



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, July 9, 2024

5:15 PM

City Hall & Online

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
Tracy Cowdell, Council Attorney

Administration in Attendance:
Mayor Monica Zoltanski
Shane Pace, CAO
Lynn Pace, City Attorney
Ryan McConaghie, Fire
Greg Severson, Police
Tom Ward, Public Utilities
Ryan Kump, Public Works
James Sorensen, Community Development
Brian Kelley, Administrative Services
Kasey Dunlavy, Economic Development
Kim Bell, Deputy Mayor
Melissa Anderson, Community Development

Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Introductions

Council Chair Ryan Mecham welcomed those in attendance.

Shane Pace, CAO, offered the Prayer.

Gabby Tillotson, Sandy Royalty Queen led the Pledge.

Council moved to Item 1 on the Agenda.

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

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

Ms. Pat Jones thanked the Fire Department staff. You put your lives on the line for the community and she stated that she was very supportive of the fire, police, and military. She thought they were special people and had the best morals and values. She thanked the Council for requesting the Fire Management study. She spoke about the needs of the fire department and believed that funds allocated towards the design and construction of a new recreation center could be used for fire fleet apparatus.

Ms. Kathy Spuck expressed gratitude to the fire and police for their service and dedication. She hoped the community support and gratitude contributes to the positive work culture the management consultants spoke about. In her role as a Sandy Ambassador, she asked that when using acronyms to please identify what it refers to. It can be confusing for the general public when they do not understand what the acronyms refer to.

Ms. Kellie Forbes thanked the Fire Department and was grateful for their service. She also thanked Council Member Marci Houseman for bringing this management study forward. It was very comprehensive and she appreciated all who were involved with the study. The Fire Department needs funding and she felt there was funding going to projects that are less important. She asked the Council to stop spending funds on Alta Canyon and use those funds for fire needs.

Mr. Dave Egelund was in awe hearing about how great the Fire Department was. He has been a resident of Sandy for 18 years and had to call 911 for help one time. These men and women are awesome and he echoed the positive comments made by others. It is hard to see funding spent on a recreation center and not towards police and fire. Many in the community do not even know about the recreation center. He thanked the Council and Administration for their discussion this evening.

Public comments closed.

Council moved to Standing Reports.

Council Business

1. [24-249](#) Election of City Council Chair and Vice Chair

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

Council held elections for a new Chair and Vice Chair. After two ballots, Council Member Zach Robinson was selected by a majority of the Council to serve as the Chair of the Council. The Council selected Council Member Aaron Dekezer as Vice Chair. The newly elected Chair and Vice Chair will serve in this capacity until the first meeting in January 2025.

A motion was made by Ryan Mecham, seconded by Cyndi Sharkey to appoint Council Member Zach Robinson as the Council Chair and Council Member Aaron Dekeyzer as the Vice Chair; the Chair and Vice Chair will serve in this capacity until the first meeting in January 2025...The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Special Recognition

2. [24-250](#) Introduction of the 2024 Sandy City Royalty

Mayor Zoltanski recognized the members of the Sandy City Royalty for the 2024-25 program year. These young women will spend the next year participating in all city events and representing our city at many functions. Each member of the Royalty spoke to the Council and Administration about their background and social initiative. They all expressed gratitude for being chosen as a member of the Sandy City Royal Court.

Gabby Tillotson will serve as Queen. She is a student at BYU and currently works for the Events Department as a summer intern. As her social initiative, she seeks to raise awareness for families who have a family member with cancer. Her goal is to create a resource website for these families.

Raquel Corpron will serve as an Attendant. She is a senior at Alta Canyon High School and is also a jiu jitsu instructor. As her social initiative, she seeks to create a network, Gardening for Good, that will connect local and neighborhood farmers and gardeners with local food pantries to support the many families with food insecurities.

Anna Roelofs will serve as an Attendant. She is a senior at the University of Utah. As her social initiative she seeks to bring greater awareness, information, and resources for people diagnosed with borderline personality disorder. She also founded a voice acting production company and connects entry level voice actors with job opportunities.

Council and Administration thanked the Sandy Royalty for their service and commitment to our community.

Informational Items

3. [CA04262024-0006761 \(CC WS\)](#) Amendments to Title 21 Land Development Code related to Elements of the General Plan

Attachments: [Staff Report and Exhibits](#)
[Planning Commission Draft Minutes 6.20.2024](#)
[Presentation - GP Code Amend Presentation](#)

Melissa Anderson, Community Development, proposed amendments to Title 21 Land Development Code, Chapter 6, General Plan, Section 2, Plan Elements. The code amendments ensure the General Plan Elements referenced in the Land Development Code are consistent with the requirements of the Utah Code. The Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation. Council comments followed. This is an information item and will come back to the Council for consideration and action at a future city council meeting.

