



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, May 30, 2023

5:15 PM

City Hall & Online

Business Session

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 Scott Earl

Council Staff in Attendance:

Dustin Fratto, Executive Director
Justin Sorenson, Assistant Director
Christine Edwards, Council Clerk
Liz Theriault, Policy & Comms Analyst

Administration in Attendance:

Mayor Monica Zoltanski
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
Kasey Dunlavy, Economic Development
Jared Gerber, Deputy CAO
Kim Bell, Deputy Mayor
Susan Wood, PIO

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Council Chair Alison Stroud welcomed those in attendance.

Council Member Marci Houseman offered the Prayer.
Mayor Monica Zoltanski led the Pledge.

Council moved to Item 2 on the Agenda.

Citizen Comment Procedure

1. [23-207](#) General Citizen Comment Period (No earlier than 6:00 PM)

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

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

Mr. Steve McKinnon, community member and Service Ambassador in District 24, discussed speeding issues with cars driving along Wasatch Blvd. He would like to see the speed limit reduced to 35 mph. spoke about a stretch of road that he would like to the speed reduced to 35 miles per hour. He wanted to bring this issue to the Council's attention. He expressed appreciation to the officers he has spoken to regarding this issue.

Mr. Steve Van Maren spoke about maintenance needs at Dewey Bluth Park - several trees have died and the park has not been mowed in two weeks.

Mr. Brent Nielsen, lives in community 24. He expressed concerns with speeding and car noise along Wasatch Blvd from 9400 South to 117th South. He has spoken with the city traffic engineer about this problem. The problem is worse in the evenings and on the weekends. He would like to see the speed along Wasatch Blvd. reduced to 35 mph.

Public comment closed.

Council convened a recess at 8:00 pm.
Council reconvened at 8:10 pm.

Council moved to Item 3 on the Agenda.

Business Session Items

Informational Items

2. [23-201](#) Public Works, Public Utilities, Parks and Recreation, and Economic Development Departments presenting an overview of their FY 2023-24 tentative department budgets.

Attachments: [Department Budget Presentations May 30th.pdf](#)

Department Directors presented their proposed budgets and budget requests for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to the Council.

Mike Gladbach, Public Works Director, presented his budget for FY 2023-24. He introduced his team: Paul Browning, Britney Ward, Blaine Botkin, Ryan Kump, Dan Yates. He spoke about department priorities and budget requests: employee compensation, road construction maintenance, and fleet replacement. He reviewed his general fund budget requests which included ongoing expenses for department staff overtime and on-call pay, salt inventory, and one-time expenses for fleet and the sign shop. He also provided information on funds requested for capital projects. Council questions followed.

Tom Ward, Public Utilities Director presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget requests and reviewed significant budget items. He reviewed the impact of inflation on department costs and capital needs. He spoke about his department accomplishments. Council questions followed.

Dan Medina, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced his assistant directors, Todd Assay and Jetta Marriott. He presented his department's FY 2023-24 budget requests, reviewed department accomplishments, and capital projects. Council questions occurred throughout the presentation. Brian Kelley with Finance, responded to Council questions.

Kasey Dunlavy, Economic Development Director, presented on RDA/Economic Development project area notables: Civic Center South URA (River Oaks Golf Course bond retired in FY 2023) and Civic Center North, and TOD CDA. He provided an overview of his department's FY 2023-24 budget requests and reviewed current year savings and highlights. Council questions followed.

Council moved to Item 1 on the Agenda: General Citizen Comment.

Public Hearing(s)

3. [23-202](#) Public hearing to consider two resolutions which increase total appropriations within the proprietary and governmental funds for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023

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

[23-19C Governmental Funds.pdf](#)

[23-20C Proprietary Funds.pdf](#)

Public Hearing:

Brian Kelley introduced the item and reviewed the details of the resolutions. Council Member Mecham made a motion.

