



Sandy City, Utah

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Ryan Mecham, District 1
Alison Stroud, District 2
Zach Robinson, District 3
Marci Houseman, District 4
Aaron Dekeyzer, At-large
Brooke D'Sousa, At-large
Cyndi Sharkey, At-large

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

5:15 PM

City Hall & Online

5:15 Council Meeting

Present: 6 - Council Member Alison Stroud
Council Member Zach Robinson
Council Member Cyndi Sharkey
Council Member Ryan Mecham
Council Member Brooke D'Sousa
Council Member Aaron Dekeyzer

Excused: 1 - Council Member Marci Houseman

Council Staff in Attendance:
Dustin Fratto, Council Director
Christine Edwards, Council Clerk
Liz Theriault, Policy & Comms Analyst
Tracy Cowdell, Council Attorney

Administration in Attendance:
Mayor Monica Zoltanski
Shane Pace, CAO
Lynn Pace, City Attorney
Ryan McConaghie, Fire
Greg Severson, Police
Tom Ward, Public Utilities
Dan Medina, Parks & Recreation
Mike Gladbach, Public Works
James Sorensen, Community Development
Brian Kelley, Administrative Services
Kasey Dunlavy, Economic Development
Kim Bell, Deputy Mayor
Martin Jensen, Deputy CAO
Susan Wood, PIO
Barb Smith, Communications
Ryan Kump, Public Works
Zach Whalen, Finance

Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Introductions

Council Chair Ryan Mecham welcomed those in attendance.

Shane Pace, CAO, offered the Prayer.

Council Member Zach Robinson led the Pledge.

Council moved to Item 1 on the Agenda.

General Citizen Comment Period (No earlier than 6:00 PM)

Council Chair Ryan Mecham invited the public to participate in General Citizen Comment.

Ms. Pat Jones commented on the proposal for Alta Canyon Recreation Center. She spoke about the results from the prior surveys which showed a lack of support for a new recreation center. She implored the Council to consider and respect the survey results.

Ms. Cathy Spuck expressed concerns about a new recreation center. She spoke about the survey results and the subsidy supporting ACRC. She thinks the funds could be directed to meet higher priority needs in the city. She also mentioned that the Parks and Rec staff do need different office space.

Mr. Kimball High is currently a resident of a county island. He appreciated the responses he received from the Council regarding annexation questions. He recently attended an open house in Cottonwood Heights regarding annexation and he would like to see Sandy City hold a similar event. He is interested in learning more about the city.

Public comment closed.

Council convened a recess at 6:48 pm and reconvened at 6:56 pm.

Following the recess, Council moved to Item 4 on the Agenda.

Council Business

Special Recognition

1. 24-197 Adoption of a resolution recognizing Mike Gladbach for his dedicated service as the Sandy City Public Works Director

In a joint Proclamation, the Mayor and Council recognized and acknowledged Mike Gladbach our Public Works Director for his service and dedication to Sandy City. He is retiring after 21 years of service to the city. Mr. Gladbach shared remarks and reflected on his service with the City. Council thanked Mr. Gladbach for his service and commitment to his employees and our residents.

Informational Items

2. 24-194 City Council interviewing Ryan Kump to serve as the Sandy City Public Works Director

Attachments: Memorandum.pdf
 Resolution 24-20C.pdf
 PW Director Job Description.pdf

Mayor Zoltanski introduced Ryan Kump as her nominee to the position of Public Works Director. Mr. Kump is currently the City Engineer. She is requesting advice and consent from the Council on Mr. Kump's appointment to the Director of Public Works. Mr. Kump shared with the Council about his background and commitment to the City and the Public Works Department. Council questions followed. Council will consider advice and consent of Mr. Kump's nomination at next week's Council meeting.

3. 24-200 Administration Reporting on the planning and outlook for annexations relating to H.B. 330

Attachments: Presentation

Kim Bell, Deputy CAO, provided an overview of the impact of House Bill 330. This bill provides for unincorporated islands within a county of the first class to be automatically annexed to an adjoining municipality.

