



# 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*

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Tuesday, August 13, 2024

5:15 PM

City Hall & Online

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### 5:15 Council Meeting

**Present:** 7 - Council Member Alison Stroud  
Council Member Zach Robinson  
Council Member Marci Houseman  
Council Member Cyndi Sharkey  
Council Member Ryan Mecham  
Council Member Brooke D'Sousa  
Council Member Aaron Dekeyzer

Council Staff in Attendance:  
Dustin Fratto, Council Director  
Justin Sorenson, Assistant Director  
Christine Edwards, Council Clerk  
Liz Theriault, Sr. Policy and Comms Analyst

Administration in Attendance:  
Shane Pace, CAO  
Lynn Pace, City Attorney  
Mike Bullock, Fire  
Greg Severson, Police  
Tom Ward, Public Utilities  
James Sorensen, Community Development  
Brian Kelley, Administrative Services  
Jetta Marrott, Parks & Recreation  
Kasey Dunlavy, Economic Development  
Kim Bell, Deputy Mayor  
Martin Jensen, Deputy CAO

## Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Introductions

Council Chair Zach Robinson welcomed those in attendance.

Council Member Ryan Mecham offered the Prayer.

Kim Bell, Deputy Mayor, led the Pledge.

Council moved to Item 1 on the Agenda.

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

Council Chair Zach Robinson invited the public to participate in General Citizen Comment.

Public comment opened:

Mr. Tanner Gillman spoke about the code violations incurred by the occupants at the Short Term Rental that is next door to his home and requested better enforcement.

Public comment closed.

Council moved to Item 5 on the agenda.

## Council Business

### Informational Items

1. [24-285](#) Finance Department updating the Council on funding for Alta Canyon Sports Center air conditioning outage  
  
Brian Kelley, Administrative Services Director, spoke about the costs associated with installation of a temporary air conditioning unit at Alta Canyon Sports Center. He proposed a funding source to cover the \$35,000 cost of the unit.

### Consent Calendar

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

2. [24-278](#) Approval of the July 16, 2024 Draft Minutes

**Attachments:** [July 16, 2024 Draft Minutes](#)

**Item approved.**

3. [24-284](#) Approval of the July 23, 2024 Draft Minutes

**Attachments:** [July 23, 2024 Draft Minutes](#)

**Item approved.**

Council Voting Items

4. [24-280](#) Second Reading: Council Member Dekeyzer recommending that the City participate in the Community Renewable Energy Program

**Sponsors:** Dekeyzer

**Attachments:** [Dekeyzer Memorandum Community Renewable Energy Program Final](#)  
[Exhibit A May 21, 2024 Presentation](#)  
[Exhibit B Interlocal Cooperation Agreement](#)  
[Exhibit C Executed Prospective Party Application](#)  
[Exhibit D Utility Agreement URC](#)  
[Exhibit E Draft Resolution 24-36C](#)  
[CREP Resolution 24-05 \(signed\)](#)  
[Community Renewable Energy Act](#)

Second Reading: Council Member Aaron Dekeyzer sponsored this item and spoke to the Council about the Utah Renewable Communities. In this second reading, Council Member Dekeyzer asked the Council to formally consider moving forward with participation in the program, prior to the August 31, 2024 deadline.

The Utah Renewable Communities is a coalition of cities, counties, and other municipalities that are pioneering renewable energy solutions in Utah. In April 2019, the Utah Legislature passed the Community Renewable Energy Act. Currently, there are eighteen communities participating in the program. In 2024 the Utah Legislature opted to re-open the program allowing additional municipalities to join the coalition. The intention of the program is to launch a default net-100% renewable electricity option for customers of Rocky Mountain Power in the communities that have opted to participate. Mr. Dekeyzer reviewed the action timeline for the application and participating in the program. He requested Council feedback and consideration of his proposal and adoption of Resolution 24-36C.

A lengthy Council discussion, comments, and questions followed. Discussion included the costs of the program and the financial impact to residents, the program goals, the projected time frame for the program to be fully operational, the relatively short timeline for residents to "opt out" of the program, and the small number of participating communities. There are only 18 communities participating in the program out of a total of 283 communities state-wide. Shane Pace, CAO, spoke on behalf of the Mayor and expressed the Mayor's support of the program.