A motion was made by Ryan Mecham, seconded by Zach Robinson to adopt Resolution 23-19C, a resolution increasing total appropriations within the governmental funds for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Public comment opened for Resolution 23-19C and 23-20C:

Mr. Steve Van Maren commented regarding the significant increase in the Risk Management budget and suggested that more oversight is needed. He has submitted a Grama request for this information. Council Member Mecham provided some information regarding the increase in the Risk Management budget was partially due to an increase in injuries to our police officers in the line of duty.

Public comment closed.

Following the Council discussion, a roll call vote was taken on the motion.

A motion was made by Ryan Mecham, seconded by Zach Robinson to adopt Resolution 23-19C, a resolution increasing total appropriations within the governmental funds for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023...The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 4 Alison Stoud
Zach Robinson
Ryan Mecham
Scott Earl

No 3 Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey
Brooke D'Sousa

A motion was by Cyndi Sharkey, seconded by Scott Earl to adopt Resolution 23-20C, a resolution increasing total appropriations within the proprietary funds for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023...The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. [23-203](#) Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the FY 2023-24 Sandy City Budget. This item includes:

Resolutions 23-23 C and 23-24 C of Sandy City, adopting tax rates for Sandy City and the Alta Canyon Recreation District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; also establishing certain fees and charges in Sandy City for said fiscal year

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

[23-23C Property Tax Rate Adoption - City.pdf](#)

[23-24C Property Tax Rate Adoption - Alta Canyon.pdf](#)

Public Hearing:

Brian Kelley, Finance Director, reviewed the process for the Public Hearing and Council deliberations on the tentative budget. His team is available for any Council questions. The public hearing opened the Council heard citizen comment.

Public comment for the Public Hearing opened:

Mr. Steve Van Maren referenced a line item on the budget and had a question regarding the potential impact to his property taxes.

Public comment closed.

Council made a motion to continue the public hearing until the next City Council business session, June 20, 2023. Council members expressed support for the continuation of the public hearing. Brian Kelley reminded the Council that the city will need to notify the County by June 22, 2023 of any intent to raise the tax rate.

A motion was made by Brooke D'Sousa, seconded by Marci Houseman to continue the Public Hearing until the next City Council Business session on June 20, 2023...The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. [23-205](#) Recess City Council and convene a meeting of the Sandy City Redevelopment Agency

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

[05-30-23 RDA Agenda](#)

[RD 23-04 and exh](#)

[3.21.23 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Ryan Mecham, seconded by Marci Houseman to recess the City Council and convene a meeting of the Redevelopment Board...The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Following the RDA Board meeting, the Council reconvened the City Council meeting.

Council Voting Items

6. [23-200](#) Community Development Department requesting City Council action regarding renewal of the City's membership in the Salt Lake County HOME Consortium for federal fiscal years 2024 through 2026.

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

[Resolution 23-21C](#)

[Exhibit "A" \(Interlocal Agreement-draft\)](#)

Jake Warner, Community Development, presented on Resolution #23-21C, which authorizes the City to enter into an Interlocal Agreement to renew the City's membership on the Home Consortium for use of Home funds which is distributed by the federal home program. Staff is recommending approval of the resolution.

Public comment opened:

Mr. Steve Van Maren expressed support of this program.

Public comment closed.

A motion was made by Ryan Mecham, seconded by Scott Earl to adopt Resolution 23-21C authorizing execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement to participate in a local consortium of the Federal Home Program and authorizing the City to enter into agreements for the use of the Home funds...The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. [23-204](#) Second Reading: Department Management Studies Proposal

Sponsors: Houseman

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

[Resolution 23-22C.pdf](#)

Second Reading: Council Member Marci Houseman thanked her colleagues for their feedback and staff for their help. She spoke about the review team and emphasized the collaborative nature of the process and reviewed some changes made to the proposal based on the feedback she received. A motion was made by Council Member Houseman to adopt the Resolution 23-22C. Dustin Fratto, Council Director, noted that a correction to Item 4 of Exhibit needed to be made. The item should state the following: "the Joint Review Team (as organized through this policy) shall award the contract." He recommended the Council add the amendment to the motion as stated below:

A motion was made by Marci Houseman, seconded by Brooke D'Sousa to adopt Resolution 23-22C, as amended per the meeting discussion, a resolution adopting a Sandy City Council policy outlining and requiring periodic administrative management studies.

