



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, June 6, 2023

5:15 PM

City Hall & Online

Business Session

5:15 Council Meeting

Present: 6 - Council Member Alison Stroud
Council Member Zach Robinson
Council Member Marci Houseman
Council Member Cyndi Sharkey
Council Member Ryan Mecham
Council Member Scott Earl

Excused: 1 - Council Member Brooke D'Sousa

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
Jeff Robinson, Deputy 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.

Council Member Ryan Mecham led the Pledge.

Council moved to Item 2 on the Agenda.

Citizen Comment Procedure

23-213 General Citizen Comment Period (No earlier than 6:00 PM)

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

Public Comment opened.

Mr. Steve Van Maren spoke about the revenues from a GO bond and expressed concerns about the possibility of any excess funds being rolled into the general budget.

Mr. David Jack spoke about D Day which occurred over 70 years ago on June 6th, when the Allied forces invaded Normandy Beach in France. He spoke about visiting the site and reflected on the sacrifices of the many who fought that day and died or were injured for the well-being of future generations. He spoke about the importance of following the rule of law and by being a good citizen as a way to honor those who fought for us those many years ago.

Ms. Pat Jones spoke about how all elected officials are also sacrificing in order to serve their community and she acknowledged their service and time. She thanked the Mayor for her work and knows it is not easy to ask for a tax increase and appreciates the Council looking for ways to decrease the proposed tax impact to residents. She is also on a fixed income, but she understands the needs of the city and departments. She thanked the Council for the great discussion on the budget. She went to Alta Canyon Recreation Center and does think the center is in need of repairs. She spoke about the importance of getting city-wide buy in for the Alta Canyon project.

Ms. May does not think rebuilding Alta Canyon Recreation Center is the best use of taxpayer money right now. She expressed support for the Fire Department funding. We need to show our support for the Fire Department staff. Our first responders are the backbone of our city and we need to support them. Sandy has many well maintained parks and she is not supportive of the Alta Canyon rebuild project.

Public Comment closed.

Council moved to Standing Reports.

Business Session Items

Informational Items

2. [23-216](#) City Recorder presenting amendments to Utah Code as related to candidate financial disclosure deadlines

Attachments: [Financial Disclosures Presentation.pdf](#)
[Memo.pdf](#)

Wendy Downs, City Recorder, presented on a change to the Utah State Code 10-3-208(4b) & 5, effective 5/3/2023. The amendment now includes an additional state required financial disclosure for those candidates who are not eliminated at the primary election, and are in the General Election race. The Sandy City Code follows state code for financial disclosure submittals. Ms. Downs reviewed the recommended amendments to the Sandy City Code to align with the Utah State Code. Council questions followed. Council members expressed support for amending the Sandy City Code to align with the Utah State Code mandates for required candidate financial disclosures due dates.

Consent Calendar

3. [23-215](#) Approval of the May 8, 2023 Town Hall Minutes

Attachments: [May 8, 2023 Town Hall Draft Minutes](#)

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

Council Voting Items

4. [23-214](#) Discussion of Council Members' recommended amendments to the FY 2023-2024 Tentative Budget.

Attachments: [Click here to eComment on this item](#)
[Robinson Budget Proposal 6.6.23.pdf](#)

Council Member Robinson presented proposed amendments to the FY 2024 Budget. He provided an overview of the proposed amendments which include the following: fully funding the employee compensation plan, fully funding the Fire Department FTE's and pay plan, and the issuance of bonds to fund building Fire Station 31 and Alta Canyon Recreation Center. Council discussion and comments followed. The discussion and feedback provided included adjustments to the employee compensation plan, addressing one capital project at a time, the importance of funding core services, the funding of the proposed Fire FTE's, and the utilization of funds from a GO Bond for funding capital projects. Discussion also included the costs to maintain the high level of service to our residents and support for the needs of the fire department. Sandy City currently has one of the lowest property tax rates among other cities of a comparable size. Council Member Robinson thanked the Council and Administration for their feedback.

Council convened a recess at 7:00 pm
Council reconvened at 7:05 pm

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

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Dustin Fratto, Council Director: The Sandy Youth Council will be joining the Council for dinner next week and will be recognized at the June 13th City Council meeting. The Council will hear budget proposals for FY 2024.

Council Member Business

Council Member Zach Robinson spoke about the Bell Canyon trailhead and upgrades, and he reminded the public to be safe around the water.

Council Member Marci Houseman thanked Dr. Jack for his comments honoring the military and those that stormed the beaches of Normandy to protect our freedoms. She thanked all those who have served in the military. Ms. Houseman also acknowledged the first responders for their quick and lifesaving response involving a recent incident.

Council Member Cyndi Sharkey encouraged all to nominate people for the Healthy Sandy Champion award. She recently attended the Spavia Grand Opening - it is a beautiful place. Ms. Sharkey provided an update from the General Plan Transportation Subcommittee meeting. It was an informative and interesting discussion at the meeting.

Council Member Scott Earl thanked Dr. Jack for his earlier comments. Mr. Earl mentioned that is currently meeting with the city's transportation engineer to review the speeding issues along Wasatch Blvd.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Zoltanski thanked Dr. Jack for his comments. She spoke about honoring those in the military. She invited residents to come to the food truck nights at the Sandy Amphitheater and to City Hall to view the art work from local artists which is sponsored by the Sandy Arts Guild. Mayor Z spoke about the proposed tax increases and the importance of supporting the fire department. She spoke about the recent article regarding the proposed tax increase and thought the article was misleading to residents. The residents she spoke to were supportive of funding the needs of the fire department. She also encouraged residents who are on a fixed income to go to the Sandy City website to find information on financial assistance programs that can offer help to those on fixed incomes.

CAO Report

Shane Pace, CAO, also spoke about the upgrades and the Bell Canyon Trailhead which included the addition of a helipad. That was used this weekend by first responders who helped an injured hiker on the trail. He also mentioned to check the website to find drop off locations for sandbags.

Adjournment

Council unanimously adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.