



MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2021 7:00 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: (none)

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; David Doughman, City Attorney; and Kelly O'Neill, Development Services Director

MEDIA PRESENT: Sandy Post

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Changes to the Agenda

4. Public Comment

Kevin Moss: expressed support for the idea of Sandy acquiring presidential statues from the City of Portland, saying that children should have the opportunity to learn the full history of the country. He also suggested the statues could represent an economic development / tourism opportunity.

5. Response to Previous Public Comments

6. Consent Agenda

6.1. City Council Minutes

6.2. Re-Designation of the Sandy Enterprise Zone E-Commerce Overlay

Staff Report - 0458

The Council discussed the merits of continuing the E-Commerce Overlay, and discussed the parameters of the program.

Moved by Jeremy Pietzold, seconded by Laurie Smallwood

Approve the Consent Agenda

CARRIED. 7-0

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

7. New Business

7.1. Discussion Regarding Acquisition of City of Portland Statues

Mayor Pulliam introduced the idea of Sandy acquiring statues of Presidents Washington, Lincoln, and Roosevelt from the City of Portland, which were removed during protests in 2020. He suggested that non-public resources could be leveraged to secure, restore, and install the statues in Sandy parks instead.

The Council discussed the following issues related to the proposal:

- The virtues of the three presidents
- Support for the idea in the community
- The importance of the values represented by the statues
- Sandy as an alternative to Portland
- The significance of the demonstrations that resulted in the statues' removal
- The importance of planning and public engagement in public art
- The question of whether the statues are even for sale
- Concerns about politicization and overlap with political campaigning
- Proper procedure regarding securing Council approval before dedicating staff time
- Questions regarding the plan should the statues be secured
- The importance of liberty
- Concern about anti-American sentiment
- The possibility of commissioning new statues for Sandy instead
- The virtues of restoring the statues versus creating new ones
- Concerns regarding the image of Portland being projected onto other Oregon communities
- Concern regarding provoking Portland
- The importance of focusing on Sandy's highest priorities

Moved by Kathleen Walker, seconded by Don Hokanson

Table the proposal until the next City Council meeting.

DEFEATED. 3-4

Ayes: Richard Sheldon, Kathleen Walker, and Don Hokanson

Nays: Stan Pulliam, Jeremy Pietzold, Laurie Smallwood, and
Carl Exner

Moved by Jeremy Pietzold, seconded by Laurie Smallwood

Table the proposal until the next City Council meeting; instruct the City Manager to contact the City of Portland to inquire whether the statues are for sale.

CARRIED. 5-2

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

Nays: Richard Sheldon and Kathleen Walker

7.2. **Discussion Regarding Usage of ARPA Funds for Business Recovery / Hiring Bonus Grants**

Mayor Pulliam introduced the concept of possibly using a portion of ARPA funds to provide hiring bonus grants to assist local businesses that are struggling to hire in the current labor market. The Council proceeded to discuss the following issues:

- Different parameters and requirements that could be applied to such a program, including a minimum amount of time an employee would have to stay with the business before receiving funds
- Possible concerns regarding unintended consequences
- Possible long-term economic investments as an alternative
- Concerns about intervening directly in the local economy
- Reimbursing urban renewal funds for the covered structure program as a higher priority
- Concern about the relative lack of planning
- Proper procedure regarding securing Council approval before dedicating staff time
- Concern regarding employee retention after the bonus is received
- Importance of reaching out to businesses directly for input
- Need to consider the idea further during a work session
- Possible alternative policy choices, including
 - Childcare grants
 - Transit passes

- Utility credits
- Concern about going beyond the proper role of the City

Moved by Richard Sheldon, seconded by Jeremy Pietzold

Direct staff to explore using ARPA funds to enhance business hiring practices.

CARRIED. 7-0

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

7.3. **PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2021-16**

Repeal SMC Chapter 17.64: Planned Developments
Land Use File: 21-034 DCA

Staff Report - 0460

Abstentions

none

Conflicts of Interest

none

Staff Report

The **Development Services Director** summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. He noted that no input / comments were received from the State, and that the initial public questions raised about the composition of the public notice sent regarding the hearing had been addressed to general satisfaction.

Public Testimony

none

Discussion

Councilor Exner noted the possibility of revisiting the possibility of planned developments at some point in the future, perhaps with revisions; it was recognized that this could be considered during the Comprehensive Plan update process.

Moved by Jeremy Pietzold, seconded by Laurie Smallwood

Close the public hearing.

CARRIED. 7-0

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

Moved by Kathleen Walker, seconded by Carl Exner

Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-16.