A lengthy discussion followed. Shane Pace, CAO, spoke in support of the proposal and appreciated the stronger participation in the process from Administration. The Administration is optimistic of the proposal to conduct department management studies and the ability to learn from these studies without decreasing the effectiveness of the departments. He did express concerns regarding the total potential cost for conducting studies for each department over the next eighteen years. Council Member Mecham suggested as an alternative, the city could hire an in-house analyst to conduct the studies rather than a consultant which may be more cost effective. He also suggested the Council consider doing a one-time pilot management study to assess the effectiveness of the study. Council Member D'Sousa expressed support for an independent consultant to conduct these studies and feels it is a worthwhile investment. Council Member Earl expressed support for the efficiency study on a trial basis and he spoke about the positive benefits that resulted from a quality management and efficiency study that was conducted in the Parks Department while he was the director. Council Member Robinson made a suggestion for the review team and selection process and offered some thoughts. He is supportive of conducting the initial study and then reevaluating the process afterwards. Council Member Houseman provided additional details for the review process and the benefits of conducting the studies which will help the Council make future decisions by providing useful data, and of building trust with the community, especially in a year where a tax increase is being considered. Council Member Stroud is supportive of conducting a trial management study but did express concerns with the total costs of multiple future studies. Lynn Pace, City Attorney, provided additional insight regarding the impact on future councils. This is a year by year vote and only binding if the costs are added to the budget and therefore would not restrict future councils.

A motion was made by Marci Houseman, seconded by Brooke D'Sousa to adopt Resolution 23-22C, as amended per the meeting discussion, a resolution adopting a Sandy City Council policy outlining and requiring periodic administrative management studies...The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Ryan Mecham

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Tracy Cowdell, Council Attorney, provided additional information and clarity on when a roll call vote is necessary.

Dustin Fratto, Council Director, provided information on upcoming agenda items. The Sandy Youth Council will join the Council and Administration for dinner on June 13th and will be recognized at that City Council meeting for their service to the city and community. The Public Hearing will continue through to the June 20th City Council meeting.

Council Member Business

Council Member Ryan Mecham spoke about the Noal Bateman Award, the City's highest award given to honor a Sandy resident for his/her service to the city and community. The online submittal form can be found on the city website and there are hard copies of the nomination form in the Chambers, Mayor's Office, Senior Center, Sandy Library, and Alta Canyon Recreation Center. The award will be presented at a September City Council meeting.

Council Member Scott Earl spoke about the importance of hiring a construction manager to manage some of the city's larger capital projects. He also spoke about residents' concerns regarding the speed of cars traveling on Wasatch Blvd and would like to see the speed reduced in that area.

Council Member Alison Stroud thanked Dan Medina and the Parks staff for their help addressing a resident's concerns. She also acknowledged the police department for their responsiveness and handling of issues related to speed and noise complaints in the area around 1300 East. Thank you for keeping our residents safe.

Mayor's Report

Tomorrow, Mayor Zoltanski will be signing an emergency declaration for flood mitigation in preparation of potential flooding of areas around Sandy City. She expressed gratitude to the partnership with Salt Lake County and appreciated their help. There is a dedication of the Spencer House at Dimple Dell Park on Thursday - all are invited to attend. She spoke about trail head improvements and construction at the Wrangler Trail Head and asked residents to avoid that area to allow the crews to work on the projects. Mayor Z acknowledged and congratulated the Sandy Arts Guild for winning Best of State.

CAO Report

Shane Pace, CAO, mentioned that both the pool at Alta Canyon Recreation Center and the splash pad at Amphitheater Park are open. He also wanted to make the Council aware that the Census bureau reevaluated the population estimates of Sandy City and lowered the city's population count by 4,000 people. Community Development staff is reviewing the potential financial impact of this reduction in the city's population.

Adjournment

Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the Council meeting at 9:33 pm.