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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Brooke Christensen, District 1
Alison Stroud, District 2
Kristin Coleman-Nicholl, District 3
Monica Zoltanski, District 4
Marci Houseman, At-large
Zach Robinson, At-large
Cyndi Sharkey, At-large

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

5:15 PM

Online Meeting

Council Members Present:

Council Member Christensen
Council Member Stroud
Council Member Nicholl
Council Member Zoltanski
Council Member Robinson
Council Member Sharkey
Council Member Houseman

Council Staff Present:

Mike Applegarth, Executive Director
Dustin Fratto, Senior Management Analyst
Tracy Cowdell, Council Attorney

Administration Present:

Mayor Bradburn
Matt Huish, Chief Administrative Officer
Bob Thompson, City Attorney
Brian Kelley, Administrative Services Director
Evelyn Everton, Deputy Mayor
Mike Gladbach, Public Works Director
James Sorensen, Community Development Director
Jared Gerber, Assistant Community Development Director
Tom Ward, Public Utilities Director
Paul Browning, Assistant Public Works Director
Brian McCuiston, Planning Manager
Jim McClintick, Building Official
Mike Wilcox, Zoning Administrator
Greg Severson, Police Chief

5:15 Council Meeting

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Houseman opened the meeting with a prayer. Council Member Stroud led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Non-voting Items

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Mike Applegarth gave instruction on how to use Zoom.

Council Member Business

Council Member Zoltanski spoke about bridging racial divides.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bradburn spoke about the public safety step-in-grade compensation plan. He also mentioned Police Department preparation and training for citizen interaction. Chief Greg Severson spoke about actions to combat systemic racism.

CAO Report

There was no report.

Information Items

1. [20-184](#) Update from federal lobbyist Bill Simmons.

Attachments: [Federal Government COVID-19 Local Government Funding](#)

Bill Simmons provided an update about congressional activity including the CARES Act and the HEROS Act. Council questions followed.

2. [20-185](#) Community Development, Public Works, and Public Utilities presenting their FY 2020-21 Tentative department budgets.

Attachments: [FY 2020-21 Tentative Budget](#)

Community Development Director James Sorensen spoke about the operation of the Community Development Department and then reviewed the department's budget. Council questions and comments followed.

This item was paused at 6:05 PM in order to move to Citizen Comments.

Item 2 began again at 6:10 PM after public comment.

Mike Gladbach reviewed the Public Works department budget. Council comments and questions were offered throughout the presentation. Assistant Director Paul Browning and Administrative Services Director Brian Kelley assisted in questions as needed.

Tom Ward then gave an overview of Public Utilities then reviewed the department budget. Council questions followed the presentation.

Voting Items

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Alison Stroud
Kristin Coleman-Nicholl
Zach Robinson
Monica Zoltanski
Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey
Brooke Christensen

Meeting went into Recess following the approval of the Consent Calendar.

3. [20-179](#) Approval of the June 2, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [June 2, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Item approved.

Council Items

4. [CODE-04-20-5845 CC](#) Solar Carports - Proposed Amendment to the SD(Harada) Zone Amend Title 21, Chapter 19 - Special Development (SD) Districts, Section 14 - SD(Harada), of the Sandy Municipal Code

Attachments: [Staff Report.pdf](#)
[Exhibit A.pdf](#)
[Exhibit B.pdf](#)
[Applicant Request Letter.pdf](#)
[PC Minutes 05.21.2020 \(DRAFT\).pdf](#)

Mike Applegarth recommended continuing this item because the ordinance was not attached. The Council passed a motion to continue the item unanimously.

5. [20-188](#) Council Members Nicholl, Houseman, and Stroud introducing proposed amendments to the FY 2020-21 Tentative Budget.

Attachments: [Budget Proposal, Nicholl, Stroud, Houseman](#)

Council Member Nicholl opened the discussion on Item 5. She recommended that the first bullet point regarding vacant positions in the attached memo be tabled until next week. Council Member Houseman spoke about her budget priorities reflected in the budget proposal. Council Member Stroud also gave her thoughts on the difficult decisions proposed.

A motion was made by Cyndi Sharkey, seconded by Marci Houseman, to direct council office staff to work with Administration to incorporate the budget amendments in the FY 2020-21 budget as described in the Nicholl, Houseman, and Stroud memo from Council Members Nicholl, Houseman, and Stroud less item 1 from the memo.

Council discussion on the proposal followed.

Dustin Fratto provided direction about how to comment on this agenda item.

Seth Drew from the Fire Department encouraged the Council to fund the step-in-grade program.

Fire Chief Bruce Cline said he did not support the motion as detrimental to the department.

Stacy Visser supported the tax increase to expand public safety services.

Deputy Fire Chief Ryan McConaghie echoed the sentiment of Chief Cline and expressed confidence in the Administrative Services Department.

Sandra Haak said the agenda construction made it difficult to know when to comment, and that overtime should be considered as potentially costing more.

Brenda Suta spoke in favor of the Sandy Club.

Stacie Jorgensen from the Fire Department supported the step-in-grade program.

Carlos Lopez from the Fire Department spoke about his experience in the department and supported the step-in-grade program.

Clint Juhl recalled the federal funding mentioned earlier and supported the compensation plan for employees.

Patrick Hinkle expressed concerns about how this proposal was listed on the agenda, and opposed the current proposal.

