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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 13, 2025

5:15 PM

City Hall and Online

5:15 Council Meeting

Rollcall

Present: 6 - 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

Excused: 1 - 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
Greg Severson, Police
Tom Ward, Public Utilities
Dan Medina, Parks and Recreation
Ryan Kump, Public Works
James Sorensen, Community Development
Brett Neuman, Administrative Services
Kasey Dunlavy, Economic Development
Martin Jensen, Deputy CAO
Susan Wood, Public Affairs/PIO
Katrina Frederick, Human Resources

Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Introductions

Council Vice Chair Brooke D'Sousa welcomed those in attendance.

Diane Iman offered the Prayer.
Matthew Iman led the Pledge.

Council moved to Item 1 on the Agenda.

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

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

Mr. Kirk Petersen expressed the importance of employee retention and was glad it was a priority. All of his dealings with the city staff have been great. He does not believe that the golf course should be subsidized and would rather see the funds going towards parks. Sandy has a great website, and people can go to the website to get information. He spoke about the help he received from the Fire Department staff who was very professional.

Mr. Tim Gibson provided follow up on his comments from earlier meetings and wanted to know what was being done about the issues he spoke about.

Council moved back to Item 3 on the Agenda.

Council Business

Special Recognition

1. [25-135](#) Special Recognition by the Sandy City Council of Don Gerdy honoring his life, service and contributions to Sandy City

Attachments: [Don Gerdy Resolution - Council Recognition](#)

The Sandy City Council posthumously honored the life, legacy, and contributions of Don Gerdy with a Resolution of Recognition. Don Gerdy faithfully served the Sandy community for over 25 years as a dedicated member and longtime Chair of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee. The recognition was led by Council Members Zach Robinson and Alison Stroud.

Informational Items

2. [25-128](#) Council Members Stroud and Robinson recommending that the Council interview Paul Mismaque to serve as a regular member of the Sandy City Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee

Council Members Zach Robinson and Alison Stroud recommended Paul Mismaque to serve as a regular member of the Community Development Block Grant Committee. Paul Mismaque introduced himself to the City Council and provided his background and expertise and responded to Council questions. Council thanked him for his willingness to serve.

3. [25-138](#) Police, Fire, Administration, Economic Development, and Parks and Recreation Departments presenting an overview of their FY 2025-26 tentative department budgets.

Attachments: [FY 2026 Department Budget Presentations 5-13-25](#)

Council heard Department Budget presentations for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Chief Greg Severson presented the Police Department budget for the FY 2026 Tentative Budget. He reviewed ongoing and one-time budget requests. He spoke about the importance of employee recruitment and retention and reviewed the model for staffing (30-30-30-10), long recommended by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Chief Severson reviewed requested staff reclassifications, additional position for a crossing guard, and fleet needs. He also reviewed future challenges facing the Police Department. Council questions and comments followed.

Following the presentation by Police, Council moved to General Citizen Comments at 6:25 pm.

Council resumed department presentations at 6:33 pm.

Chief Ryan McConaghie presented the Fire Department budget for the FY 2026 Tentative Budget. Chief McConaghie thanked the Council for their involvement and support of the Fire Department and reviewed how his department budget's requests reflected the Council's budget priorities. He reviewed cost savings, grants, general fund cuts, proposed budget requests, Fire Station 31 rebuild, and future needs. He spoke about the importance of maintaining a trained and professional staff and future fleet replacement needs. Council questions and comments followed.

Dan Medina, Parks & Recreation Director, presented the Parks and Recreation Department budget for the FY 2026 Tentative Budget. He reviewed ongoing and one-time budget requests for department divisions, capital improvements, and the Alta Canyon Sports Center (ACSC) rebuild. Martin Jensen, Deputy CAO, provided additional details on the rebuild of the ACSC capital project. The Miller Foundation has committed to a \$1M sponsorship of the recreation center. Council questions and comments followed.

Martin Jensen, Deputy CAO, presented the budget requests for FY 2026 for the Mayor's Office, Administration, Amphitheater & Arts Guild, and Communications. He spoke about the reorganization of departments. Barb Smith, Communications Director, provided detailed information regarding department costs associated with the city newsletter and the impact to her department. Ms. Smith responded to Council questions. Council requested information related to both the 2024 and the 2025 surveys done by the Communications department. Council also discussed the Survey Action Team and the protocol and process in place for city surveys. They questioned why the process was not followed. The Council also had questions related to the less than 1% in budget cuts for the Mayor's Office, CAO and Communications Departments. A lengthy Council discussion followed.

Council convened a recess at 8:08 pm.

Council reconvened at 8:15 pm.

Kasey Dunlavy, Economic Development Director, reviewed his department's highlights and accomplishments from FY 2025. He spoke about budget and administrative efficiency. The Economic Development budget has been cut for three consecutive years due to project areas expiring and restructured administrative costs. He reviewed ongoing

and one-time budget requests, which included funding for the development of an Economic Development Strategic Plan. Council questions and comments followed.

Council requested from the Finance Team, additional information and a presentation at an upcoming meeting of property and sales tax calculations and analysis.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

4. [25-134](#) Approval of the April 15, 2025 Draft Minutes

Attachments: [April 15, 2025 draft minutes](#)

Item approved.

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Dustin Fratto, Council Director, reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Council. Comcast will present on the Comcast Rise grant program. Next week the following departments will present their tentative budgets for FY 2026: Public Utilities, Public Works, Administrative Services, Legal, Justice Court, and Non-departmental. There will be a first reading on amendments to the ticket policy and a possible closed session.

Council Member Business

Council Member Ryan Mecham thanked the department staff for working through difficult budget decisions for FY 2026. He acknowledged and appreciated their efforts.

Council Member Alison Stroud attended the UDOT Open House on the 9400 South Study. It was a very informative event. She attended the Wetlands Dedication and the Food Truck night. Both events were great.

Council Member Cyndi Sharkey attended the Smith Entertainment Group press conference and announcement. Prior to the press conference, there was a meeting and discussion with stakeholders from Salt Lake and Sandy.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Zoltanski spoke about many events. Brookwood Elementary School visited City Hall for their end of year fieldtrip. The Wetlands Dedication was a beautiful event. The Sego Lily Gardens scavenger hunt was a fun event. She thanked all staff involved in these events. This Saturday is the Wildland Urban Interface community event at Bell Canyon trailhead. All are welcome. The UDOT open house was very informative. The Food Truck night went well. She spoke about a recent incident involving a staff member of the Public Works department who helped a resident to safety and out of her burning house and commended him for his heroism.

CAO Report

Shane Pace, CAO, invited the Council and staff to the retirement farewell for Dave Goldgardt.

Dustin Fratto expressed his appreciation to the Finance staff for their efforts related to the budget balancing tool and awarded them Council Cash on behalf of the Council.

Adjournment

Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.