



MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, March 8, 2021 6:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT: Stan Pulliam, Mayor, Jeremy Pietzold, Council President, Laurie Smallwood, Councilor, Richard Sheldon, Councilor, Kathleen Walker, Councilor, Carl Exner, Councilor, and Don Hokanson, Councilor

COUNCIL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Jordan Wheeler, City Manager, Jeff Aprati, City Recorder, Tyler Deems, Deputy City Manager / Finance Director, Mike Walker, Public Works Director, Greg Brewster, IT/SandyNet Director, David Snider, Economic Development Manager, and Thomas Fisher, Engineering Technician

MEDIA PRESENT: Sandy Post

1. MEETING FORMAT NOTE

The City Council conducted this meeting electronically using the Zoom video conference platform. A video recording of the meeting is available on the City's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbYEclgC6VW_mV2UJGyvYfg

2. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION - 6:00 PM

2.1. City Council Work Session Planning and Schedule

Staff Report - 0384

The Council conducted a discussion concerning the policy topics that should receive dedicated work session time over the upcoming year.

The staff report offered the following topics, which had been suggested by Council members in advance:

- City Council Rules and Policies
- Homelessness Taskforce
- City Council Subcommittee on Community Campus and Aquatics
- Board and Commission Governance
- City Resiliency Plan
- SandyNet (requested as Budget Committee topic)

- Development Code Modifications/Joint meeting with Planning Commission
- Water Supply Options/Water Master Plan (Scheduled May 2020)
- Transportation/Streets Work Shop (Pavement Management Plan, ODOT Projects, Street Capital Projects)
- Urban Renewal Grant Programs and Review Process

The following additional topics were suggested by the Council during the discussion:

- Comprehensive Plan update
- Parks and Trails Master Plan update
- 362nd and Bell project
- Wastewater improvements project
- Pleasant Street Master Plan
- Future of the Aquatics Center (before late spring 2021)
- Strategies to address homelessness
- Joint meeting with the Planning Commission to coordinate direction and listen to their perspectives
- Updates to the Development Code
- Restart the Arts Commission
- Revisit the urban renewal project review process

Topics including a joint Council/Planning Commission meeting, the Comp Plan update, Development Code updates, homelessness, and Council Rules were also identified as having particular urgency.

The Council also discussed the advantages of using tools such as Google Forms to identify points of consensus in advance.

With respect to updating the Development Code, it was suggested this could be the theme of the joint meeting with the Planning Commission, and that staff input would be welcome as well.

The Council agreed that **Mayor Pulliam** and **Councilor Hokanson** would take the lead on drafting a proposed update of the Council Rules, using the League of Oregon Cities model as a template, and bring it back to the Council for consideration.

The Council also discussed the possibility of occasionally dedicating multi-hour meetings to complex work session topics, potentially during the second week

of a month.

3. CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 PM

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Roll Call

6. Changes to the Agenda

Councilor Walker asked to remove the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Portland from the meeting agenda and reconsider the issue later in the year after an upcoming work session on water treatment options. The Council concurred.

7. Public Comment

Andrew Shaffer: stated that he has been seeking an opportunity to speak with Mayor Pulliam, and requested that the Mayor contact him without delay.

Lauren Courter, Dodge Park Blvd., Boring: expressed displeasure with expensive improvements to the Portland Water Bureau system and expected increases to the cost of wholesale water.

8. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS

(none)

9. Presentation

9.1. **Sandy River Watershed Presentation**

Kris Balliet, Sandy River Watershed Council

Ms. Balliet delivered a status update on the Sandy River Watershed Council. Despite a challenging year, the group continues to accomplish a great deal to improve the health of the watershed for fish, wildlife, and people. She underlined the importance of the group's working relationship with the City. She mentioned productive partnerships with other organizations, including Mt. Hood Community College. She concurred with Councilors on the restorative benefits of planting trees in the watershed.

10. Consent Agenda

10.1. **City Council Minutes** - March 1, 2021

Moved by Carl Exner, seconded by Jeremy Pietzold

Approve the consent agenda.

