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Sandy City Council Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Priorities

Introduction

In January 2026, the Sandy City Council collaborated to draft a set of priorities to guide their appropriation of resources for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and beyond. These priorities came from discussion and contemplation of the Sandy City Vision Statement that reads: “Connecting an active, vibrant, and prosperous community, where people flourish, and you belong.” Each of the priorities tie closely with this vision in strengthening a community built around well-being, economic growth and interconnectedness.

Council budget priorities are defined as broad areas of focus the council believes are critical to the city’s successful pursuit of its vision. Listed below are the council budget priorities as currently defined, narrative for context (*narrative*), how each will be used by the council (*application*), and questions to be used during the budget evaluation process (*questions*). The percentages listed after each priority represent each priority’s overall weight when considering appropriations.

Sandy City Council Budget Priorities

Community Safety (33%)

Community safety allows residents and businesses to thrive. A proactive approach to community safety is economically efficient and highly valued by our community. The City Council is committed to proactively protecting and enhancing community safety by providing well-trained personnel, safe infrastructure and updated technologies. Budget appropriations should protect or enhance our ability to keep employees, residents and businesses safe.

Fiscal Health (20%)

Sustainable fiscal health is the bedrock of our community. It ensures a future where the city can respond to the needs of our residents through intelligent investments in infrastructure, core services and the retention of a satisfied, competitively compensated, and high-performing workforce. The City Council is committed to maintaining a balanced budget with sufficient revenues, transparent spending and necessary reserves – recognizing that investing in our human capital is essential to the long-term efficiency and stability of Sandy City. Budget appropriations should prioritize the long-term fiscal health of Sandy City and enhance our ability to attract and retain employees.

Economic Development (16%)

A prosperous community is one that generates opportunities for innovation, growth and sustainable development. A healthy economic development strategy is essential for the continued well-being of our community. The City Council is committed to investing in the promotion of commerce, attracting new industries, maintaining relationships with important community partners, and ensuring the continued success of all businesses. Budget appropriations should foster an environment that fuels economic growth now and in the future.

Infrastructure (16%)

Proactive infrastructure management ensures our city remains functional, safe, and accessible for all users. Strategic investments allow for responsible stewardship while protecting the essential services residents rely on daily. The City Council prioritizes expanding active transportation trails, protecting our investment in the new recreation center, and ensuring the safety and reliability of our municipal buildings, streets, sidewalks, and water systems. Infrastructure appropriations should improve user safety or trail connectivity. They should protect the integrity of the new recreation center, other city buildings, or critical utilities.

Quality of Life (16%)

Quality of life in Sandy City is fundamentally rooted in business opportunities (work), housing affordability (live) and unrivaled recreation (play). We believe a vibrant community is one where residents can find meaningful work, attainable places to live, and world-class spaces to play. These elements, combined with robust transportation and cultural assets, are what drive individuals and businesses to invest in Sandy. The City Council is committed to fostering a thriving local economy, prioritizing attainable housing solutions that meet the needs of our community, and aggressively investing in the parks, trails, and recreational programs in all quadrants of the city that make Sandy a premier destination for active living. Budget appropriations should enhance these essential elements of quality of life.