Sergeant Clay Swenson from the Police Department expressed opposition to not funding the step-in-grade program.

Greg Labato expressed opposition about the current proposal and its impact on emergency response times.

Police Chief Greg Severson expressed opposition to the current proposal.

Scott Ellis echoed the messages of the public safety personnel and suggested all employees are essential.

Matt Stuebner, Battalion Chief, Fire Department spoke about staffing challenges and the impact on the department.

Tom Ward, Public Utilities Director spoke about the city staff effort in serving the community.

Jim Edwards noted his past support for a property tax increase and suggested the City maintain compensation for public safety, and that the CWC funding should not come from the water fund.

Ryan Bird, Vice-President of the Police union expressed concern about staffing in the department and its impact on service.

Chris Welch, President of the Fire union spoke about the efforts of the department to protect citizens among staffing challenges.

Ian Williams, Animal Services Director echoed the sentiments of other public safety personnel and asked that the Council table the current proposal.

Corey Metcalf, firefighter strongly urged the Council to reconsider the current proposal

Jodi Monaco expressed opposition to the the current proposal.

Daphanie Glick, police officer spoke about staffing in the police department and encouraged the Council to maintain compensation for public safety.

Craig Erickson suggested that public safety should be the top priority, and the Council should slow down on the current proposal to avoid compromising public safety.

Chuck Thoman, police officer spoke about leadership in the department and Administration and the workload of police officers serving the community.

Chris Aston, Fire Battalion Chief expressed concerns about fire department staffing levels and expressed concern about the proposal reducing staff and a consequent decrease in service.

Steve Van Maren expressed concerns about vacant positions and encouraged the Council to fund police and fire, and endorsed funding the CWC.

Gary McKellar expressed concerns about political games and disagreed with the 3-minute comment limitation. He suggested the Council is using COVID to play a game. He is against the current proposal.

Officer Dane Peterson, police officer noted that Sandy has become a destination organization as evidenced by his experience and transfer to Sandy. The current proposal is a knee-jerk reaction.

Justin Chapman, expressed the family atmosphere of the police department and the City. He suggested the current proposal is a huge setback.

Ashley Burningham, former Sandy police officer noted past hiring struggles in the department and encouraged the Council to maintain compensation for public safety.

Elizabeth Williams believes the current proposal was rushed to the agenda. The current proposal will have a negative impact on public safety.

Mike Applegarth read written comments submitted in advance to the Council Office.

Further Council discussion followed.

A motion was made by Marcie Houseman and seconded by Cyndi Sharkey to call the question. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Alison Stroud, Kris Nicholl, Marci Houseman, Cyndi Sharkey
No: Zach Robinson, Monica Zoltanski, Brooke Christensen

The vote was taken on the main motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Alison Stroud, Kris Nicholl, Marci Houseman, Cyndi Sharkey
No: Zach Robinson, Monica Zoltanski, Brooke Christensen

6. [20-186](#) Council Member Robinson requesting conversation on potential amendments to the FY 2020-21 Tentative Budget.

Attachments: [Budget Amendment Proposal](#)

Mike Applegarth pointed out that the Council has rule against taking any new business after 11 pm unless a majority of the Council votes to do so.

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Brooke Christensen, to continue discussion despite the 11 PM rule.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Alison Stroud
Kristin Coleman-Nicholl
Zach Robinson
Monica Zoltanski
Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey
Brooke Christensen

There was no action taken on this item.

7. [20-187](#) Council Member Christensen introducing proposed amendments to the FY 2020-21 Tentative Budget.

Attachments: [FY2020 21 Budget Proposal Memo](#)
[FY2020 21 Budget Proposal Brooke](#)

Council Member Christensen reviewed the summary memo on the proposal. Council questions followed.

Dustin Fratto gave direction for how to participate in public comment on this item.

Sandra Haak recommended the Council use some kind of benchmarking. She complete support the retention of the compensation package, and filling vacant positions.

Steve Van Maren spoke in favor of funding the Sandy Boys and Girls Club and funding the step-in-grade for police and fire.

Shalom Orton, Executive Director the Sandy Club spoke about the benefit of maintaining City funding for the Club.

Jodi Monaco questioned whether there had been any budget cuts to the Sandy City Animal Services.

Gary McKellar suggested the Council Member Christensen's proposal should be considered and that public safety compensation should be retained.

Jim Edwards expressed support for Council Member Christensen's proposal but the Sandy Club should be held to the same standard as other nonprofits.

Katie Johnson expressed appreciation to Council Members Zoltanski, Christensen, and Robinson. She recommended additional financial transparency with the Sandy Club donation. Police and Fire personnel will leave for other cities.

Council Member Christensen reiterated her support for finding a way to preserve employee compensation.

There was no formal action on this item.

8. [20-183](#) Possible Closed Session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property and/or pending or immanent litigation.

The Council did not go into closed session.

6:00 Time Certain Items

Citizen Comment

Senior Analyst Dustin Fratto gave instruction on how to participate in the Citizen Comment period.

Luke Bradley spoke on behalf of the Sandy Club.

The Chair reminded the speakers that comment in this period is for items not on the agenda.

Patrick Hinkle began to speak about the tentative budget. Council staff intervened because the item is on the agenda.

There was no additional public comment.

Adjournment

Adjournment occurred unanimously at 12:13 AM.