



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 7, 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
Justin Sorenson, Assistant Director
Christine Edwards, Council Clerk
Liz Theriault, Policy & Comms Analyst

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
Susan Wood, PIO
Katrina Frederick, Human Resources

Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Introductions

Council Chair Ryan Mecham welcomed those in attendance.

Shane Pace, CAO, offered the Prayer.
Council Member Cyndi Sharkey led the Pledge.

Council moved to the Special Recognition item on the Agenda.

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

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

Public comment opened:

Ms. Dawn Sidwell expressed concerns regarding the reallocation of Community Development Block Grant funds from Main Street Park in Historic Sandy to the Milestone Program of Good Shepherd Church. She spoke about the funding needs in the Historic Sandy area. She also expressed concerns about recent meeting cancellations due to tours and events.

Public comment closed.

Council Business

Special Recognition

1. [24-172](#) Special Recognition of Sandy City Fire Captain Jeff Jones in acknowledgement of being awarded Instructor of the Year Award from the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy

Fire Chief Ryan McConaghie recognized Captain Jeff Jones for being awarded Instructor of the Year by the United Fire and Rescue Academy. Council congratulated Captain Jones on this outstanding achievement.

Informational Items

2. [24-170](#) Council Office recommending the Council receive a quarterly update on the Medically Vulnerable People (MVP) Facility

Attachments: [MVP Quarterly Report](#)

Laurie Hopkins with Shelter the Homeless, provided a quarterly update to the Council on the Medically Vulnerable People Shelter located in Sandy City. Ms. Hopkins provided information regarding security, staffing, shelter residents, and program impact. Currently, there are two security guards on site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and they plan on continuing this. Program staff meet with Sandy Police and Fire weekly to encourage communication and collaboration. 201 people have been served since the shelter opened. The average age of the resident is 63 years old and range in age from 33 to 86. Staff from the Road Home and Fourth Street Clinic were also present and provided information to the Council. This program works with over 35 different referral services. They all expressed their appreciation to the Council and Administration, Fire and Police for their continued support and collaborative efforts to make this program a success. Council questions followed.

3. [24-177](#) Police Department providing the council with the 2024 crime report

Attachments: [2024 Property Crimes Report.pdf](#)

Police Chief Severson provided the Council with a crime report overview based on crime statistics and incidents that occurred last year. He also provided prior year comparisons. Overall, crime is very low in Sandy. Chief Severson provided the following details regarding property thefts: Business Burglary - 135; Residential Burglary - 110; Larceny - 1,188; Vehicle Burglary - 455; Vehicle Theft - 180. Over a ten year comparison, property crime in Sandy City has decreased. He also provided maps detailing theft hot spots. Chief Severson provided an overview of violent crimes committed in Sandy in the prior year: Aggravated Assaults - 93; Homicide - 0; Rape - 35; Robbery - 23.

Chief Severson also provided an overview of policing strategy and crime prevention. The Police Department focuses on crime prevention and sponsors many community programs: Sandy Secure, Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch. The Police Department utilizes the following policing strategies: Crime Suppression Unit, Property and Person Crimes Detective Unit, Community engagement, partnerships with state and federal task forces, data driven policing strategies, use of technology, and real time crime center. Recently, Sandy Police was awarded with a multi-agency award for their service. Council questions followed.

Council expressed their appreciation and support of the Sandy City Police Department for their dedication and commitment to our community and residents. Council thanked Police for all their service to our city.

Council went to General Citizen Comment.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

4. [ZONE-3-15-4
241](#) Taylor Dental Rezone [R-1-8 to CN]
Approximately 675 East 9950 South
[Community #5]

Attachments: [Ordinance 24-07](#)
[Taylor Rezone Documents](#)
[Zoning Map Exhibit](#)

Item adopted.

5. [24-169](#) Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council in Recognition of Building
Safety Month - May 2024

Attachments: [Proclamation - Building Safety](#)

Item adopted.

6. [24-179](#) City Council Office recommending that the Council adopt updates to the
Council Policy Booklet

Attachments: [City Council 2024 Policy Booklet Clean Final](#)
[Resolution 24-17C](#)

Item adopted.

7. [24-178](#) Approval of the April 16, 2024 Draft Minutes

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

Item approved.

