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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Brooke Christensen, District 1
Alison Stroud, District 2
Kris Nicholl, District 3
Marci Houseman, District 4
Aaron Dekeyzer, At-large
Brooke D'Sousa, At -large
Cyndi Sharkey, At-large

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

5:15 PM

Council Chambers

5:15 Council Meeting

Present: 7 - Council Member Alison Stroud
Council Member Kris Nicholl
Council Member Marci Houseman
Council Member Cyndi Sharkey
Council Member Brooke Christensen
Council Member Brooke D'Sousa
Council Member Aaron Dekeyzer

Council Staff in Attendance
Dustin Fratto, Council Director
Justin Sorenson, Assistant Director
Chris Edwards, Council Clerk
Liz Theriault, Sr. Policy and Comms Analyst
Tracy Cowdell, Council Attorney

Administration in Attendance
Mayor Zoltanski
Shane Pace, CAO
Lynn Pace, City Attorney
Ryan McConaghie, Fire
Jon Arnold, Police
Tom Ward, Public Utilities
Ben Hill, Parks & Recreation
Ryan Kump, Public Works
James Sorensen, Community Development
Brian Kelley, Administrative Services
Kasey Dunlavy, Economic Development
Martin Jensen, Deputy CAO
Susan Wood, Public Affairs/PIO

Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Introductions

Council Chair Brooke D'Sousa welcomed those in attendance. She also welcomed our new and returning Council Members Kris Nicholl, District 3 and Brooke Christensen, District 1.

Council Member Brooke Christensen offered the Prayer.
Council led the Pledge.

Council moved to Item 1 on the Agenda.

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

Chair D'Sousa invited the public to participate in General Citizen Comment.

Rebecca Colley mentioned that it was a pleasure to attend the Council Oath of Office ceremony. She spoke about the responsibilities and role of Council.

Council moved to Item 3 on the Agenda.

Council Business

Election

1. [25-385](#) Election of City Council Chair and Vice Chair

Attachments: [Policy - Election of Council Officers](#)

Council elected a new Council Chair and Vice Chair who will serve until the first meeting in July 2026.

Council Member Cyndi Sharkey was elected the Council Chair.
Council Member Alison Stroud was elected the Council Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Brooke D'Sousa, seconded by Kris Nicholl to approve the election of the Council Chair, Cyndi Sharkey, and Council Vice Chair, Alison Stroud...The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Council Chair D'Sousa acted as the Chair for the remainder of the Council meeting.

Council moved to Standing Reports and heard the Recreation Center Construction Report.

Informational Items

2. [25-384](#) Mayor Zoltanski recommending, for Council Advice and Consent, the appointment of Ben Hill as the Sandy City Parks and Recreation Director

Attachments: [Ben Hill Recommendation to Council](#)
[Parks and Rec Director Job Description](#)
[Resolution #26-02C](#)

Mayor Zoltanski recommended Ben Hill for the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department and requested Council consideration for Advice and Consent. Mr. Hill introduced himself to the Council and shared with the Council his background and experience with parks and recreation. Council questions and comments followed. This is an information item this evening.

Council moved to General Citizen Comment.
Mayor Zoltanski was excused from the meeting at 5:45 pm.

3. [25-381](#) City Council Office recommending annually required Open and Public Meeting Act training.

Attachments: [Link to OPMA training](#)
[Utah Open and Public Meetings Act 2025](#)

The City Council participated in the required annual training for Open and Public Meetings Act.

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

Council Voting Items

4. [25-382](#) The appointment of Council Members as liaisons to various committees for the calendar year 2026

Attachments: [Signed Resolution 26-01C - C](#)
[Resolution 26-01C](#)

Dustin Fratto, Council Director introduced the item. The Council Members selected the committees they will serve as the Council Liaison for the 2026 calendar year.

A motion was made by Kris Nicholl, seconded by Marci Houseman to nominate Council Member Cyndi Sharkey to fill one of the committee liaison positions for the Legislative Policy Committee...The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 6 Alison Stroud
Brooke Christensen
Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey
Kris Nicholl
Brooke D'Sousa

No: 1 Aaron Dekeyzer

Council then voted to nominate Council Member Kris Nicholl to serve in the second liaison position with the Legislative Policy Committee.

