



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 30, 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
Christine Edwards, Council Clerk
Liz Theriault, Sr. Policy and Comms Analyst
Tracy Cowdell, Council Attorney

Administration in Attendance:

Mayor Monica Zoltanski
Shane Pace, CAO
Lynn Pace, City Attorney
Ryan McConaghie, Fire
Mark Soper, Police
Tom Ward, Public Utilities
James Sorensen, Community Development
Brian Kelley, Administrative Services
Dan Median, Parks & Recreation
Kasey Dunlavy, Economic Development
Kim Bell, Deputy Mayor
Melissa Anderson, Community Development

Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Introductions

Council Chair Zach Robinson welcomed those in attendance.

Shane Pace, CAO, offered the Prayer.
Kim Bell, Deputy Mayor, led the Pledge.

Council moved to Item 1 on the Agenda.

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

Council Chair Robinson invited the public to participate in General Citizen Comment (opened at 5:58 pm closed at 6:02 pm).

Ms. Pat Jones acknowledged Sandy City which was recently ranked #22 in the country as one of the best cities to live in and raise a family. This is a big complement for our city and she thanked the Administration and Staff for their service to the city and community. We all work for the best interests of the city, even if we don't always agree on all issues, which is OK.

Council moved to Item 3 on the Agenda.

Council Business

Informational Items

1. [24-275](#) Council Member Dekeyzer presenting a policy related to Council Committee Assignments

Attachments: [Committee Assignments Policy](#)

Council Member Aaron Dekeyzer presented a proposed policy to amend and outline procedures for the City Council to follow when making committee assignments. Mr. Dekeyzer reviewed the proposed policy with the Council and also reviewed exceptions for the term of service for the Utah Legislative Policy Committee, the Sandy Youth Council, and the Salt Lake County Convention Facilities Advisory Board. Council discussion, questions, and feedback followed. Discussion included whether the appointments would all be made in January or at three different times during the year. Council Member Dekeyzer thanked the Council for their comments and will bring back a revised proposal for the Council's review and consideration at a future meeting.

Public Hearing

2. [24-274](#) The Administrative Services Department presenting the Council with a Resolution increasing appropriations, amending the staffing schedule, and adjusting fees for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Attachments: [Resolution 24-33C](#)
[Public Hearing Notice](#)

Brian Kelley, Administrative Services Director, presented Resolution 24-33C which was reviewed with the Council at the prior week's meeting. The resolution increased appropriations to allocate grant funds received by the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Grant and adjusted fee schedules. The grant funds will be used to hire additional public safety personnel to help with the increased calls resulting from the MVP Shelter.

Public Hearing comment period opened.
Public Hearing comment period closed.

Following the vote on the motion, Council moved to General Citizen Comment.

A motion was made by Ryan Mecham, seconded by Cyndi Sharkey to adopt Resolution 24-33C, a resolution increasing appropriations, amending the staffing schedule, and adjusting fees for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 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

Council Voting Items

3. [24-273](#) City Council considers Advice and Consent of Ryan McConaghie to serve as the Sandy City Fire Chief

Attachments: [Memorandum](#)

[Fire Chief Job Description](#)

[24-34C Resolution - Fire Chief Appointment - Ryan McConaghie](#)

Mayor Zoltanski said it was her pleasure to nominate Ryan McConaghie as the Sandy City Fire Chief. Council advice and consent of this appointment was requested.

Chief McConaghie appreciated the opportunity to lead the Sandy City Fire Department and thanked the Council and Administration for their time, support, and consideration for this position. He was looking forward to working together.

Public comment opened.

Public comment closed.

Following the motion, Retired Fire Chief Cline presented the chief helmet to Chief McConaghie as part of the Change in Command Ceremony. The formal swearing in ceremony will take place on August 26th at 6:00 pm in the Multi Purpose Room.

Chief Cline gave remarks and acknowledged Chief McConaghie for his service and dedication. Mayor Zoltanski also acknowledged the new chief. The City Council thanked Chief McConaghie for his dedication and willingness to serve.

