



Sandy City, Utah

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

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

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

5:15 PM

City Hall & Online

Work Session

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 Scott Earl

Excused: 1 - Council Member Marci Houseman

Council Staff in Attendance:

Dustin Fratto, Executive Director
Justin Sorenson, Assistant 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, Deputy City Attorney
Jeff Bassett, Fire Chief
Mark Soper, Police
Tom Ward, Public Utilities
Dan Medina, Parks & Recreation
Mike Gladbach, Public Works
James Sorenson, Community Development Director
Kim Bell, Deputy Mayor
Jared Gerber, Deputy CAO
Susan Wood, PIO/Public Affairs

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Council Chair Alison Stroud welcomed those in attendance.

Shane Pace, CAO, offered the Prayer.

Mayor Zoltanski led the Pledge.

Citizen Comments

1. [23-019](#) General Citizen Comments

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

Council Chair Stroud invited the public to participate in General Citizen Comments.

Mr. Bruce Blanchard agreed with Council Member Sharkey's proposal regarding the installation of campaign signs following a candidate's election filing. He spoke about the state's consideration of the elimination of property taxes which he feels will disproportionately impacts lower income individuals. He expressed support of Jim Edwards to serve as an alternate to the Planning Commission. He spoke of his friend, Mr. Paul Pratt, who recently moved out of Sandy City. Mr. Blanchard thanked the elected officials for the many hours of service they provide to this great community of Sandy City.

Ms. Dawn Sidwell expressed concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the Pledge of Fair Campaign Practices considered in Item 2 on the Agenda. She feels it is her first amendment right to have the ability to put up signs on her private property.

Mr. Aaron De Keyser believes in private property rights and is not supportive of the amendments to the pledge which will be introduced in Item 2 on the Agenda. He expressed support for Mr. Jim Edwards appointment to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Anita Bennet has lived in Sandy for 40 years and appreciates all the hard work of the Council Members and City staff. She expressed support for Jim Edwards appointment to the Planning Commission. Mr. Edwards is a hard working, fair, and honest person.

Ms. Susan Richardson is supportive of Jim Edwards appointment to the Planning Commission. She trusts him and thinks he is of good character.

Mr. Steve Van Maren is supportive of Jim Edwards appointment to the Planning Commission.

At the request of Council Member Sharkey, the Council Director read an eComment into the record sent in by Ms. Katie Johnson. Ms. Johnson is not supportive of any changes to the Pledge of Fair Campaign Practices and does not think any changes should be made during an election year. She has run for City Council in a prior year and spoke about attack ads. She thinks the City should be careful before making any changes during an election year and she spoke about her First Amendment rights.

Public Comment Closed.

Work Session Items

Informational Items

2. [23-018](#) First Reading: Council Member Sharkey requesting that the Council consider making additions to the Pledge of Fair Campaign Practices

Sponsors: Sharkey

Attachments: [Memorandum_Sharkey.docx](#)

[Redline](#)

[Resolution_Final.pdf](#)

First Reading: Council Member Sharkey introduced the item and requested the Council consider amendments to the Pledge of Fair Campaign Practices. She reviewed the current Pledge and the proposed amendments. The pledge is voluntary and optional for candidates to sign. A lengthy Council discussion followed. The City Attorney and Council Attorney provided some guidance and insight into municipal sign ordinances and suggested that Council may want to review the city's current sign ordinance. Council provided feedback to Council Member Sharkey.

3. [23-016](#) Administration presenting the Council with a preview of the upcoming 2023 Legislative Session

Attachments: [Legislative Report.pptx](#)

Evelyn Everton, Consultant with Sandy City, reviewed the legislative priorities for Sandy City. Ms. Everton provided a handout that detailed the lobbyists currently contracted with Sandy City and the issues they focus on. She reviewed upcoming legislative issues and spoke about the impact to Sandy City. Some of the issues that will be addressed during this legislative session include the following: affordable housing, short-term rentals, the Great Salt Lake, public safety, homelessness, and public notice requirements. Council thanked Ms. Everton for her presentation and work on behalf of Sandy City.

Council convened a recess at 7:14 pm.
Council meeting reconvened at 7:20 pm.

4. [23-015](#) City Council interviewing Dave Hart to serve as an Alternate Member of the Sandy City Planning Commission

Attachments: [Council Powers.docx](#)
[Planning Commission Role.docx](#)
[PC RESOLUTION 23-02M Hart.doc](#)

Mayor Zoltanski introduced Mr. Dave Hart and Mr. Jim Edwards for Council consideration and appointment to the position of Alternates on the Planning Commission. Mr. Hart is an architect and has served as a planning commissioner for Salt Lake City. Mr. Edwards is very active in the Sandy community and has a good overall pulse of the community. She thanked the Council for their consideration of Mr. Hart and Mr. Edwards for the Planning Commission appointments.

Mr. David Hart provided information on his background and experience. He spoke about buildings he has designed in the Salt Lake area. Council questions and comments followed.

Mr. Jim Edwards spoke about his experience and knowledge of the city which he feels would lend a good perspective on the planning commission. He has substantial community involvement with the city over many years. Council questions and comments followed.

This is an informational item. Council will consider these appointments for Advice and Consent at the January 17, 2023 City Council meeting.

Council moved to Standing Reports.

5. [23-014](#) City Council interviewing James Edwards to serve as an Alternate Member of the Sandy City Planning Commission

Attachments: [Council Powers.docx](#)
[Planning Commission Role.docx](#)
[PC RESOLUTION 23-01M Edwards.doc](#)

Mr. Edwards spoke to the Council following Mr. Hart.

6. [23-017](#) Possible Closed Session: character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Following the Standing Reports, Council convened a closed session in the Council Conference Room at approximately 8:50 pm. The Council meeting adjourned immediately following the closed session.

A motion was made by Ryan Mecham, seconded by Brooke D'Sousa to convene a closed session in the Council Conference Room to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, and adjourn the Council meeting immediately following the closed session...The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Marci Houseman

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Dustin Fratto, Council Director, reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Council.

Council Member Business

Council Member Zach Robinson requested some information from Administration regarding some inquires he received from residents. The Arts Guild's upcoming production is Steele Magnolias and he invited the public to see the show. He also mentioned that Canyons School District has many community resources on their website that are available to the public. He also gave a shout-out to the Canyons Schools Drill Teams for their exceptional performances in a recent competition.

Council Member Cyndi Sharkey attended the ribbon cutting and opening of Dollies Soup And Salad. She provided an update from the Legislative preview luncheon sponsored by the South Valley Chamber. She also spoke about a Metro Water project in the Willow Creek area which will help with the recharge of the natural aquifer and allow for more water storage.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Zoltanski expressed her gratitude for all the residents who attended this past Saturday's Legislative breakfast. It was a great exchange and represents the best of Sandy. She spoke about the public-private partnership to fund the ski buses up the canyons and provide this service to our community and visitors. Skiers can reserve a spot on the bus and the bus is the first one up after an avalanche is cleared. She encouraged the public to utilize this service as they head to our ski resorts.

CAO Report

Shane Pace, CAO, spoke about the employee engagement survey and provided an overview of the results to the Council. He is very pleased with the results and will send the summary to the Council for review.

Council moved to Item 6 on the agenda.

Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned immediately following the closed session.