



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, September 12, 2023

6:30 PM

City Hall & Online

Work Session - Meeting begins at 6:30 PM

6:30 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:
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, City Attorney
Jeff Bassett, Fire Chief
Greg Severson, Police
Tom Ward, Public Utilities
Dan Medina, Parks & Recreation
Mike Gladbach, Public Works
James Sorenson, Community Development
Jared Gerber, Deputy CAO
Kim Bell, Deputy Mayor
Susan Wood, PIO

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Council Chair Brooke D'Sousa welcomed those in attendance. She also warmly welcomed the members of the Noal Bateman Lifetime Service Award Committee to the meeting.

Scott Cowdell, 2012 Noal Bateman Award Recipient, offered the Prayer.
Nancy Day, 2007 Noal Bateman Award Recipient, led the Pledge.

Council moved to Item 2: Special Recognition and Presentation of the 2022 Noal Bateman Lifetime Service Award.

Citizen Comment Procedure

1. [23-363](#) General Citizen Comment Period (No earlier than 6:30 PM)

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

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

Mr. Joel Frost provided estimates on homelessness. He is supportive of the proposed transitional shelter and proud of the city for considering the shelter. He thanked the Council for their thoughtful leadership on this issue. Compassion and service is a great direction to move the city in and the shelter serves a positive and unifying opportunity for the city.

Father Steven Tilley, Pastor of St John the Baptist Church, spoke in support of the transitional shelter. His parish started a hygiene collection program to provide these items to the homeless. He is proud of Sandy City for considering the proposal and feels this is a wonderful program and an awesome opportunity to show mercy and love to the least and most vulnerable among us.

State Representative Steve Eliason, District 43, has worked on homelessness issues for many years. He has volunteered with the Road Home Shelter. One city cannot do it all. This is an opportunity for Sandy City to play an important role in taking care of our fellow citizens. Approval of the shelter would also eliminate the current mitigation funds the city pays in annually.

Ms. Terry Carroll agrees with earlier comments and is supportive of the shelter. She shared a story about her daughter who was homeless for a time. We need to do this.

Ms. Wendy Garvin is a resident of Riverton and with Unsheltered Utah. She is supportive of the proposed facility in Sandy and she asked the Council to consider the proposal. People deserve a safe place to go to this winter

Mr. Darin Mano, Salt Lake City Council Member, spoke in support of the shelter. He presented the Council with a letter from the Salt Lake City Council expressing support of this proposal. He also mentioned that non-congregate shelters are the least impactful to a community.

Ms. Marci Clawson expressed support of the shelter and hopes the Council will consider the proposal.

Mr. Alejandro Puy, Salt Lake City Council Member, spoke in support of the shelter. The MVP type of shelter is the safest of all shelters and safer for the surrounding community. He appreciates the residents' concerns. This is the right facility for Sandy City.

Mr. Adam Eggleston spoke about enforcing short term rental laws and enforcement.

Ms. Whitney Flygare lives in a great neighborhood in Sandy. Their is a short term rental in their neighborhood that is causing issues and is in violation of STR laws. She would like better enforcement of the ordinances related to STR's.

Mr. Aaron Kirkham has a licensed STR and is supportive of the proposed plan and of the enforcement of the rules and ordinances related to STR's. He mentioned that Utah Valley University has a educational course on running a STR and suggested that the course be required as part on licensing.

Mr. David Rees explained that the MVP is a transitional housing facility and not a shelter. This facility is different than the homeless shelter in Midvale.

Mr. Steve VanMaren offered comments on Item 4 and spoke about the process to appoint to a board member.

Mr. Bryan Kenney spoke about issues he has had with a STR in his neighborhood and is supportive of better enforcement of the rules.

Mr. Hal Jaussi expressed concerns with lack of code enforcement of STR rules. He has had issues with an STR in his neighborhood and is supportive of better enforcement.

Ms. Ginger Broadbent spoke on the MVP shelter and shared her concerns with bringing more homeless people to the area. The location is close to schools and a liquor store. She is concerned about the safety and the impact to children and residents in the area.

Mr. Jacob Wiedrich thinks the shelter may negatively impact the area and is not supportive of the homeless shelter.

Mr. Zach Hartman represents the owners of Sandy Station, located near the proposed site of the MVP Shelter. He is optimistic that the adjacent property can be retooled to mitigate any concerns with the proximity of the shelter.

Mr. Thomas Harris is a licensed Air B&B owner. He is supportive of better enforcement of the rules.

Mr. George Richards is a real estate broker and consultant for Shelter the Homeless. People need help. It is the right thing to do and has a life-changing impact on the people who are helped. Every city needs to participate.

Ms. Dawn Sidwell spoke in favor of the MVP facility and thinks it is a good site.

Katherine Fife is a resident of Salt Lake City and with Mayor Jenny Wilson's office. She expressed support of the facility.

Ms. Laura Lee Adams has spent seven years working with homeless. This facility is really needed.

Ms. Gail Miller spoke in favor of MVP shelter and the need for homeless to have a dedicated facility to help the medically vulnerable, which will also help the strain on local hospitals. By providing medical care within the facility, it can also be very cost effective. We contribute to the safety of the community by giving the homeless a place to stay and it emphasized Sandy's commitment to the community.

The following comment was read into the record by Justin Sorenson, Assistant Director, as requested by the commenter: Mayor Marcus Stevenson expressed support of the MVP shelter. He spoke about the challenges and issues related to having a shelter in your city but is supportive of the proposed MVP shelter and thinks it is the right thing to do.

