



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, May 21, 2024

5:15 PM

City Hall & Online

5:15 Council Meeting

Present: 6 - Council Member Alison Stroud
Council Member Marci Houseman
Council Member Cyndi Sharkey
Council Member Ryan Mecham
Council Member Brooke D'Sousa
Council Member Aaron Dekeyzer

Excused: 1 - Council Member Zach Robinson

Council Staff in Attendance:
Dustin Fratto, Council Director
Christine Edwards, Council Clerk
Liz Theriault, Policy & Comms Analyst
Tracy Cowdell, Council Attorney

Administration in Attendance:
Mayor Monica Zoltanski
Shane Pace, CAO
Lynn Pace, City Attorney
Ryan McConaghie, Fire
Greg Severson, Police
Tom Ward, Public Utilities
Dan Medina, Parks & Recreation
Mike Gladbach, Public Works
James Sorensen, Community Development
Brian Kelley, Administrative Services
Kasey Dunlavy, Economic Development
Kim Bell, Deputy Mayor
Martin Jensen, Deputy CAO
Susan Wood, PIO
Barb Smith, Communications
Brian McCuiston, Community Development

Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Introductions

Council Chair Ryan Mecham welcomed those in attendance.

Kolin Rasmussen, Sandy Youth Council offered the Prayer.

Cami Liebsch, Sandy Youth Council led the Pledge.

Council moved to Item 1 on the Agenda, Special Recognition.

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

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

Mr. James Longstaff expressed concerns with the proposed NHL practice facility that is planned for the Sandy mall area. He was concerned about the zoning of the area and the impact on traffic and parking.

Ms. Jenica Wilcox expressed support for the Sandy Club and the importance of the club to the families and community who use the club. On behalf of several parents who have children at the club and could not attend this evening's meeting, she mentioned that the parents have created a community and a village that support each other. That support helped her and her children leave an abusive relationship.

Ms. Sharon Jensen expressed support for continued funding of the Sandy Club. She grew up in Historic Sandy and works in the Jordan School district. Money spent on prevention pays back again and again. The money spent on these children gets them through school, teaches them skills and has a positive impact on the kids and their families. My grandkids go there now and the club also provides amazing counseling services for the kids and their families.

Mr. Dave Egelund expressed gratitude for the presentation on renewable energy. He agreed with Council Member Cyndi Sharkey. He is not in favor of a city-wide fee to pay for the program and suggested that the voters should decide. He also expressed support for and additional staff person for the Animal Services department. It is a need.

Council moved to Item 3 on the Agenda.

Council Business

Special Recognition

1. 24-190 Special Recognition of the Sandy Youth Council 2023-24 Program Year

Attachments: SYC 2024 End of Year

Liz Theriault and Chris Edwards, Program Advisors for the Sandy Youth Council presented the year in review of the 2023-24 Sandy Youth Council Program. The Sandy Youth Council has 24 members and represents 10 different high schools in the valley. They provided over 600 volunteer hours of community service to the city. Through the program, the SYC learned about the Sandy Justice Court, Economic Development, Council policy, and the importance of civic engagement. They participated in the state-wide youth council day at the Capitol and took tours of the America First Field and the Hale Centre Theatre. The graduating seniors were acknowledged by the Council and the Council congratulated the SYC members for participating in the program.

Informational Items

2. 24-189 Council Member Dekeyzer requesting the Council receive a presentation on the Utah Community Renewable Energy Program

Attachments: Overview – Utah Renewable Communities Program (Sandy)

Council Member Dekeyzer introduced Christopher Thomas with Salt Lake City who provided an overview of Utah Renewable Communities. Utah Renewable Communities is a coalition of 18 communities partnering with Rocky Mountain Power to design a new renewable energy program. He reviewed details related to the program, participating communities, financial impact, potential pathway for new communities, program timeline, and goals. Council questions and comments followed. Council thanked Mr. Thomas for his presentation and information.

Council moved to General Citizen Comment.

3. 24-192 The Sandy Club presenting the Council with their Annual Update

Attachments: Sandy Club Council Presentation

Shalome Orton and Luke Bradley provided a year in review of the Sandy Club, A Safe Place for Boys and Girls. They reviewed the importance of providing after school care for school aged children and the positive and life long impact the Sandy Club has on its members. Research shows the impact of providing after school care has the long term benefits of increasing kids future earnings, improving their performance in school, and reducing crime and juvenile delinquency. The Sandy Club provides many important services to students and their families: supervised activities, tutoring, counseling, food support, clothing and school supplies, summer programming, STEM learning opportunities, family events, and holiday assistance. They also provided the Council with a breakdown of the club's funding and expenses and expressed gratitude to the Council and Administration for their continued and long-term support of the Sandy Club and community. Council thanked Ms. Orton and Mr. Bradley for their service and commitment to the community.

Council moved to Item 4 on the Agenda.

4. 24-186 Noal Bateman Committee requesting Council consideration of a Resolution both honoring the Award and establishing the City Council as the body overseeing the Award Program.

Attachments: [Resolution 24-19C - Noal Bateman Resolution.pdf](#)

John Winder and Tracy Cowdell, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Noal Bateman Committee, presented Resolution 24-19C to the Council. The resolution establishes the Sandy City Council as the body overseeing the award program and provides oversight and staff assistance to the Noal Bateman Committee. The Noal Bateman Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Sandy resident and was first established in 1986. Mayor Zoltanski is supportive of moving the oversight of the program to the City Council and made the request to the committee. Council questions and comments followed. Council thanked Mr. Winder and Mr. Cowdell for their presentation and expressed support of the resolution. This was an information item. The Council will vote on the resolution at a future council meeting.

Council moved to Item 5 on the Agenda.

