



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, June 17, 2025

5:15 PM

City Hall and 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
Chris Edwards, Council Clerk
Liz Theriault, Sr. Policy and Comms Analyst
Tracy Cowdell, Council Attorney

Administration in Attendance
Mayor Zoltanski
Shane Pace, CAO
Jeff Robinson, Legal
Ryan McConaghie, Fire
Greg Severson, Police
Tom Ward, Public Utilities
Dan Medina, Parks and Recreation
Ryan Kump, Public Works
James Sorensen, Community Development
Brian Kelley, Administrative Services
Kasey Dunlavy, Economic Development
Susan Wood, Public Affairs/PIO
Brian McCuiston, Community Development
Susan Wood, Public Affairs

Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Introductions

Council Aaron Dekeyzer welcomed those in attendance.

Council Member Marci Houseman offered the Prayer.
Council Chair Aaron Dekeyzer led the Pledge.

Council moved to Item 1 on the Agenda.

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

General Citizen comments were heard at the same time as the Public Hearing comment period. General citizen comments are recorded in Item 2 of the Agenda.

Council Business

Informational Items

1. 25-195 Representative from Trans Jordan Landfill presenting amendments to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to allow Herriman City to join as a member.

Public Works Department proposing Martin Jensen be appointed as Sandy's second Board appointee to Trans Jordan Landfill.

Attachments: Trans-Jordan Presentation
Second Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement
Resolution Herriman Agreement
Second Board Member Resolution

Ryan Kump, Public Works, presented two items for Council consideration. The first item was a resolution authorizing the approval of adding Herriman City as a formal member of Trans-Jordan. The Trans-Jordan Board on April 17th unanimously indicated its favorable position to invite and accept Herriman City as a member of the interlocal agreement of Trans-Jordan. All member cities must approve this proposal for Herriman City to be permitted to join Trans-Jordan. Herriman City would be the eighth city to join. Council questions and comments followed.

The second item for Council consideration was a resolution appointing Martin Jensen as an alternate member to the Trans-Jordan Landfill Board. Council questions and comments followed. This is an information item and both items will come back to the Council at a future meeting for consideration and action.

Public Hearing(s)

2. 25-199 Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the FY 2025-26 Sandy City Budget. This item includes:

Resolutions 25-23C, 25-24C, 25-27C, and 25-28C of Sandy City, adopting the annual budget and adopting tax rates for Sandy City and the Alta Canyon Recreation District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; also establishing certain fees and charges in Sandy City for said fiscal year.

Attachments: [June 17th Stroud Budget Proposal Memo](#)
[June 17th Sharkey Budget Proposal Memo](#)
[June 17th D'Sousa Budget Proposal Memo](#)
[June 17th Dekeyzer Budget Proposal Memo](#)
[June 10th Houseman-Robinson Budget Proposal Memo](#)
[25-27C Sandy City Budget - Setting Tax Rate Only](#)
[25-23C Final Budget Adoption](#)
[25-28C Alta Canyon Budget - Setting Tax Rate Only](#)
[25-24C Final Budget Adoption - Alta Canyon](#)

Public Hearing - Continued:

Brian Kelley, Finance Director: tonight is a continuation of the public hearing for the FY 2026 budget. Mr. Kelley let the Council know they have until next week to approve the budget.

Council Member Brooke D'Sousa reviewed proposed budget amendments with the Council. The proposal includes a one-time capital appropriation of \$100,000 allocated to the council chamber remodel, an increase of \$1,700 to fund Risk Management costs, and an increase of the funding allocated to council meetings and discretionary accounts. Council questions followed. Ryan Kump responded to questions. Council discussion followed.

Council Member Cyndi Sharkey reviewed proposed budget amendments with the Council. The proposal recommends extending the time frame to increase the storm water rates over 15 or 20 years. Tom Ward, Public Utilities, responded to Council questions and the impact of extending the time frame for rate increases. Council discussion followed.

Council Member Aaron Dekeyzer reviewed proposed budget amendments with the Council. The proposal requests funding a Public Art Program -Utility Box Art in the amount of \$25,000. Council questions and discussion followed.