Public comment opened:

Mr. David Ryser is a retired physician and expressed support for the program. He hopes Sandy City will participate in the program.

Ms. Julie Morgan expressed support of the program. Utah does not have the choice to ignore air quality. We need to begin the process of change.

Mr. David Follawd is a retired physician. Air pollution is a major trigger of asthma. Every action matters. Every year matters. Every choice matters. He spoke in favor of the proposal.

Mr. Andrew Watt spoke about his love of the outdoors and doing his part to make a difference. He shared that he had asthma and thinks this program will help improve the air quality in Utah. He express support of the proposal. We have to start somewhere.

Mr. Marc Peterson retired from General Electric. He spoke about his experience with renewables and spoke about costs associated with coal plants. He asked the Council to look at this proposal from a cost perspective.

Ms. Pat Jones applauded Council Member Sharkey for her prior comments. Fees always go up and she spoke about the financial impact to residents on a fixed income as a result of rising fees. She asked the Council to wait and see how the program proceeds. She is not supportive of the program.

Mr. Mike Shackelford expressed support for Sandy to participate in this program. He has solar panels at his home and just recently purchased an EV car. Residents want this program and these programs are needed. He felt this was a good program and he asked the Council to match the financial commitment made by Cottonwood Heights.

Mr. Steve Wise has been a resident for 33 years. He has solar panels. He thinks it is an overreach for cities to ask their citizens to give money to Rocky Mountain Power to go green. Residents should not be made to pay a company to go green.

Ms. Dawn Bates said she believed in clean air and the freedom to choose. Please make it a choice.

Mr. Dave Egelund is against this proposal. There is too much unknown. He was not willing to join because others are joining the program. There are too many questions and unknowns at this time.

Ms. Sara Kenney lives in Lehi. She is a member of Sierra Club and expressed support for the program. It makes sense and will impact people all over the state.

Mr. Craig Ulrich appreciated both the pros and cons. He is in favor of renewable energy but this program is not the path to get there. There are too many unknowns and too many paths to failure. We live in a natural bowl and Rocky Mountain Power cannot guarantee that we will end up with clean air. He was not supportive of this resolution.

Public comment closed.

A lengthy Council discussion continued. Many Council Members expressed appreciation to Council Member Dekeyzer for bringing forth this proposal but also expressed their concerns about the city's participation in the program. A motion was made to adopt Resolution 24-36. Motion on the discussion followed. Council spoke about how little had been accomplished in the last five years since this program had been implemented and waiting until the program had a more defined outlook. Lynn Pace, City Attorney, spoke about the program funds and the legal requirement involved with this program and expressed confidence that the law will be followed and the funds would be used as required by law. Many on the Council felt that not enough progress had been made in the past five years and that there was no track record. Many were not in favor of participation in the program. Council Member Robinson spoke in favor of the program and thought it was a good step moving forward but could appreciate both sides of the issue and the robust conversation this evening.

Following the vote on the motion, Council moved to General Citizen Comment.

**A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Aaron Dekeyzer, to adopt Resolution 24-36C.. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Zach Robinson  
Aaron Dekeyzer

**No:** 5 - Alison Stroud  
Marci Houseman  
Cyndi Sharkey  
Ryan Mecham  
Brooke D'Sousa

**5. [24-279](#)** Second Reading: Council Member Robinson recommending amendments to the City Ordinance on Short Term Rentals

**Sponsors:** Robinson

**Attachments:** [Memo.Short-Term Rentals Amendments](#)

[Full Redline - Sandy Municipal Code 21-11-26](#)

[Short Term Rental Amendments.Sandy Municipal Code 21-11-26](#)

Second Reading: Council Member Zach Robinson presented to the Council proposed changes to the Short Term Rentals ordinance (STR's). The included revisions are based on feedback received from the Council and with staff. He asked the Council for their feedback and support in moving the proposed amendments forward through the process. Council questions, feedback, and comments followed.

Public comment opened:

Mr. Tanner Gillman lives next door to an STR. He expressed support for the Council to pass an ordinance that is enforceable. Residents need some recourse. St. George is a good reference. This needs to be addressed.