Mr. Chris Fewell expressed concerns with shelter and the impact on safety and the crime rate. He would like to see rules implemented to ensure a safer facility. He would like to help the community without causing increased safety concerns.

Ms. Sandra Haak commended Council Member Zach Robinson for his STR proposal.

Ms. Pat Jones has volunteered at the Road Home and is supportive of the MVP shelter. We must have faith, hope, and charity. This is a vulnerable population and they need help. We must also show charity to residents and their concerns. We need to help but we must be aware of the concerns of the community.

Public comment closed.

Council moved to Item 3 on the Agenda.

Work Session Items

Special Recognition

2. [23-360](#) Council and Administration, along with the Noal Bateman Committee - Presentation of the 2022 Noal Bateman Award to Scott Bond.

The Noal Bateman Committee, Sandy City Council, and Administration recognized Scott J. Bond as the 2022 Noal Bateman Lifetime Service Award Recipient for his dedication, service, and commitment to Sandy City and the community. The Noal Bateman Award is the highest honor given by Sandy City to a resident.

Following the presentation, the Council convened a short recess.

The meeting reconvened and the Council moved to Item 1 on the Agenda: General Citizen Comment.

Informational Items

3. [CA07282023](#) Amendment to Title 21, of the Land Development Code to the definition of
[-0006578](#) a "Transitional Housing Facility"
[\(CC-WS\)](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report and Exhibits](#)
[Presentation Slides](#)
[SLC Winter Overflow Review 2021-2022 \(1\)](#)
[Calls for Service 1659 West North Temple](#)
[Fire Department MVP Memo](#)

Melissa Anderson, Community Development, reviewed the proposed amendments to Title 21, Land Development Code on behalf of the applicant, Laurie Hopkins of Shelter the Homeless. The purpose of the code amendment is to clarify that a "Transitional Housing Facility" provides non-congregate interim housing for no more than 24 months on a referral (non-walkup) basis only, with on-site supportive services to persons experiencing homelessness. Ms. Anderson reviewed the details of the proposed amendments. The Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council.

Council Member Marci Houseman arrived to the Council Meeting at 8:38 pm.

Following Ms. Anderson's presentation, Council engaged in a lengthy discussion. Council questions to staff and the applicant followed.

Mr. Wayne Niederhauser, the Homeless Coordinator for the State of Utah responded to questions. He spoke about the need for this type of shelter and the shelter mitigation fund to help offset any costs of the city. He spoke about the formula used to calculate the funds received from the mitigation fund.

Fire Chief Bassett provided information on the impact this shelter may have on the city's fire department resources. At this point we don't know what the exact impact would be but he did anticipate there would be a need for emergent care since all in the facility would be considered medically vulnerable.

Shane Pace, CAO, spoke about the timeline and important dates associated with getting the facility up and running by this winter.

Community Development and Legal staff responded to Council questions.

Public comment period opened:

Ms. Melinda Cutler expressed support of the shelter. Sandy is a community that takes care of its own. It is a privilege to take care of those in the community that need help.

Ms. Sydney Porter Williams echo'd the earlier comments. She has worked in shelters and is supportive of the proposed MVP shelter. All deserve dignity.

Mr. Jeff Porter stated how wonderful it was to watch the process and discussion this evening. His family volunteers to help the homeless in shelters around the valley. It is not an easy fix but he was proud of the city for considering this proposal.

Several Council Members felt more time was needed to gather information and educate the community. Many expressed a need for more time.

Public comment continued with virtual meeting attendees:

Ms. Sandra Haak is supportive of the facility and is anxious for the approval. The facility provides hope to those experiencing homelessness.

Public comment closed.

Council spoke about the timeline. The applicant provided additional information regarding the timeline they need to get the facility up and running. Council requested from Community Development staff information on the impact of this code amendment on the city and on options to reduce the impact in various land use zones in Sandy City.

4. [23-357](#) City Council Office notifying the council of an upcoming vacancy on the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

Attachments: [Draft Notice of Vacancy.pdf](#)

A motion was made at 11:12 pm by Council Member Ryan Mecham to adjourn the meeting. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Brooke D'Sousa to table an Item. The motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Brooke D'Sousa to continue with the Council agenda items...The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7: Alison Stroud
Zach Robinson
Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey
Ryan Mecham
Brooke D'Sousa
Scott Earl

Justin Sorenson, Assistant Director, notified the Council of a vacancy on the Mosquito Abatement Board. He read the public notice into the record.

- 5. [23-359](#) First Reading: Council Member Zach Robinson presenting a proposal regarding short term rentals

Attachments: [Short Term Rental Memo](#)

Council Member Zach Robinson asked for a Council discussion and feedback regarding the challenges and issues related to the short term rentals in Sandy City. He spoke about providing the code enforcers with the tools they need to enforce the laws related to short term rentals. He is not trying to eliminate short term rentals in the city, but he would like for the city to be more proactive in the enforcement of the city ordinances. He would like to continue to work with staff on developing better tools for code enforcement and he asked the Council for feedback and direction. Council expressed support for Council Member Robinson to work with staff to revise and strengthen the code to allow for better enforcement for short term rentals.

Consent Calendar

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

Following the vote on the Consent Calendar, Council moved to adjourn the meeting.

- 6. [23-358](#) Approval of the August 22, 2023 Draft Minutes

Attachments: [August 22, 2023 Draft Minutes](#)

Item Approved.

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

No report.

Council Member Business

No report.

Mayor's Report

No report.

CAO Report

No report.

Adjournment

Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 pm.