James Sorensen and Brian McCuiston, Community Development, presented information on the Annexation Process and background information of recent annexations into Sandy City. They showed a map showing the unincorporated areas adjacent to Sandy and provided detailed information regarding the annexation process as follows: Submittal of Consent Forms, Annexation Committee Discussion, Plat and Legal Description, Resolution of Intent to Annex, Recorder Notices, Planning Commission Recommendation to the Council, City Council (Public Hearing), Ordinance Executed, Lt. Governor Returns Signed Certification, City Recorder records annexation and plat. Council questions followed. As a result of HB 330, residents of county islands have three years to annex into a municipality.

Barb Smith, Communications Director, spoke about the communication plan to educate residents of these county islands about the option of annexing into Sandy City. The Communications team launched a new website in March that includes an FAQ page and a calculator tool. Postcards will be sent out to all impacted residents providing the benefits of annexing into Sandy and invites the residents to the June 10th Town Hall event. On June 10th, the City will hold a Town Hall event for residents of county islands to learn more about the benefits of annexing into Sandy. Outreach will also include messaging through social media and SandyNow! chatbot.

Zach Whalen, Finance, provided an overview of the calculator tool. The Annexation Cost Calculator and Cost Comparison Tool allows impacted residents to estimate cost savings resulting from annexing into Sandy City.

Shane Pace, CAO, provided details of the county islands adjacent to Sandy City: Granite area, Sandy Hills area, and other county islands. The Granite Community Council is considering whether to incorporate as a city or annex into Sandy City. He presented maps of the county island areas that are adjacent to Sandy. Mr. Pace reviewed the plans for the upcoming Town Hall event on June 10th.

Mayor Zoltanski spoke about the opportunity for all of these county islands to annex into Sandy City. The city would welcome these areas into the city and invited all to attend the Town Hall event on June 10th at City Hall at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Council thanked staff for their presentation.

Council moved to General Citizen Comment.

4. 24-198 Police, Fire, Administrative Services, and Public Works Departments presenting an overview of their FY 2024-25 tentative department budgets.

Attachments: May 28 Department Budget Presentations

Department Budget Presentations:

Police Chief Severson reviewed the accomplishments and awards of the Sandy Police Department over the last year. The Police Department is fully staffed. Crime rates are at a 10 year low. Chief Severson reviewed his department's budget requests and priorities: fleet replacement at a cost of \$800,000 and funding in the amount of \$7,500 for an additional crossing guard. Challenges for the department include the following: staffing shortage in the Animal Services department, additional police officer FTE's in response to potential annexations, fleet rotation, inflationary adjustments, and limited workspace area. He reviewed internal department savings achieved through purchasing more affordable vehicles, grants, training, use of volunteers, and K-9 replacement. Volunteers provided thousands of hours of service to the police department through the VIPS and Explorers programs. Our training coordinator brings in trainings to Sandy that brings in participants from all around the world and provides an economic impact to our city in addition to complimentary spots at the trainings for staff. Council questions followed.

Ryan McCoughie, Fire Dept Interim Chief, expressed gratitude for the ongoing support from Administration and Council. He reviewed department milestones: Station 31 rebuild, fleet replacement, and salary adjustments. All of this has significantly improved department recruitment and retention. Chief McCoughie reviewed department savings resulting from in-house training, inventory management, and radio upgrades. He reviewed FY25 budget requests that were forwarded by the budget committee as well as those requests that were not approved by the budget committee. Council questions followed.

Brian Kelly, Administrative Services Director, presented the department budget requests for FY 2025. He reviewed department savings and efficiencies. Budget requests included the following: funding for HR records digitization, capital projects, Information Technology upgrades and increased costs associated with the maintenance of city facilities. Council questions followed. He also reviewed department accomplishments and awards over the past year.

Mike Gladbach, Public Works, introduced staff and reviewed department budget priorities for fiscal year 2025: employee compensation, fleet replacement, and street reconstruction. Ryan Kump reviewed the capital projects budget requests: street reconstruction, hazardous concrete, sidewalk and curb/gutter expansion, pedestrian improvements, other capital projects around the city, and increased fees associated with waste collection. Council questions followed.

5. 24-199 Council Member Robinson requesting an update from the Administration on their proposed plan for the Alta Canyon Sports Center

Attachments: Alta Canyon Council Update.pdf

Council Member Robinson introduced the item and requested a presentation from the Parks and Recreation department regarding the Next steps for the recreation center. Dan Medina and Martin Jensen provided an overview and background on the proposed process and direction of Alta Canyon Recreation Center.