5. 24-191 Administration, City Council Office, Justice Court, City Attorney's Office, Community Development Department, and Non-Departmental presenting an overview of their FY 2024-25 tentative department budgets.

Attachments: May 21 Department Budget Presentations

Budget presentations:

Melisse Stiglich, Justice Court Administrator, provided an overview of the Sandy Justice Court budget. She reviewed the significant savings that resulted from holding virtual hearings. Those savings were reallocated and utilized for upgrades to court technology and increased signage. She reviewed the financial impact of new state-wide mandates that will increase costs to the court budget in FY25. As a result, Ms. Stiglich requested a reallocation of funds from travel to professional services to hire interpreters and pro temp judges and also requested to add a position for an assistant court administrator. The associated costs for these requests will be absorbed internally and no increased funding was requested. Council Member Sharkey acknowledged the Justice Courts accomplishments and efficiencies with respect to the budget. Council questions followed.

Martin Jensen, Deputy CAO provided an overview of the following departments and budget requests: Mayor, Administration, Non-Departmental. He spoke about the accomplishments of the Communications and Community Arts and Emergency Management Departments. The Sandy Arts Guild and Sandy Amphitheater received the Best of State Award. Mr. Jensen also spoke about the city's commitment to maintaining and providing the highest level of service while operating on the same level of funding. The FY2025 budgets have been adjusted only for inflationary costs of services and supplies. Council questions followed.

Lynn Pace, City Attorney presented the department budget requests for the following divisions: Legal, City Recorder, and Risk Management. Budget requests included adjustments for inflationary line items and increased insurance costs for liability insurance and claims, property insurance, and worker's comp. He also noted that there was currently no allocation in the FY 25 budget for an Administrative Law Judge.

Dustin Fratto, Council Executive Director, provided an overview of the Council Department budget for FY 25. Budget requests included a reclassification, inflationary adjustments, and increases related to professional services.

James Sorensen and Brian McCuiston with Community Development provided an overview of the department's Fiscal Year 2025 budget requests which included costs for employee compensation, training, uniforms, and software upgrades. They requested \$125,000 for the implementation of the General Plan through the rewrite of the development code. They also reviewed department savings and efficiencies in the past year. Council questions followed.

Shane Pace, Chief Administrative Officer thanked the Council for hearing all the department budget presentations and for their feedback and discussion this evening.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

6. 24-180 Approval of the April 23, 2024 Draft Minutes

Attachments: April 23, 2024 Draft Minutes

Item approved.

7. 24-185 Approval of the May 7, 2024 Draft Minutes

Attachments: May 7, 2024 Draft Minutes

Item approved.

Standing Reports

Agenda Planning Calendar Review & Council Office Director's Report

Dustin Fratto, Council Director, updated the Council on upcoming agenda items. Next week the following departments will present to the Council: Police, Fire, and Public Works. There will be a presentation regarding the annexation town hall event and a proposal for Alta Canyon Recreation Center. The final management study report from the PCG Consulting Group is expected in July.

Council Member Business

Council Member Sharkey attended the Ribbon Cutting for Macey's Grocery Store in Sandy. The President of Macey's praised Sandy City and spoke about how great everyone at the city was to work with. Over the weekend, she participated in Sandy Beautification Day and helped plant trees in Willow Creek Park. About 30 volunteers attended. It was a great day to be outside and volunteering in Sandy City.

Council Member Stroud provided updates from the Sandy Historic Committee and the Sandy Service Ambassadors. She thanked Police for hosting their annual police banquet - it was a wonderful event. She also attended the recent swearing in ceremony for Police and the emergency management meeting with Amy DeNeff. She worked with the Sandy Youth Council planting flowers during Sandy Beautification Day and she acknowledged Parks staff for holding the Family Skate Night at Lone Peak Park and for giving out free safety helmets to the kids. Jazz in the Park was also a great event.

Council Member Mecham thanked Police for hosting their annual police banquet and congratulated Police on their many awards. The CDBG Committee is on break for the summer.

Council Member Dekeyzer attended the Macey's Ribbon Cutting. He mentioned that it was one of the smoothest openings in Sandy. He spoke about the Healthy Communities Road Show sponsored by the Utah Foundation - a great organization. He recently toured the Purple Air Facility located in Draper with the Deputy CAO, Martin Jensen. He will bring more information to the Council on a potential partnership. The police banquet was a wonderful event. He provided updates from PUAB committee meeting and the Sego Lily Garden water week and the Metro Water event. He also attended an event with the Mayor at Sunrise Elementary School to discuss civic engagement. He is continuing to work with Council Member D'Sousa on an Accessory Dwelling Units proposal and will bring it to the Council at a future meeting.

Council Member Houseman provided a review of the National Chamber Conference she recently attended with the South Valley Chamber in Washington DC. It is her second year attending this conference and she recommended the council members consider participating in the conference next year. The conference offers a great opportunity to work with our entire Utah congressional delegation as well as advocate for our small and large businesses in the city. She participated in Sandy Beautification Day and worked with volunteers at Storm Mountain Park. June 6th is the 80th Anniversary of D Day. She mentioned that her father is buried in Arlington Cemetery. She recommended the documentary, The Girl Who Wore Freedom, which tells the story of D Day through the lens of the people set free from German occupation. It is a story of gratitude and honors the bravery and service of our World War II veterans.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report was given by Shane Pace.

CAO Report

Shane Pace, CAO, mentioned that two of our Fire Department crew members graduated from the Fire Academy this week. He provided an update on funds the city received from the Homeless Mitigation fund. There are two weeks left on the bulk waste spring clean up program. There will be fireworks at this week's Royals game. Phase 2 of the Public Works capital project has begun. He provided an update on the design of Fire Station 31.

Adjournment

Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.