CARRIED. 7-0

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

Moved by Jeremy Pietzold, seconded by Kathleen Walker

Approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-16.

CARRIED. 7-0

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

7.4. **Resolution 2021-22**

Authorizing an Amendment to Existing DEQ State Revolving Fund Construction
Loan

Staff Report - 0454

The **Public Works Director** summarized the staff report, which was included in
the agenda packet.

Moved by Jeremy Pietzold, seconded by Carl Exner

Approve Resolution 2021-22.

CARRIED. 7-0

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

7.5. **Amendment to Contract for Engineering Services**

Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project

Staff Report - 0462

The **Public Works Director** summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet.

The Council discussed concerns about costs, and whether there are likely to be future requests for additional funds. It was noted that the contracting method being used strikes a balance between speed and certainty regarding cost. The Council also discussed the City's obligations regarding permit compliance.

Moved by Laurie Smallwood, seconded by Carl Exner

Authorize the City Manager to sign an amendment with West-Yost for additional design and construction management services for the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant Condition Assessment Improvements Project.

CARRIED. 7-0

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

7.6. **Guaranteed Maximum Price Proposal for Basin #2 Rehabilitation**
Wastewater Collection System Improvement Project

Staff Report - 0461

The **Public Works Director** summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet.

The Council discussed the logistics of the work to be performed, and noted possible areas of flooding concern near Tickle Creek.

Moved by Carl Exner, seconded by Jeremy Pietzold

Approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for Basin 2 rehabilitation in the amount of \$2,171,259 and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Oxbow Construction for this work.

CARRIED. 7-0

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

8. Report from the City Manager

- Kahut Disposal intends to sell their business to Waste Connections. The terms of their franchise agreement with the City presents a possible opportunity to discuss service provision. The Council discussed the details of the agreement, and the opportunities for negotiation.
- The upcoming LOC conference and COVID-19 regulations; policies regarding cancellation.
- Upcoming Parks and Trails Advisory Board interviews; **Councilors Walker, Smallwood, and Exner** agreed to serve on an interview panel.
- 12 applications have been received for the Parks and Recreation Director recruitment.
- A meeting with the Clackamas Watershed Council is upcoming on Thursday 8/19.

9. Committee /Council Reports

Councilor Hokanson:

- Raised the possibility of studying aquifer injection of effluent as an alternative to river discharge, particularly as water may become more scarce in coming decades
- Suggested meeting with Bend Parks and Recreation District staff during the LOC conference

Councilor Exner:

- Noted the success of the Sandy Babe Ruth baseball team and their trip to the championship tournament in Iowa
- Stressed the importance of restarting the Arts Advisory Board process
- Noted the challenges presented by meeting wearing masks
- Requested updates from staff on a variety of ongoing projects

Councilor Walker:

- Noted the success of the recent homeless encampment cleanup in Sandy River Park; stressed the importance of tracking and managing such situations proactively
- Noted increasing reports of public nudity and suggested stricter regulations on the matter
- Expressed concern about spending parks SDC funds on park-adjacent streets
- Expressed concern about the lack of parking requirements in the C-1 zone
- Noted upcoming city celebrations and activities

Councilor Sheldon:

- Noted the recent homelessness taskforce meeting and stressed the importance of moving forward quickly with a strategy implementation
- Noted the upcoming Chamber of Commerce event on Wednesday 8/18

Councilor Smallwood:

- Also noted the recent homelessness taskforce meeting; suggested there may be opportunities to apply trespassing regulations to RVs on private property
- Suggested holding a work session in the near future on camping regulations; raised example policy approaches in Gresham. Suggested possible staffing increases to focus on addressing the challenge.

Council President Pietzold:

- Noted the recent Economic Development Advisory Board meeting and the initial steps toward developing an economic development strategic plan
- Noted the upcoming Hood to Coast relay
- Noted the upcoming SandyNet Advisory Board meeting
- Noted invasive blackberries that need to be addressed

Mayor Pulliam:

- Preliminary results on the bypass study will be available soon
- The City of North Bend has had success securing funds for pool operations
- Suggested inviting the speakers who recently presented on homelessness at the Oregon Mayors Association conference
- Also noted the success of the Sandy Babe Ruth baseball team
- Also noted the success of the recent homeless encampment cleanup in Sandy River Park
- Suggested a second round of covered structure grants, possibly leveraging ARPA funds
- Noted the 110th anniversary celebrations on 8/28
- Suggested holding the postponed fireworks event as soon as possible

10. Staff updates

10.1. [Monthly Reports](#)

11. Adjourn



Mayor, Stan Pulliam

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Aprati". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

City Recorder, Jeff Aprati