



MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 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; Greg Brewster, IT/SandyNet Director; and Mike Walker, Public Works Director

MEDIA PRESENT: Gresham Outlook

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION - 6:00 PM

1.1. Government Relations Briefing

Staff Report - 0450

Paul Phillips, Phil Scheuers, and Ryan Tribbett with Pac/West Lobby Group provided an overview of the recently-concluded legislative session in Salem, and engaged in a discussion with the Council on advocacy strategy for the City's legislative agenda. **Mayor Pulliam** also provided an overview of the city facility tour conducted prior to the meeting.

The legislative session overview covered the following topics:

- The large volume of bills
- The large number of newly-formed committees
- Altered COVID-19 protocols and the effect on committee business
- The large number of new committee chairs and procedural difficulties
- Deferral of policy details to the rulemaking process
- Focus on equity
- Frequency of sessions
- Anticipated special session in September
- Upcoming redistricting process
- Deadline for submitting legislative concepts

The Council discussed a variety of issues related to government relations:

- Strategies for successfully securing funds from the Legislature
 - Breaking projects into phases
 - Identifying a 'champion' in the Legislature
- Communicating to legislators why requests are more worthy of funding than other entities' requests
- The advantages of making substantial progress on projects before asking for funding
- Advocacy efforts vis a vis the League of Oregon Cities
- Feedback process for projects that may be less likely to receive funding
- Possible strategies for securing funding for the Community Campus, such as incorporating childcare
- Strategies regarding rapidly rising construction costs
- Importance of tracking all in-kind spending
- Possibilities for securing broadband funding
- Challenges regarding influencing state land use policy
- Importance of Council consensus on the advocacy agenda

2. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Changes to the Agenda

6. Public Comment

Khrys Jones, Executive Director of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce: provided a summary of upcoming Chamber of Commerce events, including Good Morning Sandy, and the Music Fair and Feast on September 10th and 11th.

7. Response to Previous Public Comments

8. Consent Agenda

8.1. **City Council Minutes** - June 21, 2021

Moved by Laurie Smallwood, seconded by Don Hokanson

Adopt the consent agenda.

CARRIED. 7-0

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

9. New Business

9.1. Award Contract for NPDES Permitting Support

Wastewater System Improvement Project

Staff Report - 0448

The **City Manager** and **Public Works Director** provided a summary of the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. A significant amount of environment, engineering, and other analytical work must be performed to further study the Sandy River discharge alternative and obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The Council discussed the possibility of negotiating beyond the base scope at this point to avoid cost increases if additional services are sought in the future. It was proposed that approval could be granted for a not to exceed amount of \$875,000, with the City Manager authorized to secure services beyond the base scope while keeping the City Council informed each time this occurs. It was also noted that the oversight subcommittee of the Council would play an important role in overseeing progress and fostering communication.

Moved by Don Hokanson, seconded by Carl Exner

Authorize the City Manager to negotiate a scope of work and fee with Parametrix not to exceed \$875,000 to provide technical and environmental services (baseline services as well as optional tasks) associated with the NPDES permitting process for the new wastewater treatment facility, with instructions to report back to the Council each time optional tasks are undertaken.

CARRIED. 7-0

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

9.2. Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal #1

Wastewater System Improvement Project (Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant)

Staff Report - 0449

The **City Manager** and Brittany Park of Leeway Engineering provided a summary of the staff report. The report and the presentation slides were included in the agenda packet. The project is being affected by rapidly escalating construction costs resulting from pent-up demand during the pandemic, as well as the accelerated project timeline and desire to complete portions of the work before wet weather returns.

The Council discussed a variety of issues related to the cost of the project, including:

- Importance of increasing contingencies in the future
- Impact of cost inflation across the economy
- Importance of identifying opportunities for cost savings; being watchful and prudent
- Concern about low numbers of project bidders
- Complexity presented by constructing improvements while also continuing to treat wastewater at the facility
- Advantages of using the CM/GC contracting method given the complexity and pace
- Opportunities to be more market/price sensitive in the future
- The sound project management and effective work that has taken place thus far
- Opportunities to draw from this experience and more accurately estimate project costs in the future

Moved by Jeremy Pietzold, seconded by Laurie Smallwood

Authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement for GMP package #1 with Slayden Construction in the amount of \$4,542,468

CARRIED. 6-0

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

Abstained: Kathleen Walker

10. Report from the City Manager

- No safety incidents were reported at the recent Pride event. Reiterated that Sandy is a welcoming community for all and thanked the Police for their service. Noted the return to permitting for events at the plaza.
- No fires were reported from Independence Day fireworks; 18 complaints were received
- The League of Oregon Cities conference will occur in October

- Recruitments will occur in the near future for Parks and Recreation Director and Public Works Director

11. Committee /Council Reports

Councilor Hokanson

- Reflected on the recent Pride event; stressed the importance of inclusivity and protecting young people
- Noted the upcoming pool meeting

Councilor Exner

- Referred to the upcoming full opening of the Library
- Noted weeds in roadway islands
- Praised recreation programming

Councilor Walker

- Suggested possibly revising the Council's resolution against racism to add support for the LGBTQ community; expressed concern for people being harassed. Suggested attaching such language to plaza rental permits
- Asked for clarity on policy regarding Council members testifying at the State level
- Noted the upcoming full Library opening; noted a recent application for a bookmobile grant and raised questions about adequate funding for operations/staffing

Councilor Sheldon

- Noted upcoming Chamber of Commerce events

Councilor Smallwood

- Stressed the importance of generic language in any statement regarding civility, and of not singling out individual groups
- Inquired about fireworks costs and ensuring the City's deposit is not lost
- Thanked staff for weed control efforts

Council President Pietzold

- Noted the recent opening of pickleball facilities
- Noted the upcoming League of Oregon Cities conference
- Inquired about the city's 110th anniversary activities and possible impact of Hood to Coast
- Inquired about a water main break during the weekend

Mayor Pulliam

- Noted the recent Transit Advisory Board meeting
- Referred to the recent C-4 meeting and possible road improvement funding on 362nd
- Thanked all involved for their efforts on securing \$14.7 million from the state
- Noted the increasing frequency of community events
- Summarized the facilities tour with the government relations representatives
- Praised the successful weekend and the lack of need to ban personal use of fireworks
- Emphasized the need to send city staff to the League of Oregon Cities conference along with Council members

12. Staff updates

12.1. [Monthly Reports](#)

13. Adjourn



Mayor, Stan Pulliam



City Recorder, Jeff Aprati