Public Hearing(s)

8. [24-171](#) Public Hearing to consider the tentative adoption of the Mayor's FY 2024-25 Tentative Budget for Sandy City and the Alta Canyon Recreation District

Attachments: [24-16C Tentative 2025 Budget.pdf](#)
[Presentation Tentative 2025.pdf](#)

Public Hearing:

Mayor Zoltanski participated in the Council meeting virtually from Washington DC, where she is a member of the South Valley Chamber Delegation. Mayor Zoltanski presented the FY 2025 Tentative Budget to the Sandy City Council. Mayor Z spoke about the priorities of the community that are reflected in this tentative budget: public safety, protecting open space, community events, city services, and employee compensation. A modest cost of living adjustment of 1% for city employees was proposed. No tax increases have been requested. The General Fund has been thoroughly reviewed by Administration, Finance, and city leaders to provide a clarity of costs. All expenses have been scrutinized. The goal of this year's tentative budget is to spend only what is necessary. We have made great strides on city capital projects with the bond approval to fund Fire Station 31 supporting our city's public safety priorities. Mayor Z spoke about a plan for Alta Canyon Recreation Center to rebuild the center in phases rather than all at once. She reviewed details of the plan for Alta Canyon. She also spoke about the city's ongoing commitment to continue providing our residents with the highest level of services.

Shane Pace, CAO, introduced Brian Kelley, Administrative Services/Finance Director, who provided an overview of the city's Tentative Budget. Mr. Kelly reviewed the vision, mission statement, foundational values, guiding principles, and revenue policies of the city. He provided an overview of the Budget Process, key challenges and opportunities, and timeline. Adoption of the Tentative Budget by the Council initiates the budget process. The adoption of the final budget for FY 25 must occur by the last Council meeting in June of 2024.

Mr. Kelly reviewed details and strategies contained in the FY25 Tentative Budget. No property tax increase was requested. General fund subsidies associated with the bulk waste program have been eliminated or reduced which will result in fee increases. Indirect subsidies associated with administrative charges have been eliminated. Total staffing has decreased by 1.3 equivalent full-time employees (FTE). He provided details regarding fleet replacement and proposed plans for Alta Canyon Recreation Center and provided an overview of operating expense increases related to core city services and capital projects. Cost reductions contained in the proposed budget include \$303K reduction to the General Fund and \$424K reduction in other funds. The proposed budget does not include any increases to storm water fees, substantial fleet replacement needs, certain capital projects, and many department requests.

Department presentations to the Council will begin on May 21, 2024. The budget tool can be found on the city website. Mr. Kelley recognized and thanked Administration and department heads for their participation on the budget team.

Katrina Frederick, Human Resources Director, presented the FY 2025 Compensation Plan Proposal. The Key Takeaways from the Compensation Study are as follows: 1) Recent police and fire pay plan revisions have significantly helped recruitment and retention for those positions and have made us market competitive; 2) Significant progress has been made for public positions; 3) High inflation and low unemployment are still driving up salaries. She reviewed the Compensation Plan Goals: keep pay ranges

competitive with comparison cities, keep up with inflation, fund step & grade pay plan for Police and Fire, fund performance evaluation adjustments to allow non-sworn employees to move through ranges, and fund benefit increases.

The Tentative Budget includes the following: addition of .1 pay period in FY 2025, COLA increase to all ranges, Step and Grade/ performance evaluation adjustments, and fixed and variable benefits increases. Ms. Frederciek reviewed costs associated with the compensation plan.

Council questions followed.

Shane Pace, CAO, thanked the staff and budget team for all their work on this year's tentative budget. This is a great budget and he is looking to this year's presentation.

Mayor Zoltanski said the city is committed to delivering the best services for the our residents and in meeting the infrastructure needs of the city. We currently enjoy one of the lowest tax rates in the metro area. She is looking forward to this year's budget process. Sandy City is one of the best cities in the state and America to live in.

Public Hearing comment opened:

Mr. Steve Van Maren was offended by the statement made regarding no property tax increase. There is a tax increase to residents related to the approval of the GO Bond. Public comment closed.

Council made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-16C. Council discussion on the motion followed. The Council expressed appreciation to the Administration for the conservative budget that has been proposed.