A motion was made by Marci Houseman, seconded by Cyndi Sharkey to nominate Council Member Kris Nicholl to fill the second committee liaison position for the Legislative Policy Committee...The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 Alison Stroud
Brooke Christensen
Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey
Kris Nicholl
Brooke D'Sousa
Aaron Dekeyzer

No: 0

Council made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-01C.

A motion was made by Brooke Christensen, seconded by Marci Houseman to adopt Resolution 26-01 as amended this evening...The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 Alison Stroud
Brooke Christensen
Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey

Kris Nicholl
Brooke D'Sousa
Aaron Dekeyzer

No: 0

Following the vote on the motion, Council moved to Standing Reports.

5. [25-383](#)

Possible Closed Session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property and the character and/or competence of an individual.

Council convened a closed session in the Council Conference Room at 7:44 pm to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property and the character and/or competence of an individual. The council meeting adjourned immediately following the closed session.

A motion was made by Brooke D'Sousa seconded by Cyndi Sharkey to convene a closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property and the character and/or competence of an individual and adjourn the council meeting immediately following the closed session...The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 Alison Stroud
Brooke Christensen
Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey
Kris Nicholl
Brooke D'Sousa
Aaron Dekeyzer

No: 0

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Dustin Fratto, Executive Director: Next week we will be taking the Council photo following the meeting. The new director for WFWRD will present to the Council. The Council and staff will participate in required data privacy training next week. He also updated the Council on upcoming agenda items.

Council Member Business

Council Member Kris Nicholl thanked all who attended the Oath of Office Ceremony and also thanked staff for coordinating the event. It was an awesome event. It felt like a family event.

Council Member Marci Houseman expressed appreciation to all who attended and organized the Oath of Office Ceremony for the incoming Council Members. She was thrilled to work with the new council members. She hoped the Council would again participate in a budget priorities workshop later this month or next. She spoke about the One Word Challenge and asked the Council if they would like to pick a word to guide them during 2026.

Council Member Brooke Christensen thanked all who supported her re-election to the Council. She was excited to return to the Council and represent District 1.

Council Member Brooke D'Sousa supported the One Word Challenge. She thanked staff for organizing the Oath of Office Ceremony and appreciated all those who attended. She was looking forward to working with her colleagues this year.

Council Member Alison Stroud attended the retirement farewell for Dan Median, P&R Director. She also attending the Hale Centre Theatre signing ceremony signifying the payoff of the bond, seventeen years early. She also toured the new HCT education center and spoke about the excellent community partnership with Hale Centre Theatre which has had a significant impact on Sandy City. People from 48 out of 50 states purchase tickets for productions at HCT.

Council Member Aaron Dekeyzer welcomed the new Council Members and was looking forward to working with them. He requested a recap of the Housing Workshop Series and asked if more direction was needed from the Council. He wanted Sandy City to lead out on housing.

Council Member Cyndi Sharkey thanked the Council for electing her as the new chair. She was looking forward to working with a veteran Council who have all served as a council member in the past. She provided an update from the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Board and spoke about the A/V contract the board was reviewing.

Dustin Fratto, Council Director, told the Council that staff was in the process of compiling the final report from the housing workshops and would send the report out to the Council soon. He also thanked the Facilities staff for all their help with the Oath of Office Ceremony set up.

Mayor's Report

Ryan Mecham, Senior Policy Advisor, provided the Mayor's report. He provided an overview of the recent resident survey ranking the issues that is most important to them. Housing costs and affordability ranked very high in importance, as did local land use authority and water fees. He will forward the results of this survey to the Council.

CAO Report

Shane Pace, CAO, invited the Council to attend the Business Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the Economic Development Agency on February 4th. He also invited the Council to a Fire Department swearing in ceremony on February 15th. On behalf of the Mayor, he thanked all who attended and helped with the Mayor's Oath of Office ceremony. He thanked Council Chair D'Sousa for her service over the past six months as the Chair.

Council moved to Item 5 on the Agenda and convened a closed session.

Recreation Center Construction Report

Jetta Marrott provided an update on the construction of the new city recreation and community center.

Council moved to Item 2 on the Agenda.

Adjournment

Council adjourned the meeting immediately following the closed session which was convened at 7:45 pm.