

RESOLUTION # 26-55C

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANDY CITY COUNCIL STATING ITS INTENTION TO INVESTIGATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS AND FORMAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, the infrastructure supporting the Sandy City Police Department must evolve to meet the complexities of modern law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, a purpose-built facility is essential for improving officer recruitment, retention, and mental health through modern design and wellness-focused environments; and

WHEREAS, should the City Council move forward with construction it intends to provide the community a direct voice in this investment through a General Obligation (GO) Bond on the November 2027 General Election ballot; and

WHEREAS, a formal needs assessment and feasibility analysis are required to determine the operational and space requirements for the Police Department, the facility location, and accurate cost estimates for the likely project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANDY CITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. Policy. Sandy City shall investigate the feasibility of constructing a Public Safety Headquarters.
2. Direction. The Mayor is hereby authorized to conduct, or hire a qualified consultant to conduct, a comprehensive feasibility analysis and formal needs assessment for a new Police Department Public Safety Headquarters.
3. Site Evaluation Requirements. At minimum, the analysis shall evaluate the following locations for suitability:
 - a. The “Justice Campus” Site:
 - i. The parking lot located to the west of the Sandy City Justice Court and City Hall; and
 - ii. The existing Justice Court Building; or
 - b. The existing Arbor Building; or
 - c. A combination of these sites.
 - d. Other locations, as recommended by the City, or by the Consultant, should the Justice Campus and Arbor Building prove insufficient or ill-suited for the intended use.
4. Scope. The study must move beyond preliminary estimates to provide an accurate data set for the Council and the public. At minimum the assessment shall include:

- a. Space and growth verification: An audit of the preliminary 47,000 square foot recommendation to ensure it meets departmental needs through 2028 and beyond
 - b. Site-specific suitability studies and cost estimates. The analysis must provide conceptual designs and construction cost estimates for each potential site, including costs for any specialized equipment that may be required in the new facility.
5. Analysis Timeline. The Council hereby establishes the following timeline for the Feasibility Analysis:
- a. By June 9, 2026: Determine who will conduct the study and submit the study funding request to the City Council
 - b. By December 31, 2026: Completion of Feasibility Analysis.
 - c. By January 31, 2027: Present feasibility analysis and site recommendation to the City Council.
6. Funding. Following the selection of a qualified consultant by City Administration, the council shall be prepared to review and consider appropriating the necessary funds to complete the analysis.
7. Effective. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Sandy City Council this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Cyndi Sharkey, Chair
Sandy City Council

ATTEST:

City Recorder