



MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022 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; Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director; Tyler Deems, Deputy City Manager; Andi Howell, Transit Director; and Josh Soper, City Attorney

MEDIA PRESENT: (none)

1. CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:00 PM

The City Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h)

2. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Changes to the Agenda

(none)

6. Public Comment

(none)

7. Response to Previous Public Comments

The **City Manager** provided the following responses to past public comments:

- Homelessness: it is possible to turn off power and disable the WiFi at night in the area near the Library that has been used by homeless individuals. Concerns should be directed to the Police non-emergency phone number so individuals can be connected with the homelessness liaison officer. The Council asked staff to follow up with a report in the near future, and asked about the possibility of employing trespass processes.

- Cedar Creek Heights: staff are preparing a proposal to strengthen enforcement processes and penalties
- Bi-Mart: this is private property, but staff may be able to discuss concerns regarding trash cans with the management. Code enforcement could be a potential avenue in the future.
- Trees near the Action Center: tree trimming downtown is approximately 70% done at this point.

8. Consent Agenda

8.1. City Council Minutes

August 15, 2022

Moved by Laurie Smallwood, seconded by Carl Exner

Adopt the consent agenda

CARRIED. 7-0

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

9. Resolutions

9.1. PUBLIC HEARING: Parks SDC and Fee-in-Lieu Update

Methodology Update; Fee-in-Lieu Adjustment; SDC Adjustment

- Resolution 2022-21
- Resolution 2022-22
- Resolution 2022-23

Staff Report - 0613

The **Parks and Recreation Director** summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet. Representatives from FCS provided a presentation; slides were included in the agenda packet.

Public Testimony

- Don Robertson: fees-in-lieu are critical to acquiring property for new parks, and the city needs land for future park facilities. SDCs are crucial for making both repairs and investments in future parks facilities. There are no realistic alternative sources of funding, and grants are difficult to secure.

- Preston Korst: supports updating the fee-in-lieu amount and the added flexibility that reimbursement funds provide. Is concerned at the proposed rate of increase, which is inconsistent with economic trends. Is concerned about housing affordability.

Council Discussion

The Council engaged in discussion on the following issues:

- Whether SDCs can be raised again in the future
- Clarification on calculations for number of people per unit, and how the numbers in the proposed methodology relate to those currently in the municipal code
- Clarification on calculations relating to 'delayed projects'
- Trails in Meinig Park in need of replacement
- Concern that raising Parks SDCs to the degree proposed could potentially limit the ability of the City to raise other SDCs in the future
- The importance of other infrastructure systems, such as water and wastewater
- Concerns related to housing affordability, and the steep rise in housing costs recently
- The possibility of a future parks and recreation district
- Comparisons between Sandy's median income and other cities used in the SDC research
- The possibility of extending the implementation phasing period
- Note that some cities also implement park maintenance fees
- Note that Sherwood's SDC is rising in the near future
- Development needs to pay for future growth
- Houses will sell for market value regardless of SDC levels
- SDCs make up a very small proportion of overall housing costs
- A parks special district is unlikely to pass
- Park construction is much more expensive than it was in past years
- The City currently lacks a stormwater SDC
- The advantages of adjusting all SDCs at the same time, so due consideration can be given to the overall impact; concern that years will likely pass before the necessary plans have been completed to allow all SDCs to be adjusted at once
- The possibility of passing the methodology and fee-in-lieu measures first
- The possibility of instituting only the first year's increase at this time
- Concern that inflation will outstrip yearly increases
- Concern regarding Parks and Trails Master Plan projects that may not be funded

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 Jeremy Pietzold, seconded by Carl Exner

Adopt Resolution 2022-22

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 Don Hokanson

Adopt Resolution 2022-21

CARRIED. 7-0

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

Moved by Don Hokanson, seconded by Kathleen Walker

Adopt Resolution 2022-23, incorporating SDC Implementation Option D

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 Don Hokanson

Adopt Resolution 2022-23, incorporating SDC Implementation Option D. The implementation plan will be revisited and evaluated annually (including within one year of the adoption of this resolution), providing the Council an opportunity to deviate from the implementation plan if it chooses. If the

Council fails to revisit and evaluate the implementation plan in any given year, the scheduled increase for that year will take effect automatically

CARRIED. 4-3

Ayes: Jeremy Pietzold, Richard Sheldon, Kathleen Walker,
and Don Hokanson

Nays: Stan Pulliam, Laurie Smallwood, and Carl Exner

10. New Business

10.1. Transit: 5339 Federal Grant Agreement / Memorandum of Understanding with ODOT

Staff Report - 0612

The Transit Director summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Clarification that STIF funds are proposed to be used as the match for planning, and the funds needed for the vehicle purchase have already been set aside for capital expenditures.
- Note that operations and maintenance costs are significantly less for electric buses compared to diesel, and that charging infrastructure is being provided by the grant
- Concern that this planning effort may not adequately address the space needs of other departments such as Public Works and SandyNet
- Clarification that the planning effort is intended for expansion of administrative and training space for Transit and Public Works, but that this would free up more space overall for all needs

Moved by Richard Sheldon, seconded by Laurie Smallwood

Authorize the City Manager to sign the 5339 grant agreement for both the planning process and the purchase of one 35 foot electric vehicle

CARRIED. 6-1

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

Nays: Kathleen Walker

11. Report from the City Manager

- Staff is seeking Council input on the draft Vision Statements for Envision Sandy 2050; Future Fest is upcoming
- Reminder regarding the HB 4006 memo sent to Council recently
- Corn Cross will take place this weekend
- A.J. Thorne was hired as Assistant Public Works Director
- An Urban Renewal Board executive session will be held on September 12th
- The League of Oregon Cities annual conference is next month

12. **Committee /Council Reports**

Councilor Hokanson

- Concern regarding clear vision areas at intersections
- Suggestion to establish a public list of code enforcement reports/complaints

Councilor Exner

- Request to start recruitment for the Arts Advisory Board
- Concern regarding backflow testing compliance
- Desire for ODOT to remove their barricades
- Note regarding increased school traffic on Bluff

Councilor Walker

- Clarification on recent complaint received regarding the City's food cart regulations
- Desire to proceed on the proposed code updates regarding RVs
- Comments regarding turning off electrical outlets at night that have been accessed by homeless individuals
- Concerns regarding crossings of Tickle Creek Trail
- Importance of adequate staffing if the Arts Advisory Board is restarted

Councilor Sheldon

(none)

Councilor Smallwood

(none)

Council President Pietzold

(none)

Mayor Pulliam

- Importance of safety for kids near schools and reminder to drive carefully
- Recognition that staff are busy and reminder to consider staff workload and time impacts before making requests

13. Staff updates

13.1. [Monthly Reports](#)

14. Adjourn



Mayor, Stan Pulliam



City Recorder, Jeff Aprati