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Aaron Dekeyzer to adopt Resolution 24-16C, a resolution adopting tentative budgets for Sandy City and Alta Canyon Recreation District for Fiscal Year 2024-25; scheduling a public hearing; and providing for public access to tentative budgets and schedules...The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Marci Houseman

Council Voting Items

9. [24-168](#) Sandy City considering approval of a resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy (MWDSLs) to increase its property tax for Fiscal Year 2025

Attachments: [April 16, 2024Presentation.pdf](#)
[24-14C Resolution- MWDSLs Tax Increase.pdf](#)
[PUAB Recommendation 2024 - Metro Water Tax increase vs Sandy water rate](#)
[March 26, 2024 Presentation](#)
[MWDSLs flyer 2024.03.18](#)

John Kirkham serves as the Sandy City Council appointed member to the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy City. He was present at the Council meeting and available for Council questions. This item was brought back to the Council for their consideration and action.

Public comment opened.
Public comment closed.

Council discussion included the financial impact to residents. They appreciated having more time to review the needs and requests by Metropolitan Water District Board. Raising the tax rate has less of a financial impact on our residents and therefore is considered the most beneficial direction for our residents. Council appreciated the presentations and information.

A motion was made by Cyndi Sharkey, seconded by Brooke D'Sousa, to adopt Resolution 24-14C, a resolution of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy (MWDSLs) to increase its property tax for FY 2025...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

10. [24-176](#) Recess City Council meeting and convene a meeting of the Sandy City Redevelopment Agency.

Attachments: [05-07-24 RDA Agenda](#)

[Resolution RD 24-01](#)

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Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the City Council meeting at approximately 8:34 pm and convened a meeting of the Redevelopment Agency Board.

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Alison Stroud to adjourn the City Council meeting and convene a meeting of the RDA Board...The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Dustin Fratto, reviewed upcoming agenda items. The May 14, 2024 Council meeting is cancelled for the Annual Police banquet. The Sandy Youth Council end of year recognition will take place at the May 21st Council meeting.

Council Member Business

Council Member Zach Robinson thanked Ian Williams, Animal Services Director for his responsiveness and his attention to detail. The Fiesta 5K was great - he won a succulent/cactus. He encouraged the community to participate in the 5K's. He asked the Council to give him feedback on Alta Canyon Recreation Center. He is meeting with the Parks Director this week. He is also meeting with staff on Short Term Rentals and asked for Council feedback and direction. He encouraged the community to reach out to Amy Bryant in Police and set up a Neighborhood Watch program for their neighborhood. It is easy to do and has worked out wonderfully in his neighborhood.

Council Member Ryan Mecham thanked Council Member D'Sousa for setting up last week's Middle Missing Housing Tour. He appreciated the tour and found it extremely informative. He also acknowledged Police and Fire for their responsiveness to an incident that occurred in his neighborhood.

Council Member Alison Stroud thanked staff for setting up the meeting with the Administrative Law Judge. The Earth Day Clean Up was a great event. She thanked Amy Bryant in Police for setting up the Police Volunteer Open House. It was a great event. She thanked Mayor Zoltanski, Administration, Police and Fire and staff for hosting her third grade classes from East Sandy Elementary School for their annual field trip to City Hall. It was a wonderful field trip and the students look forward to it every year. This has made such a positive impact on her students. Thank you.

Council Member Brooke DSousa thanked all involved in the Council tour of the Middle Missing Housing. She acknowledged Larry H. Miller executives and the South Jordan Council for organizing the tour. The focus of the tour was to help the city reimagine development in Sandy which offers different types of housing and more affordable housing. She thanked Council and Administration for attending the tour and for the positive feedback received. She participated with her son and the in the Earth Day Clean Up of Dimple Dell Park.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Zoltanski thanked the Council for their approval of the tentative budget. She also thanked the budget committee for all their hard work on the FY 2025 budget. Mayor Z mentioned that she was participating virtually because she was part of a delegation from Utah attending a conference with the South Valley Chamber. The conference has been a wonderful experience which included a tour of Gettysburg. Mayor Z spoke about the announcement that Smith Entertainment Group will bring a NHL Hockey training facility to Sandy City. Mayor Zoltanski thanked Scheels for their support of police officers. Scheels provides officers with \$50,000 of protective gear. She thanked Scheels Corporation for their support of our officers and our community. She also thanked the Council Members for their participation in the Earth Day clean up effort in Dimple Dell Park.

CAO Report

Shane Pace, CAO, mentioned that this Saturday is the Wildland Outreach Day at Hidden Valley Park. All are invited. He also invited the Council to a retirement farewell for Mike Gladbach and a swearing in ceremony for the Fire Department.

Adjournment

Council made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:34 pm and convened a meeting of the Redevelopment Agency Board. Council unanimously agreed by a voice vote to the motion.