A motion was made by Marci Houseman, seconded by Ryan Mecham to adopt Resolution 24-34C, a resolution of the Sandy City Council consenting to the appointment of Ryan McConaghie as Fire Chief of the Sandy City Fire Department...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

4. [CA04262024](#) Amendments to Title 21 of the Land Development Code related to
[-0006762](#) Home-based Microschools, Micro-education Entities, Charter and Public
[\(CC\)](#) Schools

Attachments: [24-14 Ordinance- LDC-Title 21 Code Amendment](#)
[Presentation - Microschool Code Amendment](#)
[Planning Commission Minutes 7.18.2024 \(DRAFT\)](#)
[Staff Report and Exhibits](#)

Melissa Anderson, Community Development, presented Ordinance 24-14 for Council consideration and action. This item was presented to the Council at last week's city council meeting. The proposed amendments to Title 21 of the Land Development Code related to Home-based Microschools, Micro-education entities, and Charter and Public Schools. The Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation.

Public comment opened.

Mr. Steve Van Maren thought it took the legislature too long to make this change.

Public comment closed.

A motion was made by Cyndi Sharkey, seconded by Ryan Mecham, to adopt ordinance 24-14 to amend Title 21, of the Sandy Municipal Code, relating to Home-based Microschools, Micro-education Entities, Charter and Public Schools as shown in Exhibit "A"...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

5. [CA07032024](#) Amendments to Title 21 of the Land Development Code related to
[-0006794](#) Accessory Structures in the Open Space District
[\(CC\)](#)

Attachments: [24-15 Ordinance- LDC-Title 21 Chapter 10 Code Amendment](#)
[Presentation OS Zone Code Amendment](#)
[Planning Commission Minutes 7.18.2024 \(DRAFT\)](#)
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Melissa Anderson, Community Development, presented Ordinance 24-15 for Council consideration and action. The ordinance clarifies language in the Land Development Code related to Accessory Structures in the Open Space District. This item was presented last week to the Council as a first reading. The Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation.

Public Comment opened.

Ms. Amy Walker stated that she was an attorney representing residents impacted by the proposed maintenance facility. Her client was opposed to the maintenance facility and spoke about related legal issues regarding guidelines for setbacks and restrictions.

Mr. Lenny Furus bought his home by Willow Creek Country Club in 2014. He spoke about the loss of open space and the view from his backyard. He also spoke about the adverse impact to homeowners and the values of homes. He is opposed to the proposed maintenance facility.

Ms. Vivian Vonk asked the Council to not rush to make a decision on the proposed code amendment. She is opposed to the building of the proposed maintenance facility by Willow Creek Country Club. Please take the time to identify positive outcomes and maintain open space.

Ms. Erin Harries spoke about being a victim of a failed system to protect open space. She spoke about the process, the neighborhood meeting notice, the clarification of the code, the inability for the Planning Commission to conduct a site tour, and the lack of guidelines and parameters for the planning commissioners to follow. This maintenance facility benefits Willow Creek Country Club, not the homeowners. She urged the Council to vote no.

Mr. Steve Harries lives directly adjacent to Willow Creek golf course in an unincorporated county island. He is not a member of the Willow Creek Country Club. He bought the home because of the open space and does not think structures should be allowed in open space. It will have a devastating impact to the homeowners. This issue needs to be addressed in a more thoughtful manner. He asked the Council to vote no on the code amendment.

Mr. Brad Fogg thanked the Council for their time. The city code does not permit accessory structures in open space. He is opposed to allowing Willow Creek Country Club build a maintenance facility in open space.

Mr. Steve Fehlauer spoke about the aspiration of creating laws that serve the citizens of Sandy City. Open Space laws provide areas for people to recreate and enjoy. With that spirit in mind, he asked the council to enforce the intention of open space laws and not

allow a structure in open space. He also believed that the Planning Commission should be given more direction and guidelines.

Mr. Brent Bateman, an attorney representing the Willow Creek Country Club, spoke about prior comments made regarding the proposed maintenance facility. This has not been a hasty process. Accessory structures go through a thorough review by the city and planning commission. The planning commission changed the height and setbacks of the originally proposed structure. The city is clarifying the code and he expressed support for the Council to pass the amendment to the code.

Public comment closed.

