and responded to Council questions. Council Members expressed whether they were in support of the motion.

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Kris Nicholl to call to question to end the discussion on the motion... The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 6 - Alison Stroud
Kristin Coleman-Nicholl
Zach Robinson
Monica Zoltanski
Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey**

No: 1 - Brooke Christensen

A roll call vote was immediately taken on the motion on the floor:

A procedural motion was made by Cyndi Sharkey, seconded by Alison Stroud to leave financial disclosure requirements status quo and not to bring this item back for a second reading....The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 4 - Alison Stoud
Kristin Coleman-Nicholl
Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey**

No: 3 - Brooke Christensen
Zach Robinson
Monica Zoltanski

4. [21-279](#) City Attorney and the Parks and Recreation Department recommending the Council review, discuss, and provide feedback on a draft interlocal agreement with the Alta Canyon Special Service District for the operation of Alta Canyon Sports Center.

Attachments: [Alta Canyon Recreation District - ILA Delivery of Limited Support Services-July 8 2021b CLEAN](#)

Lynn Pace City Attorney, reviewed the long-standing relationship between Sandy City and the Alta Canyon Special Services District(ACSSD). The interlocal agreement between the two entities expired in 2013. Mr. Pace is recommending that the Council consider memorializing the current practice between the two entities with a new interlocal agreement and formalize the agreement between Sandy City and ACSSD. Included in the Council packet is a draft ILA for Council review and consideration. Mr. Pace reviewed the agreement with the Council. He also discussed the need for the Council to address necessary changes to the current structural arrangement prior to considering any major capital improvements to the recreation center. Council questions and feedback followed. Mr. Cowdell, Council Attorney, recommended the Council think about the future of the governance of the ACSSD.

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Mike Applegarth had no report.

Council Member Business

Council Member Christensen thanked Administration, Public Works, Public Utilities, Community Development and Parks for their quick response and help with the clean up effort in Historic Sandy. The neighbors have noticed and appreciate the efforts - thank you.

Council Member Robinson asked when the Alta Canyon survey results would be available. Mr. Huish mentioned the survey closes on July 22nd. He also asked for more information on where the scooters are allowed in the city. Mr. Huish provided information and suggested the Council receive a presentation from the scooter company representatives.

Council Member Zoltanski mentioned the UDOT meeting regarding the canyons transportation plan taking place this evening and she encouraged Sandy residents to go on to the UDOT website, learn about the transportation alternatives under consideration, and provide feedback to UDOT. This is a huge infrastructure project funded by the taxpayers and she urged residents to weigh in and provide feedback to UDOT. Ms. Zoltanski extended her sympathies to the family of Masako Kenley and extended her appreciation to the police for their prompt work in this case. She also thanked the community for their help. She asked for an information dashboard to be added to the Sandy City website to communicate to the residents regarding the city's water conservation efforts.

Council Member Houseman finds the information on the city website regarding water conservation efforts very helpful and useful. UDOT has fact briefs on their website which provides information on the canyons transportation alternatives under consideration and she encouraged the community to provide feedback to UDOT during the comment period. She acknowledged Chief Cline, Chief Severson and Dan Medina for their responsiveness to the community and thanked them for their efforts.

Council Member Sharkey provided an update from the Utah League of Cities and Towns and spoke about some upcoming legislative issues: affordable housing, the need for housing and water related issues. She spoke about a presentation on the growth of Utah and the current economic climate which helps stimulate growth. In response to many residents' inquiries about the Mayor's race, Ms. Sharkey offered some comments. When choosing an elected official, she encouraged residents to prioritize character and choose the people who you believe are in it for public service, not public attention and who want to create a better Sandy. Please call her if you need more information.

Mayor's Report

Not present

CAO Report

Matt Huish, CAO, mentioned that a movie is being filmed in Dimple Dell Park. The following communications campaign have been sent out: Little Cottonwood Canyons EIS, Ranked Choice Voting, and the current drought conditions. There is a current survey out regarding Alta Canyon Recreation Center. The pickleball courts at Flat Iron Park are open and he thanked Dan Medina and the Parks staff for their help with the Independence Day celebration event.

Chief Cline provided information related to the current year's fireworks response. He reviewed the number of fireworks related calls received, provided details on the use of fireworks in restricted areas and the fires resulting from fireworks. There were no house fires or large losses this year. There will be extra staffing on the July 24th holiday. No citations were issued. Council questions and comments followed.

Chief Severson provided details to the Council on his department's response to recent criminal activities. He spoke about the incredible effort and support from the community that his department received. He spoke about the Masako Kenley investigation and said it was a display of the dedication to this community from our police department who went the extra mile. It was an all hands on deck response and he spoke about the expertise, experience and training of the officers in the Sandy Police Department. He is proud of his officers and the community.

After 6:00 Time Certain Items

5. [21-280](#) General Citizen Comments

Attachments: [Click here to eComment on this item](#)

Mr. John Winder, former Sandy City Council Member, spoke about the Community Action Team (CAT) and the Community Coordinators programs and asked if the City Council members supported bringing back those programs.

Mr. Steve VanMaren commented on the proposed schedule for financial disclosures. He thinks the disclosure due dates should start earlier, within a week of filing for candidacy, and be due monthly thereafter. He thinks this will allow residents to see the community support of the various candidates running for election.

Mr. Jim Edwards congratulated Council Member Stroud on her election as Council Chair. He believes that the different election this year requires different rules for financial disclosures filing due dates and thinks the first financial disclosure due date should be one week after filing for candidacy. He thinks the financial disclosure due dates should occur before the mail in ballots are available.

Mr. Aaron DeKeyser encouraged transparency and was in support of improved financial disclosure requirements. Since the fall election changed to Ranked Choice Voting, Mr. DeKeyser felt it was important to change the financial disclosure due dates and that it would be irresponsible not to make any changes. He thought there was confusion in the community about RCV and expressed support for the first financial disclosure due date to occur two weeks after filing for candidacy. He also believe that occupation information should be included on disclosure forms. He discussed special interests influence on local elections and the need to prioritize early access to as much voting information as possible.

Council moved to Item 3 on the Agenda.

Adjournment

Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.