Public comment closed.

Following the vote on the motion, Council convened a recess at 7:49 pm and reconvened at 7:58 pm.

Council moved to Item 6 on the agenda.

**A motion was made by Aaron Dekeyzer, seconded by Ryan Mecham directing staff to review and then move the attached proposed amendments to the Short Term Rental Ordinance through the standard Land Development Code amendment process... The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Alison Stroud  
Zach Robinson  
Marci Houseman  
Cyndi Sharkey  
Ryan Mecham  
Brooke D'Sousa  
Aaron Dekeyzer

6. [24-281](#) Second Reading: Council Member Dekeyzer recommending the adoption of a Council Policy governing Council Member Committee Assignments

**Attachments:** [Dekeyzer Memorandum Committee Assignments](#)  
[Resolution 24-35C](#)  
[Exhibit A Committee Assignments Draft 3.0 Clean](#)  
[Committee Assignments Draft 3.0 Redline](#)

Second Reading: Council Member Dekeyzer presented Resolution 24-35C, a resolution adopting a council policy regarding committee assignments. The goal of the proposed policy is to address the timing of certain appointments and create a new procedure in the event of any stalemates involving council committee assignments. He reviewed the proposed changes with the Council. A lengthy Council discussion followed. Council members expressed concerns with the varying timeline for service on certain committees and using a coin toss to end a stalemate. There was discussion that this felt like a personal grievance and that the proposal was unnecessarily complicated. Other Council Members expressed support for the proposal.

Public comment opened.  
Public comment closed.

A motion was made by Ryan Mecham seconded by Aaron Dekeyzer to adopt Resolution 24-35C. Council discussion on the motion continued. Some council members were not supportive of changing the timing of service for the LPC committee. Council Member Stroud offered a friendly amendment to keep all the committee assignments service from January to December. Ryan Mecham accepted the friendly amendment. Aaron Dekeyzer did not accept the friendly amendment. The motion with the friendly amendment failed to get a second so the motion failed. A new motion was made to table the item.

**A motion was made by Ryan Mecham, seconded by Aaron Dekeyzer to table the item...The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Alison Stroud  
Zach Robinson  
Ryan Mecham  
Aaron Dekeyzer

**No:** 3 - Marci Houseman  
Cyndi Sharkey  
Brooke D'Sousa

## Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Dustin Fratto, Council Director: The nominations for the Noal Bateman award are due this Friday. Please reach out to the council office with any questions. I will send out the planning calendar. There is no agenda planning tomorrow.

## Council Member Business

Council Member Marci Houseman expressed her appreciation to Police for organizing the Night Out Against Crime event and acknowledged the Administration for giving out hostess gifts.

Council Member Ryan Mecham thought the Night Out Against Crime was a wonderful event and he thanked Police for organizing the event.

Council Member Zach Robinson spoke about the groundbreaking event for the new hockey ice arena. He thanked Police for organizing the Night Out Against Crime event. He wished all students a good week as they returned to school.

Council Member Aaron Dekeyzer was excused at approximately 8:50 pm.

Council Member Alison Stroud thanked Police for organizing the Night Out Against Crime. It was a great event and she enjoyed watching the interactions between the police officers and the residents. She spoke about the groundbreaking event, and the balloon festival. The drone show was amazing. She also thanked Kim Bell for her work with the Service Ambassadors.

Council Member Brooke D'Sousa said the Night Out Against Crime was a great event and thanked Police for their coordination of the event. She spoke about all the summer service and volunteering the Sandy Youth Council has been engaged in over the past couple of months. She invited all to the installation of the Sandy Youth Council on August 27th.

## Mayor's Report

Kim Bell, Deputy Mayor, spoke about the groundbreaking for the Smith Entertainment Group hockey facility. The balloon festival and drone show was a wonderful event. She also spoke about the rededication of the Family Resource Center which was a wonderful event. She acknowledged the Police for organizing the Night Out Against Crime event.

## CAO Report

Shane Pace, CAO, provided an overview to the Council of Administration's trip to Seattle to view the Kraken Ice Arena and facility. He shared information learned from the trip and recommended the Council tour the facility in Seattle.

## Adjournment

Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm.