



**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 5, 2022 9:00 AM**  
**Sandy Library Community Room**

**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; Andi Howell, Transit Director; Angie Welty, Human Resources Director; David Snider, Economic Development Manager; Ernie Roberts, Police Chief; Greg Brewster, IT/SandyNet Director; Jenny Coker, Public Works Director; Kelly O'Neill Jr., Development Services Director; Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director; Sarah McIntyre, Library Director; and Tyler Deems, Deputy City Manager / Finance Director

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

**1. OPENING REMARKS**

**Reflections on 2021**

The Council reflected on the progress and challenges of the past year, and shared the following thoughts:

- Need to focus on community amenities
- Need to purposefully manage the effects of growth
- Importance of proactive communications
- Challenges brought by the pandemic
- Evolution of the Council's group dynamics
- Need to align budget more closely with strategic priorities
- Proposal to include public input into each Council packet
- Importance of community fellowship and COVID recovery
- Importance of contractor accountability
- Need to preserve the town's history
- Importance of employee recognition
- Need for shorter, more streamlined agenda packets
- Need for economic development, urban renewal, and SandyNet, and facilities strategic plans
- Need for a Council liaison to the City's government relations team

### Draft Vision Statement

The Council discussed concepts including innovation; pioneers; livability; community connections; restfulness; living, working, and playing; town versus 'city; and a 'can-do' outlook. The consensus was that additional input would be sent to **Councilor Hokanson**, who will synthesize and report back.

## 2. **Sandy Community Campus Next Steps**

### 2.1. **Sandy Community Campus Next Steps**

Staff Report - 0541

The **Parks and Recreation Director** summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet.

Council discussion ensued, involving the following topics:

- The importance of proactive public communications, explaining the path forward
- Cost implications inherent in the timing of any needed demolition work
- Whether it would be prudent to move forward on park improvements ahead of the rest of the campus, and the extent to which such improvements could help drive momentum for the rest of the project
- How existing urban renewal cash should be allocated toward the project
- The importance of public involvement
- The feasibility of a successful general obligation bond
- Concern regarding tying the hands of future councils
- The degree of detail needed before approaching voters
- Other city priorities for seeking funding assistance from the State
- Relative advantages of general obligation bonds versus special district formation
- Whether urban renewal support should be conditional on a successful bond measure
- Other possibilities for urban renewal investment, including lighting and streetscape improvements
- The potential for the Campus project to serve as a catalyst to activate Pleasant Street.
- Whether maintaining some financial flexibility in the urban renewal fund would be prudent

The consensus of the Council was as follows:

1. The PETF's report and recommendations make sense, but should be brought to a formal Council meeting for official adoption.

2. The recommendation to drain the pool makes sense, but an official decision should be made at a formal Council meeting with an opportunity for public comment. It will also be important to effectively explain to the public the rationale for the decision and the path forward.
3. Support for the proposed project management structure, and for a process that will result in park improvements that can be implemented on a faster timetable, thus helping drive momentum for the overall project.
4. Further discussion on financing is needed. Given emerging financial/economic challenges, an urban renewal investment lower than \$10 million may be more feasible. It may be prudent to condition commitment of urban renewal funds on the successful passage of a general obligation bond.

### 3. **Highway 26 Bypass Next Steps**

#### 3.1. **Highway 26 Bypass Next Steps**

Staff Report - 0542

The Council agreed to postpone this discussion to a future work session.

### 4. **Update on current status of 2021-2022 City Council Goals**

#### 4.1. **2021-2022 City Council Goals Update**

Staff Report - 0540

The **City Manager** reported on the implementation progress of the Council's 2021-2022 goals. A progress matrix was included in the agenda packet.

Council discussion ensued, covering the following topics:

- Leveraging the second tranche of ARPA funding, potentially with matching funds from Business Oregon, for economic development purposes
- Council's role regarding review of requests for proposal before they are issued

The **Police Chief** also reported on public safety trends during the pandemic and developments related to homelessness, addressing challenges experienced by law enforcement and costs of removing recreational vehicles. The Council also provided feedback on the School Resource Officer program.

5. **Adjourn**



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Mayor, Stan Pulliam



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City Recorder, Jeff Aprati