Public Hearing comment period and General Citizen Comment:

Ms. Merae Kimball wanted the Council to know that the Alta Canyon Sports Center does not currently offer a disability membership. As a result, she goes to Dimple Dell sports center even though she lives very close to ACSC. She also mentioned that other recreation centers do not charge for her assistant, but ACSC also charges for her assistant who accompanies her to the recreation center to help her with her aquatic exercise.

Mr. Steve Van Maren mentioned that he didn't see a tax rate in the resolution.

Ms. Kathy Spuck spoke about a recent water main break in Sandy. She would rather pay a higher water rate now and avoid the costs of future water main breaks.

Ms. Heather Franze with Wasatch Animal Rescue expressed support for adding an animal service position. She has worked with the Sandy Animal Shelter for many years.

Public Hearing and General Citizen comment period closed.

Council reviewed the Stroud and Robinson-Houseman proposals which were discussed at the prior week's meeting. Council discussion and comments followed. Council reviewed the budget proposals and discussed incorporating the recommendation into the FY 2026 budget. Council thanked staff for their assistance with the budget proposals and spreadsheet.

The following motions were recorded:

A motion was made by Aaron Dekeyzer, seconded by Ryan Mecham to continue the Public Hearing to June 24, 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

No: 0

Council actions and discussion on the Stroud budget proposal:

A motion was made by Alison Stroud, seconded by Brooke D'Sousa to approve the Stroud budget proposal, Exhibit A...The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Alison Stroud, seconded by Marci Houseman to approve the Stroud budget proposal, Exhibit B...The motion carried by a voice vote: 5 Yah to 2 Nay (Sharkey, Mecham dissenting).

A motion was made by Alison Stroud, seconded by Ryan Mecham to approve the Stroud budget proposal, Exhibit C...The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Council actions and discussion on the D'Sousa budget proposal:

A motion was made by Brooke D'Sousa, seconded by Marci Houseman to allocate funding in the amount of \$100,000 to the Council Chamber remodel capital project fund (Exhibit A)...The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Brooke D'Sousa, seconded by Zach Robinson to approve a \$1,700 increase of funding to the Risk Fund (Exhibit B)...The motion carried by a

unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Brooke D'Sousa, seconded by Ryan Mecham to approve an increase of funding to special programs and meeting line items (Exhibit C)...The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Council actions and discussion on the Robinson-Houseman budget proposal:

A motion was made by Marci Houseman, seconded by Zach Robinson to approve the Robinson-Houseman proposal as proposed with adjustments made by staff...The motion carried by a voice vote of 5 Yah to 2 Nay (Sharkey, Mecham).

Council actions and discussion on the Dekeyzer budget proposal:

A motion was made by Aaron Dekeyzer, seconded by Ryan Mecham to approve the Dekeyzer budget proposal funding a public art program...The motion failed by a vote of 4 Nay to 3 Yah (Dekeyzer, Mecham, Stroud).

Council actions to set the tax rate:

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Ryan Mecham to adopt Resolution 25-27C, a resolution setting a tax rate on all real and personal property in Sandy City...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

No: 0

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Ryan Mecham to adopt Resolution 25-28C, a resolution setting a tax rate on all real and personal property in the Alta Canyon Recreation District...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

No: 0

The Council acknowledged the constructive and respectful discussions regarding the budget. They thanked the budget committee and staff for their work on this year's budget.

Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Marci Houseman to approve the Consent Calendar...The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

3. 25-194 City Council reappointing Joel Frost to serve as a regular member of the Community Develop Block Grant (CDBG) Committee

Attachments: Resolution 25-29C

Item approved.