Martin Jensen, Deputy CAO, provided an overview of the Alta Canyon Recreation Center. He spoke about the center and the shared goals of maintaining the outdoor pool, the beautiful natural views, the focus on a community center, and building a fiscally sound and responsible recreation center. Dan Medina, Parks Director reviewed prior directions received from the Council in 2022 and 2023 which included setting aside \$3 million dollars for a design and Council in 2023 to rebuild the center as proposed in Option D of the AECOM study with a cost not to exceed \$40 million. The proposed plan presented this evening includes a plan to move forward with a phased approach to the construction of a new center.

Martin Jensen provided an overview of what a modular phased approach to building new recreation centers. Holladay Lions Recreation Center, Draper Recreation Center are two examples of centers that were built using a phased approach. In order to be eligible for TRCC, ZAP 4 and other grant funding, the city must have a solid Phase 1 design. Mr. Jensen also provided a tentative timeline with a projected completion date for Phase 1 of the center to be completed by summer of 2026. Council questions and discussion followed.

Council Member Robinson reviewed additional components that the Council needed to consider such as the taxing district and the amenities to be included in the center. He asked for feedback and discussion.

Discussion included the following: moving the building towards the road for greater visibility, the sale of adjacent parcels, a center that focuses on generating paid memberships to fiscally sustain the center for the long-term, amenities, and a focus on front loading the center to generate funding through memberships and use. Administration weighed in regarding the potential sale of the adjacent property and the city's recommendation to hold on to the property for now. Following a lengthy Council discussion, the Council made a motion in support moving forward with the concept plan for Alta Canyon Recreation Center.

Following the vote on the motion, Council moved to the Consent Calendar.

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Brooke D'Sousa, expressing support to the Administration for moving forward with the phased approach as presented this evening for the design of Alta Canyon Recreation Center...The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Alison Stroud
Zach Robinson
Cyndi Sharkey
Ryan Mecham
Brooke D'Sousa
Aaron Dekeyzer

Excused: 1 - Marci Houseman

6. 24-193 City Council Office recommending the Council extend its Council Legal Services Agreement with Cowdell Law for an additional year

Attachments: Proposed Amendment 2 Draft.pdf

Cowdell Law Legal Services Agreement with Amendment 1.pdf

Dustin Fratto presented the renewal for the Council Attorney Legal Services Agreement with Cowdell Law Firm to the Council for their consideration. He reviewed the many projects the Council Attorney has worked on in the past year and the invaluable assistance received by Mr. Cowdell. The City Attorney will review the agreement which will come back to the Council next week for consideration and action.

Council moved to Standing Reports.

Consent Calendar

Following the vote on the Consent Calendar, Council moved to Item 6 on the Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Alison Stroud, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

7. 24-196 Noal Bateman Committee requesting Council consideration of a Resolution both honoring the Award and establishing the City Council as the body overseeing the Award Program.

Attachments: Resolution 24-19C.pdf

Item adopted.

Council Voting Items

8. 24-195 Possible Closed Session: character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

No closed session was convened.

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Dustin Fratto, Council Director mentioned that the final budget presentations will occur at the June 4th meeting. He updated the Council on additional agenda items.

Council Member Business

Council Member Mecham provided updates from the South Valley Chamber board meeting. Discussions included the new NHL facility proposed for Sandy City.

Council Member Stroud provided an update from the Historic Committee.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Zoltanski thanked the community for holding Memorial Day celebrations which included a neighborhood watch and a breakfast at Falcon Park. She recognized the many that have service our country with honor and bravery. She attended an event held by Memorial Lakes Cemetery that paid a tribute to our fallen soldiers. She provided an update from the nationwide retail conference she attended with our Economic Development Department staff and the Deputy Mayor. She toured the Golden Knights hockey facility in Summerland, NV. She congratulated the Sandy Arts Guild and the Sandy Amphitheater for being awarded the Best of State. Tomorrow is the grand opening of the Barnes and Nobel new store - all are invited.

CAO Report

Shane Pace, CAO, invited the Council to attend the June 13th Badge Pinning ceremony of the Fire Department staff.

Chief Severson, Police, spoke about the recent homicide that occurred at the MVP shelter over the weekend. This is an ongoing investigation. He offered condolences to the victim's family. He acknowledged the responsiveness of his police officers and mentioned how proud he was of them.

Adjournment

Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 pm.