



Sandy City, Utah

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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, September 21, 2021

5:15 PM

City Hall & Online

Business Session

5:15 Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Council Member Alison Stroud
Council Member Kris Nicholl
Council Member Zach Robinson
Council Member Monica Zoltanski
Council Member Marci Houseman
Council Member Cyndi Sharkey
Council Member Brooke Christensen

Council Staff in Attendance:
Mike Applegarth, Executive Director
Liz Theriault, Policy & Communications Analyst
Tracy Cowdell, Council Attorney
Christine Edwards, Council Clerk

Administration in Attendance:
Evelyn Everton, Deputy Mayor
Matt Huish, CAO
Lynn Pace, City Attorney
Bruce Cline, Fire Chief
Greg Severson, Police Chief
Mike Gladbach, Public Works Director
James Sorenson, Community Development Director
Brian Kelley, Finance Director
Dan Medina, Parks and Recreation Director

Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Council Chair Alison Stroud welcomed those in attendance.

Council Member Brooke Christensen offered the Pledge.

Council Member Monica Zoltanski led the Pledge.

Business Session Items

Special Recognition

1. 21-359 Police Department recognizing a civilian and a Taylorsville officer who assisted a Sandy officer struggling with a suspect.

Chief Severson recognized Mr. Eusebio Santos, retired New York Police Department, and Mr. Joshua Hunt, Police Department. Both were honored for their selfless actions assisting a Sandy Police Officer on August 10, 2021. Chief Severson presented the men with the Meritorious Service Award on behalf of the men and women of the Sandy City Police Department.

Informational Items

2. 21-358 Presentations from Save Our Canyons, Save Not Pave, and Wasatch Backcountry Alliance regarding transportation options for Little Cottonwood Canyon

Attachments: [SOC Sandy City](#)

[SOC UDOT DEIS Comments 20210903](#)

[Sandy City Council Presentation](#)

[WBA LCC Transportation presented to Sandy City](#)

Council Member Zoltanski introduced the following presenters: Carl Fisher with Save our Canyon. Micki Harris with Save not Pave, and Brad Rutledge with Wasatch Back Country Alliance.

Mr. Fisher with Save Our Canyons is a local non-profit dedicated to protecting the wildness and beauty of the Wasatch Mountains. Mr. Fisher provided historical data, visitation stats and detailed recreation activities in the canyons. He reviewed the concerns and issues with the development in the canyons.

Ms. Harris with Save not Pave spoke about her organizations concerns with the gondola transportation option and the plans for Wasatch Blvd.

Mr. Brad Rutledge with Wasatch Backcountry Alliance spoke about the transportation in Little Cottonwood Canyon, the risks and offered common sense solutions.

Council moved to Time Certain Items, Public Hearing and heard comments for Item 6: Amendments Related to Accessory Apartments.

Following General Citizen Comments, the presenters responded to Council questions and comments. A Point of Order was made. The Chair ruled to limit the time of a council member's comments. Council comments and questions continued.

Council moved to Standing Reports.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Council approved the Consent Calendar by a unanimous voice vote.

3. 21-343 Approval of the August 17, 2021 Minutes

Attachments: August 17, 2021

Item approved.

4. 21-339 Approval of the August 24, 2021 Minutes

Attachments: August 24, 2021

Item approved.

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Mike Applegarth, Executive Director, thanked the office staff for their help with the Memorial Service for SSGT Taylor Hoover. He updated the Council on upcoming items.

Council Member Business

Council Member Nicholl thanked Council Member Houseman and office staff for their work on the Hoover Memorial service.

Council Member Houseman thanked the following for their help with the Hoover Memorial Service: Council Office Staff, Sandy Police Department and Explorers, Hillcrest PTSA, Canyons School District, Midvale City, Major Brent Taylor Foundation and Battalion Sea Cadets, Unified Police, and Charity RX.

Council Member Christensen spoke about the National Day of Service and thanked Administration and City department staff, and volunteers for their service and help completing twenty service projects in commemoration of the National Day of Service.

Council Member Zoltanski thanked Council Member Houseman for her efforts coordinating the memorial service. It showed the best in Sandy. She also thanked the volunteers who came out to Dimple Dell Park and helped with the clean up effort.

Council Member Robinson thanked Nikki Wyman for her help with the flip the strip program and he hopes residents take advantage of this opportunity.

Council Member Sharkey mentioned that she and Lynn Pace are part of a new water conservation committee with the ULCT.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bradburn gave an update on the impact of the Biden administration mandate regarding the vaccination and covid testing. Human Resources sent an email out to employees regarding their vaccination status.

CAO Report

Matt Huish, CAO, provided an update.

Following the Standing Reports, Council moved to the Consent Calendar.

After 6:00 Time Certain Items

5. 21-360 General Citizen Comments

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Council Chair Stroud invited the public to participate in general citizen comments.

Mr. Craig Johnson thinks the city has done an excellent job with the installation of pickleball courts around the City. He offered suggestions to improve the access and safety of the pickleball courts.

Mr. Frank Prater spoke about the canyon visitors. He supports the gondola transportation option.

Mr. Brent Lange is in favor of the gondola option, citing the safety features the gondola option offers.

Mr. Bruce Ward thinks the buses will create more pollution to the area. We have at times, the worst pollution in the nation.

Mr. Brandon Sheranian thinks if we build the gondola, more people will come. He thinks people will continue to drive up the canyon road even with the gondola. The entire canyon is the destination.

Mr. Sam Clark enjoys skiing in Snowbird and thinks access to the canyon is a good thing. He is in support of the gondola option.