CARRIED. 7-0

Ayes: Stan Pulliam, Jeremy Pietzold, Laurie Smallwood,
Richard Sheldon, Kathleen Walker, Carl Exner, and Don
Hokanson

11. Old Business

11.1. Adoption of 2021/2022 City Council Goals

Staff Report - 0390

The **City Recorder** summarized the staff report and recapped the goal setting process from January and February 2021. Discussion ensued regarding the precise wording of the goal statements and when that wording was established during the facilitation process. The consensus of the Council was that while the goals and action items are ready for adoption, the draft Vision Statement needs additional refinement. **Mayor Pulliam** and **Councilor Hokanson** expressed their willingness to develop the draft and return to Council for consideration.

Moved by Jeremy Pietzold, seconded by Laurie Smallwood

Adopt the 2021/2022 City Council Goals, as detailed in the staff report.

CARRIED. 7-0

Ayes: Stan Pulliam, Jeremy Pietzold, Laurie Smallwood,
Richard Sheldon, Kathleen Walker, Carl Exner, and Don
Hokanson

12. New Business

12.1. Hwy 26 Noise Variance for ODOT ADA Ramp Project

Staff Report - 0383

The **Public Works Director** summarized the staff report. Chris Menting (Moore Excavation Inc.) requested a noise variance from City Council to allow construction work outside the City's authorized work hours this year, as part of ODOT's ADA Ramp Project to replace all non-compliant ADA ramps along

Highway 26. The noise variance was sought for demolition of the existing ramps and pouring new ADA compliant ramps. Night work is anticipated at the intersections of Beers and Proctor, Bruns and Proctor, Revenue and Pioneer, and Shelley and Pioneer.

Clarification was provided concerning the rationale for the work, the length of the project, anticipated work hours and days of the week, estimated impacts on traffic, and relative benefits of day vs. night work. Councilors raised concerns about impacts on businesses, especially with respect to work performed during weekend evenings.

The Council also expressed concern regarding losing downtown traffic spaces; it is anticipated that the installation of ADA ramps will result in approximately 30 fewer downtown spaces. It was recognized, however, that the decision of whether or not to install the ramps is out of the City's hands.

The Council emphasized the importance of providing ample notice to affected businesses, appropriate signage regarding parking restrictions, and finding ways to better publicize available parking in City-owned lots.

Moved by Don Hokanson, seconded by Kathleen Walker

Approve the requested noise variance, subject to a requirement that no work shall be performed prior to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings.

CARRIED. 7-0

Ayes: Stan Pulliam, Jeremy Pietzold, Laurie Smallwood,
Richard Sheldon, Kathleen Walker, Carl Exner, and Don
Hokanson

13. Report from the City Manager

The **City Manager** noted the recent reopening of the library for limited browsing. He noted the recent demonstrations and concerns raised by some regarding their subject matter, but noted the First Amendment protections that exist regarding such assemblies. He emphasized the City's focus on maintaining safety while protecting free expression. He also expressed optimism about the potential of using forthcoming federal stimulus funds to replace lost revenue during the previous year.

14. Committee /Council Reports

Councilor Sheldon: has begun meeting with members of the Planning Commission,

and plans to make contact soon with the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Exner: noted the difficulty many are having securing COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Mentioned his recent conversation with planning staff about the Comprehensive Plan update, and praised Shelley Denison's efforts. Suggested securing federal stimulus funding for wastewater improvements.

Councilor Walker: noted the upcoming Library Advisory Board meeting. Raised concerns about the bill pending in the Legislature concerning homelessness. Suggested that Community Services staff reach out to seniors about scheduling vaccines.

Councilor Hokanson: noted his recent meetings on the future of the Aquatics Center. Suggested that the City communicate about its lack of involvement in permitting recent demonstrations.

Councilor Smallwood: the upcoming Parks meeting is cancelled. Stated she will have an upcoming meeting on Portland Water Bureau wholesale issues. Concurred on the importance of the homelessness issue and the proposed legislation.

Council President Pietzold: none

Mayor Pulliam: noted the recent C4 meeting concerning the climate action plan and the VRF fee. Noted that the VRF appears likely to stay in place for the time being. Recognized International Women's Day.

15. Staff updates

15.1. [Monthly Reports](#)

16. Adjourn



Mayor, Stan Pulliam



City Recorder, Jeff Aprati