A lengthy Council discussion followed citizen comments. Many in the Council expressed appreciation to the residents and neighbors who came to the meeting to express their thoughts and opinions and the effort that has been put into this. Currently, the city does allow for accessory structures in open space. Examples of this include parking lots and rest rooms at parks. The code amendment clarifies the city code. The city attorney and community development director provided additional insight and perspective on the code and criteria used by the Planning Commission when making decisions on conditional use and accessory structures. The Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the Council. In response to Council questions regarding the impact of a no vote on the code amendment, the City Attorney requested a short recess to review the minutes from the planning commission meeting.

Council convened a recess at 7:01 pm.

Council reconvened at 7:06 pm.

Following the recess, the City Attorney weighed in on the Planning Commission's decision which is based on the City Council's approval of the code amendment. He discussed the impact of the Council's decision. After further deliberation, the Council made a motion. Following the roll call vote on the motion, Council moved to Standing Reports.

A motion was made by Cyndi Sharkey, seconded by Marci Houseman to adopt Ordinance 24-15, an ordinance revising Title 21 of the Sandy Municipal Code, Chapter 10, "Open Space District", Section 2, "Permitted Land Uses in the Open Space District" also providing a saving clause and effective date for the ordinance...The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

- Yes:** 5 - Alison Stroud
Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey
Ryan Mecham
Brooke D'Sousa
- No:** 2 - Zach Robinson
Aaron Dekeyzer

6. [24-276](#) Possible Closed Session to discuss the following:

- The purchase, exchange or lease of real property.

Council convened a closed session at 7:42 pm in the Council Conference Room to discuss the purchase, exchange of lease of real property. The Council meeting adjourned immediately following the closed session.

A motion was made by Cyndi Sharkey, seconded by Ryan Mecham to convene a closed session in the Council Conference Room to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and to adjourn the Council Meeting immediately following the closed session...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

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Dustin Fratto, Council Director: Next week's Council meeting is cancelled so the Council can attend the Night Out Against Crime neighborhood events. He updated the Council on other upcoming agenda items.

Council Member Business

Council Member Marci Houseman thanked Chris Edwards for coordinating the recent evening at the Hale Centre Theatre with the CDBG Committee members. It was a great opportunity to thank the committee members for their service. Ms. Houseman made a request to the Chair and Council to add an agenda item to a future meeting to discuss the city budget and priorities. She spoke about Governor Cox's initiative regarding the Utah Trail Network and in establishing new trails. UDOT will work with local communities to build these trails.

Council Member Zach Robinson was supportive of a fall budget discussion at a Council meeting.

Council Member Brooke D'Sousa was also supportive of having a fall budget workshop for the Council.

Council Member Cyndi Sharkey thanked the Council for their support of the ordinance and policy establishing the sharing of tickets with the Administration for event opportunities in the city. Ms. Sharkey mentioned that she had attended every function and felt these events were great opportunities to strengthen relationships with fellow council members, mayors, dignitaries, and state and federal representatives. Last week, she attended the Sandy Amphitheater. She met with Mearle Marsh who gave her a tour of the new concession area and explained the vision for the area. It was a great opportunity to monitor and review the city venue and she felt it was very important for Council Members to have this opportunity at city venues. She also had an opportunity to talk with the city Explorer volunteers and Officers who were working at the venue that evening. She thanked the Council for their support of this policy.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Zoltanski offered her congratulations to the Sandy community for being ranked 22nd in the country as a top tier city for families. This is a great tribute to our city. She spoke about the event in Salt Lake City in recognition of being awarded the 2034 Olympics. She is looking forward to planning future events in Sandy for the Olympics.

CAO Report

Shane Pace, CAO: On August 19th the Fire Department is hosting a blood drive. The Balloon Festival is coming up on August 9th and 10th. All are welcome to attend. Later this month, the Sandy Amphitheater will be celebrating their 25 year anniversary. He also thanked the Council for approving the budget resolution.

Martin Jensen, Deputy CAO, updated the Council. The air conditioner at Alta Canyon Sports Center needs to be replaced. The city has rented a temporary unit through September. We will come back to the Council and provide an update on the costs and funding source for this rental unit.

Following the CAO report, Council moved to Item 6 on the agenda.

Adjournment

Council convened a closed session at 7:42 pm. The Council meeting adjourned immediately following the Closed Session.