Mr. Patrick Egbert is opposed to adding busses and is in favor of the gondola option because of safety and access.

Mr. Robert Douglass supports a scalable option. It is important for the Council to take a stand on this.

Ms. Ellen Birrell thinks the City has an impact on UDOT's decision. She spoke about the citizen impact on decisions made by other cities. She is opposed to the gondola option.

Mr. Jeff Mansell wants the canyons to stay beautiful. He is in support of the gondola option.

Mr. Jason Stowell thinks everyone cares about the canyons and encouraged the community to be open to transportation options.

Mr. Matt Ireland spends a lot of time in the canyon. He spoke about the growth in the valley. He is in support of the gondola.

Mr. Shawn Marquardt offered to provide information on the gondola option. He thinks the gondola would help solve the transportation issues and help preserve Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Mr. Colby Rollins is in support of the gondola option which he believes is a cost effective option.

Mr. Brent Christasen thinks the busses will increase congestion. He is in support of the gondola.

Mr. Stephen Smith spoke about the responsibility of the Council Members to the residents and the City. He spoke about the protection of the water shed, air quality, and revenue.

Mr. Sam Bloom thinks there are numerous problems with the gondola option.

Ms. Katie Johnson is opposed to the gondola option.

Ms. Emily Pitsch is opposed to the gondola option and is in favor of a phased approach to the transportation issue.

Mr. Court Ashton expressed the need to solve a problem and is in support of the gondola option.

Ms. Kristen Wray does not support of the gondola option.

Mr. Craig Osterloy with Friends of Little Cottonwood Canyon, is dedicated to preserving Little Cottonwood Canyon. He is in support of the presentations made this evening and believes a phased approach utilizing the bus option is the best option.

Mr. Eric Despaln supports the gondola option and thinks this option will help with traffic.

Mr. Jim Edwards expressed concerns with the gondola option.

Mr. Kent Hoggan is not in support of the gondola option. He thinks the towers would destroy the view of the canyon and would have a significant impact on the environment.

State Representative Suzanne Harrison feels we need to do more with the resources we have, and supports the least invasive and fiscally conservative option.

Mr. Mike Mahoney spoke about traffic conditions in Little Cottonwood Canyon and the need to address road safety. He is not in support of the gondola.

Ms. Nancy Peterson spoke about the impact on the environment resulting from adding parking lots. We do not know the impact of the gondola on the environment. She spoke about a rally taking place this Saturday.

Mr. Chris McCandless spoke in favor of the gondola and addressed the concerns raised by earlier comments.

Ms. Sandra Hawk spoke about the transportation issues in Little Cottonwood Canyon and suggested a gondola option that serves all the ski resorts in the Canyons and the Park City area.

Mr. Evan Tobin in favor of a phased approach to solving the transportation problem in Little Cottonwood Canyon and enhanced bus service.

Mr. Derek Tillotson is against the gondola and believes people will keep driving up the canyon.

Mr. Mike Marker is not in favor of the gondola option. He advocates scalable solutions.

Mr. David Tillotson thinks the towers will ruin the canyons. People will choose the fastest transportation option, which is driving. He is not in favor of the gondola.

Mr. Aaron London does not support the gondola option which only removes only 30% of the drivers from the canyon roads.

The following two comments were read into the record by Mike Applegarth, Council Director:

Mr. John Bankhead uses the canyon as much as anyone and supports UDOT looking at transportation options for Little Cottonwood Canyon. He is in support of the gondola option which he believes is the more sustainable option for LCC.

Mr. Graham believes something needs to be done with the Canyon transportation and is supportive of the gondola option and believes the gondola option will help change people's habits.

Mr. Mike Applegarth spoke highly of Chris McCandless and about how much he loves the canyon. He spoke about the impact of the bus option on Sandy City.

Mr. Aaron DeKeyser thinks the public opposes the gondola option and the current infrastructure should be utilized.

There were ecomments submitted and viewed by the City Council members and included as part of the record.

Public Comment closed.

Council took a recess at 8:10 pm

Council reconvened at 8:16 pm and moved to Item 2 on the Agenda.

Public Hearing(s)

6. [CA08052021](#) *This item will be continued to the September 28, 2021 City Council
[-0006126 C](#) Agenda due to public noticing requirements*
[C](#) Amendments Related to Accessory Apartments (Internal Accessory Dwelling Units, I-ADUs)
Amend Title 21, Chapter 7, Permitted Land Uses in Residential Districts; Title 21, Chapter 8, Permitted Land Uses in Commercial, Office, Industrial, Mixed Use, Transit Corridor, and Research and Development Districts; Title 21, Chapter 11, Special Use Standards; and Title 21, Chapter 37, Definitions, of the Sandy Municipal Code

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[Staff Report](#)

[21-28 Ordinance- LDC-Title 21, Chapters 7, 8, 11, 37 =accessory apartments](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Exhibit B](#)

[Existing Related Definitions](#)

[Existing STRs Map](#)

[Existing Accessory Apt Map](#)

[Existing Accessory Apts & STRs Map](#)

[Map of Lots Under 6k Sq Ft](#)

[082421 - Discussion on HB 82](#)

Due to a public noticing requirements, this item has been continued to September 28, 2021. Council Chair Stroud opened the public hearing for comments:

Mr. Jim Edwards spoke in support of Internal Accessory Dwelling Units. He encouraged the Council to support I-ADU's.

Public Hearing is continued for September 28, 2021.

A motion was made by Cyndi Sharkey, seconded by Monica Zoltanski to continue the Public Hearing. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Following the Public Hearing, the Council moved to General Citizen Comments.

Adjournment

The Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.