

MINUTES

Budget Committee Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, May 10, 2021

The Budget Committee of the City of Sandy was called to order with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council President Jeremy Pietzold, Councilor Carl Exner, Councilor Don Hokanson, Councilor Kathleen Walker, Councilor Laurie Smallwood, Councilor Richard Sheldon, Mayor Stan Pulliam, Budget Committee Member Daniel Phipps, Budget Committee Member Frits van Gent, Budget Committee Chair Linda Malone, Budget Committee Member Noah Mhyrum, Budget Committee Member Timothy Huber, Budget Committee Member Jan Lee, Chamber Director Khrys Jones, and Fire Chief Phil Schneider

1. ROLL CALL

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

2.1. Conflicts of Interest

Committee Member Walker declared a potential conflict of interest due to her spouse's employment as the City's Public Works Director.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of Minutes - May 3, 2021

Budget Committee Member Jan Lee made a motion Approve the minutes. **Noah Mhyrum seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1. The following individual expressed support for reopening the Aquatic Center:

- Dawn Gupton, 49800 Cherryville Dr.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Biennium 2021-2023 Proposed Budget - Sandy Urban Renewal Agency

The **City Manager** provided a summary of the proposed Sandy Urban Renewal Agency (SURA) budget. Presentation slides were included in the agenda packet. Particular

focus was given to capital outlay, personnel expenditures, anticipated tax revenue, and significant projects.

Committee Members discussed the following issues related to the proposed SURA budget:

- Potential funding for consultant assistance for the Community Campus project
- Status of the Façade Improvement Program
- Status of the Covered Structure Program
- Possible funding for an economic development plan
- Funding for Community Campus pre-work, such as demolition of certain structures
- Timing of improvements vs. reassessment of property
- Disposition of full faith and credit bond funds over recent budgets
- Possible ARPA reimbursement for covered structures
- Restrictions on spending of urban renewal funds
- Specifics of personnel spending
- Possible reallocation of contingency funds to the community center line
- Reclamation of materials during demolition
- Importance of flexibility given COVID-19 related uncertainty
- Need to get more money on the tax rolls through urban renewal investment

Stan Pulliam made a motion Add a budget note expressing the Budget Committee's support for spending \$100,000 on an economic development plan. **Laurie Smallwood seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.**

Stan Pulliam made a motion Approve the proposed budget for the Sandy Urban Renewal Agency, as amended. **Carl Exner seconded the motion. CARRIED. 14-1 (opposed: Frits van Gent).**

Ayes: Jeremy Pietzold, Carl Exner, Don Hokanson, Kathleen Walker, Laurie Smallwood, Richard Sheldon, Stan Pulliam, Daniel Phipps, Linda Malone, Noah Mhyrum, Timothy Huber, Budget Committee Member Jan Lee, Khrys Jones, and Phil Schneider

Nays: Frits van Gent

5.2. Biennium 2021-2023 Proposed Budget - City of Sandy

The consensus of the Committee was to add budget notes expressing support for directing savings generated through ARPA reimbursement to the Aquatic/Recreation Center budget, and for funding any portion of the economic development plan not eligible for SURA funds.

Chair Malone asked for the Committee's views on whether, if a workable plan is developed and sufficient ARPA funds are received to offset expenses, the Budget Committee supports reopening the Aquatic Center. This question received 8 yes votes, 3 no votes, and 2 abstentions.

Stan Pulliam made a motion Decrease the Library's General Fund allocation by \$100,000. **Laurie Smallwood seconded the motion. DEFEATED. 3-10 (opposed: Jeremy Pietzold, Carl Exner, Kathleen Walker, Laurie Smallwood, Richard Sheldon, Stan Pulliam, Frits van Gent, Linda Malone, Noah Mhyrum, and Budget Committee Member Jan Lee).**

Ayes: Don Hokanson, Daniel Phipps, and Timothy Huber

Nays: Jeremy Pietzold, Carl Exner, Kathleen Walker, Laurie Smallwood, Richard Sheldon, Stan Pulliam, Frits van Gent, Linda Malone, Noah Mhyrum, and Budget Committee Member Jan Lee

Stan Pulliam made a motion Allocate \$152,000 of the General Fund surplus to be used for Police training, body and vehicle cameras, and vehicle purchases. **Laurie Smallwood seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.**

Kathleen Walker made a motion Allocate \$75,000 of the General Fund surplus for Parks maintenance and repairs. **Budget Committee Member Jan Lee seconded the motion. CARRIED. 12-1 (opposed: Daniel Phipps).**

Ayes: Jeremy Pietzold, Carl Exner, Don Hokanson, Kathleen Walker, Laurie Smallwood, Richard Sheldon, Stan Pulliam, Frits van Gent, Linda Malone, Noah Mhyrum, Timothy Huber, and Budget Committee Member Jan Lee

Nays: Daniel Phipps

Don Hokanson made a motion Increase the Aquatic/Recreation Center Fund budget by \$200,000. **Kathleen Walker seconded the motion. DEFEATED. 5-8 (opposed: Jeremy Pietzold, Laurie Smallwood, Stan Pulliam, Daniel Phipps, Frits van Gent, Noah Mhyrum, Timothy Huber, and Budget Committee Member Jan Lee).**

Ayes: Carl Exner, Don Hokanson, Kathleen Walker, Richard Sheldon, and Linda Malone

Nays: Jeremy Pietzold, Laurie Smallwood, Stan Pulliam, Daniel Phipps, Frits van Gent, Noah Mhyrum, Timothy Huber, and Budget Committee Member Jan Lee

Carl Exner made a motion Allocate \$81,000 of the General Fund surplus to the Aquatics/Recreation Center budget, designated for pool operations. **Daniel Phipps seconded the motion. CARRIED. 10-3 (opposed: Don Hokanson, Laurie Smallwood, and Timothy Huber).**

Ayes: Jeremy Pietzold, Carl Exner, Kathleen Walker, Richard Sheldon, Stan Pulliam, Daniel Phipps, Frits van Gent, Linda Malone, Noah Mhyrum, and Budget Committee Member Jan Lee

Nays: Don Hokanson, Laurie Smallwood, and Timothy Huber

Laurie Smallwood made a motion Approve the proposed budget, as amended. **Stan Pulliam seconded the motion. CARRIED. 12-1 (opposed: Don Hokanson).**

Ayes: Jeremy Pietzold, Carl Exner, Kathleen Walker, Laurie Smallwood, Richard Sheldon, Stan Pulliam, Daniel Phipps, Frits van Gent, Linda Malone, Noah Mhyrum, Timothy Huber, and Budget Committee Member Jan Lee

Nays: Don Hokanson

Richard Sheldon made a motion Approve a property tax rate of \$4.1152 per thousand of assessed value. **Kathleen Walker seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.**

Ayes: Jeremy Pietzold, Carl Exner, Don Hokanson, Kathleen Walker, Laurie Smallwood, Richard Sheldon, Stan Pulliam, Frits van Gent, Linda Malone, Noah Mhyrum, Timothy Huber, and Budget Committee Member Jan Lee

Abstained: Daniel Phipps

6. ADJOURN