



Sandy City Updates Memo

MEMO

To: Central Wasatch Commission Board
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From: Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director; Sam Kilpack, Director of Operations; Will McKay, Communications Director

Subject: Sandy City and the CWC

Date: June 22, 2026

During Sandy City's City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 9th, Councilors Brooke Christensen and Kris Nicholl introduced an amendment to the tentative budget reducing Sandy's CWC member contribution from \$95,000 to \$0. That amendment advanced for final consideration by a 6-1 vote. On Tuesday, June 16th, the budget amendment was formally approved by a 5-2 vote.

The CWC's tentative budget before Commissioners for approval contains the \$95,000 Sandy City contribution, so Commissioners will need to amend the tentative budget to balance it before voting to approve it. There are a few options: draw \$95,000 from reserve funds to balance the budget. At the end of May 2026, the balance in Utah Public Treasurers' Investment Fund account was \$1,264,601. Commissioners also have the option of cutting programmatic funding to balance the budget. We've planned for the following in the draft tentative budget:

1. Website redesign: \$25,000
2. Bus Priority Access Program: \$30,000
3. Central Wasatch Symposium: \$30,000
4. Short-Term Projects Grant Program: \$100,000
5. Graffiti Abatement: \$2,000

Sandy's budget amendment mentioned removing its monetary contribution to the CWC but did not include a formal removal of Sandy City as a member of the CWC. I've included sections from the CWC's Interlocal Agreement that provide pertinent guidance.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCING AND BUDGET; DISPOSITION OF ASSETS; INSURANCE

B. Voluntary Appropriations by the Members

Pursuant to the Act and in addition to any contractual obligations that may be undertaken by any of the



Members pursuant to a loan agreement, financing agreement or other agreement with the Commission, each of the Members may appropriate funds, supply tangible or intangible property and provide personnel and services to the Commission to the extent permitted by law to enable or assist the Commission in the accomplishment of its purposes.

ARTICLE IX

WITHDRAWAL, TERMINATION AND DISSOLUTION

- (1) No Member that is a party to an existing obligation to the Commission may withdraw from the Commission while and so long as any obligations of the Commission are outstanding that are secured or payable, in whole or in part, from the amounts payable by such Member under any written agreement with the Commission. (2) Any Member that is not a party to any written agreement with the Commission may withdraw as a Member of the Commission at any time without the consent of the Commission, provided that the withdrawing Member shall file notice of withdrawal with the Board at least 90 days before the intended effective date of withdrawal. Any withdrawn Member shall remain obligated to the Commission for any liabilities imposed by law or that arose from facts or circumstances occurring during that Member's tenure on the Commission.
- (2) Termination. The Commission may terminate the membership of any Member that is not a party to any existing payment agreement with the Commission only upon the majority vote of all Commissioners then serving on the Board; provided that such Member shall have been given at least 60 days' prior written notice of the proposed termination and an appropriate opportunity to respond to the Board concerning the proposed termination. Any such termination shall be effective 90 days after the Board files with the governing body of such Member a certified copy of the Board's resolution effecting such termination.
- (3) Treatment of Contributions Upon Withdrawal or Termination. Upon withdrawal of any Member or termination of the membership of any Member, all amounts theretofore paid or contributed by such Member shall be and remain the property of the Commission and no part thereof shall be refunded to the withdrawn or terminated Member.
- (4) Dissolution. Upon final payment and upon the complete performance or satisfaction of performance by the Commission and its Members of all contracts entered into in connection with work of the Commission, this Agreement shall terminate upon adoption of a resolution of the Board providing for such termination which is approved by the majority vote of all Commissioners then serving on the Board. Any remaining net assets of the Commission shall be distributed among the then Members pro rata based on prior contributions or upon such other basis as the Board shall determine to be fair and equitable at the time.

This effectively means that Sandy City remains a member of the Commission unless the Board votes to remove Sandy as a member jurisdiction, or if Sandy City removes itself as a member jurisdiction.

Staff recommend using Sandy's contribution removal to galvanize the Commission around the CWNCRRA. It is true that the work of the CWC has taken longer than members anticipated. It is also true that to move Congressional legislation like the CWNCRRA, the timing must be just right. We are approaching a window of opportunity for the CWNCRRA, and the Commission should use this circumstance to fully commit to moving the bill.