4. [24-248](#) City Council receiving a presentation on the 2024 General Management and Operations Study of the Sandy City Fire Department

Attachments: [FINAL REPORT](#)

[Presentation](#)

Dustin Fratto, introduced Chief Tim Nowak and Chief Steve Noble, consultants with Public Consulting Group (PCG) who presented their final report and recommendations from a management study conducted on the Sandy City Fire Department at the Council's request. PCG is a national fire and EMS consulting team with additional expertise in EMS/healthcare cost reporting and public policy with offices both nationally and internationally. The final report presented this evening contains 21 scope of work elements and 30 key recommendations. In their review of the fire department, they found the culture to be very positive and one that exceeds traditional expectations with a promising future. Sandy City has steady population growth with future development and upward expansion. The Sandy Fire Department organizational structure is a fire-based EMS Agency with a 5 station static deployment model and a specialty response focus. The assessment of the city's wildland urban interface was considered a realistic threat (eastern border) and they reviewed with the Council and the Administration the city's resources, training and experience, and proactive public outreach. In their review of the fire stations and fleet, they found 3 stations to be adequate, 1 station that needed improvement, and identified Station 31 in need of being replaced. The city has addressed this need and has begun construction of a new Station 31. In their review of the fire fleet, their findings indicated the following fleet needed to be replaced: 7 engines, 1 truck, and 2 ambulances. Additionally, they considered 2 engines, 1 truck, and 3 ambulances be considered for replacement. They also reviewed with the Council the following: incident and call data, comparable assessment locally and nationally, and stakeholder engagement. Their overall assessment findings are as follows: Administrative assessment with 10 key findings and 10 key recommendations; Operational assessment with 12 key findings and 15 key recommendations; and Capital assessment with 6 key findings and 5 key recommendations. They also reviewed the strategic and master plan and recommendations for the fire department: Immediate (0-6 months), Near Future (6-12 months) and Short Term (1-3 years), Long Term (3 to 5 years) and Extended Time Period (5 to 10 years).

Council questions, comments, and discussion followed. Council expressed their thanks to the consultant. They felt the study was very comprehensive and well worth the investment and will help guide the Council forward with future budget decisions. Council Member Houseman felt the study provided clarity for the council. Council Member Dekeyzer asked for cost and data comparables for capital improvements and for planning. Consultants continued to respond to Council questions and provided additional insight and details. They reviewed recommendations for personal protective equipment and the streamlining of the dispatch center. Council Member Mecham thanked the Fire personnel who attended this evening's meeting and for their participation in the study. Council Member Stroud had questions regarding the fire fleet. Mayor Zoltanski spoke on the positive culture in the fire department and attributes this to the people we hire. We hire the best people. The Mayor thanked Council Member Houseman for bringing forth this idea.

Interim Chief Ryan McConaghie thanked the Council for requesting and funding the study. He is very open to the recommendations and appreciated the support from the Council and Administration.

The consultants thanked the Council and Administration. They appreciated working with our Sandy Fire Department.

Council moved to General Citizen Comment.

Consent Calendar

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

5. [24-247](#) Council reappointment of members to the Community Develop Block Grant Committee

Attachments: [Wade Greenwood 2024](#)
 [Patrick Casaday 2024](#)
 [Rebekah Cowdell 2024](#)

Item Adopted

6. [24-246](#) Approval of the June 11, 2024 Draft Minutes

Attachments: [June 11, 2024 Draft Minutes](#)

Item Approved

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Dustin Fratto, Council Director, mentioned that next week will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commissioners. He also updated the Council on upcoming Agenda items.

Council Member Business

Council Member Ryan Mecham thanked the Administration and staff that helped coordinate the July 4 event: police, fire, parks and recreation, and event staff. It was a wonderful day. He also thanked the fire department staff who were at the meeting tonight. He said this is an ongoing dialogue and he was looking forward to continuing the discussion.

Council Member Marci Houseman attended the symphony event at the Sandy Amphitheater. It was a wonderful and well attended event. She invited the community to attend the 25th Anniversary event of the Sandy Amphitheater. Many residents commended the amphitheater volunteers for their welcoming and helpful approach. She expressed how important the Arts are to creating a sense of community and belonging. She thanked all city staff who worked on the July 4th event. She acknowledged Chris Edwards for her efforts coordinating the Council and Sandy Youth Council's participation in the July 4th Parade.

Council Member Alison Stroud thanked all involved with the July 4th event. Everybody enjoyed the canine demonstration and fire hose spraying. She attended a ribbon cutting event in Sandy organized by the South Valley Chamber. The chamber has organized over 25 ribbon cuttings for new businesses in Sandy City over the past year. She thanked Community Development for their efforts to help address a resident's concerns.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Zoltanski spoke about the July 4th event. It is our largest community event staged by the city. Planning for next year's event has already begun. We have received a great deal of positive feedback from our community. The 4th of July Parade is an event attended by generations of our Sandy residents. This event unifies our community and builds trust within our city. She acknowledged the staff who coordinated the event: Katie Atkinson, Shane Pace, Martin Jensen, Justin Adams, and many more who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep this event safe for all: Police, Fire, and the Parks and Recreation staff. She thanked all who helped with the rededication of the passport office. Our city offers family friendly service to help our those who need a passport and provides the highest level of service. She attended the recent free concert at the Amphitheater showcasing the talented American West Symphony and Chorus. She announced that our city was the recipient of federal infrastructure funding in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars which will go towards the Monroe Street improvements. She thanked our congressmen for their support and help to secure this funding for Sandy City and believes it is an endorsement of our city and our values. This is a huge win for our city.

She introduced Interim Fire Chief McConaghie who provided an update. The city has authorized a crew from our fire department to help fight the wildland fire in Marysville in response to a request for assistance.. This is a great service for our city to provide and helps our fire fighters with their training, preparation, and expertise. Mayor Zoltanski shared a message from a resident of Marysville thanking the city for their response and support. As a former resident of Sandy, she appreciated the efforts of Sandy to help with the Marysville fire.

CAO Report

Shane Pace had no report.

Adjournment

Council Chair Ryan Mecham thanked the Council. He appreciated serving as the Chair of the Council these past six months.

Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.