Council Voting Items

4. 25-189 Community Development Department Requesting Approval of the Short Term Rental Management Certification Program and Video

Attachments: STR powerpoint

Video

Test

Brian McCuiston, Community Development, presented to the Council. Following a recent amendment to the City Code related to Short Term Rentals (STR's), staff was tasked with developing a management certification course to present to the City Council for approval. The course is now complete and includes an educational video developed collaboratively by multiple city departments. The video must be viewed by all prospective STR owners and operators as part of the application process for a Special Use Permit and Business License. After viewing the video, applicants are required to complete a 25-question test, achieving a minimum score of 80% to pass. The test is based on the content of the video and information outlined in the Sandy City Code. Mr. McCuiston played the video for the Council and reviewed the test, highlighting the passing criteria and how the test relates to the permit requirements. Council expressed their appreciation to staff and to Barb Smith and her team for their exceptional work on the project.

Staff requested Council approval of the STR Management Certification Course. With approval, staff will begin implementing this certification requirement for both new and existing STR owners.

The video and test can be accessed via the following links:

Video: <https://youtu.be/zvearISrSGI>

Test: <https://tinyurl.com/27shad83>

Public comment opened.

Public comment closed.

A motion was made by Zach Robinson, seconded by Ryan Mecham, to approve the Short Term Rental (STR) management certification course, including both the video and the test...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

Nonvoting: 0

- 5.** 25-198 City Council Office recommending the Council extend its Council Legal Services Agreement (Agreement Amendment Three) with Cowdell Law for an additional year

Attachments: Proposed Amendment 3_Draft

Dustin Fratto, Council Director, presented the Council Legal Services Agreement (Amendment 3) with Cowdell Law for Council consideration and action. This was presented as an information item at last week's meeting. Mr. Fratto is requesting direction from the Council to execute the amendment.

Public Comment opened.
Public Comment closed.

Mr. Cowdell thanked the Council. He enjoys working with the Council and staff, and appreciated the Council's support.

A motion was made by Aaron Dekeyzer, seconded by Ryan Mecham, to direct Council Staff and the Council Chairperson to execute the attached Legal Services Agreement, Amendment 3, with Cowdell Law, prior to 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

Nonvoting: 0

6. 25-190 City Council Office presenting for Council consideration a City Council Code of Conduct

Attachments: Final Redline Amendments

Resolution 25-30C

Dustin Fratto, Council Director, presented the final version of the Council Code of Conduct to the Council for consideration and action. A redline version of the changes was included in the packet. This item was presented as an information item at a prior city council meeting.

Public comment opened.

Public comment closed.

A motion was made by Aaron Dekeyzer, seconded by Marci Houseman, to adopt Resolution 25-30C.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Alison Stroud
Zach Robinson
Marci Houseman
Cyndi Sharkey
Ryan Mecham
Brooke D'Sousa
Aaron Dekeyzer

Nonvoting: 0

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Dustin Fratto, Council Director, reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Council. The Public Hearing on the FY 2026 budget will be continued to the June 24th meeting. The Trans-Jordan resolution will be on the agenda for Council consideration. The RDA Board will convene a meeting next week to consider items.

Council Member Business

Council Member Zach Robinson wanted to ensure the resident who expressed a concern about the disability membership at Alta Canyon Sports Center was taken care of.

Council Member Ryan Mecham thanked the Parks staff and Administration for coordinating the community barbecue event in Historic Sandy. It was a wonderful event.

Council Member Aaron Dekeyzer provided an update from the Utah Foundation board meeting. Please let him know if there are any issues you would like to have studied.

Council Member Alison Stroud spoke about the Historic Sandy community barbecue event. Over 450 meals were served. This was a very well attended event. Everyone was excited about the park improvements. The Jr. First Responders Academy sponsored by the Police and Fire Departments was well attended. Every camper enjoyed their week! The Sandy Youth Council had their first service event at the Sandy Senior Center. We have 39 SYC members this year. The Farmers Market and the ARUP event were both great events.

Council Member Brooke D'Sousa spoke about the community barbecue in Historic Sandy. It was a wonderful event with great entertainment. She also recognized and thanked the boy scout troop who handled and cooked all the food for the event.

Council Member Cyndi Sharkey recognized the code enforcement team and thanked them for their professionalism and service to the city. They are a great team.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report was given by the CAO.

CAO Report

The CAO thanked the Council for their work on the budget and he appreciated their time and effort.

Adjournment

Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:43 pm.