



MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 6:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT: Chris Mayton, Councilor; Laurie Smallwood, Council President; Kathleen Walker, Councilor; Carl Exner, Councilor; Don Hokanson, Councilor; and Stan Pulliam, Mayor

COUNCIL ABSENT: Richard Sheldon, Councilor

STAFF PRESENT: Jordan Wheeler, City Manager; Jeff Aprati, City Recorder; Tyler Deems, Deputy City Manager; Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director; and Ernie Roberts, Police Chief

MEDIA PRESENT: (none)

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION - 6:00 PM

1.1. Community Campus Park Development Plan Update

Staff Report - 0667

The **Parks and Recreation Director** provided introductory remarks. Representatives of Lango Hansen and American Ramp Company were present to provide an update to the Council on the planning and community engagement process for the new community park. Their presentation slides, along with a staff report, were included in the agenda packet.

During the consultant presentation, the Council asked questions on the following topics:

- Site grading challenges presented by the park's topography
- Relative sizes of the playground and skate park
- Location of the restroom
- Whether some combination of the presented concepts can be achieved
- Whether embankment slides can be incorporated into all concepts

Council discussion ensued on the following issues:

- Concern about the distance between the playground and parking area
- Desire to have multiple entrances to the parking area
- Importance of garden areas and art
- Importance of incorporating community input into the process

- Concerns about noise impacts
- Importance of access to/from Pleasant Street
- Importance of line of sight for public safety purposes
- Concern about not building large enough to meet future needs
- Capacity for beginner, intermediate, and advanced users of facilities
- Concern about the amount of grass to maintain
- Concern the size of the pump track; possibilities to position the facilities for future expansion
- Square foot cost estimates of different park facilities
- Intent of staff to continue working closely with stakeholder groups
- Importance of ensuring year round use of facilities, including in winter; potential for sledding
- Space for users to play flag football and similar activities

2. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Changes to the Agenda
(none)

6. Public Comment

Michael Kays: owner of the boardshop. Supports the skatepark; is excited to participate in the Community Campus Park planning process which will be great for local kids. Skateboarding is becoming an Olympic sport. The new skatepark could put Sandy on the map; he is very supportive; this will benefit the community.

Adam Nielson: moved here from Baker City two years ago; is active with skating; is concerned that plans for the park may have moved too far along before incorporating public input. Skaters of Sandy was created to serve as a liaison group; is excited about this opportunity and will stay very involved.

Scott Minton: Involved with Skaters of Sandy, which has over 100 years worth of knowledge and experience with skating. Its mission is to provide a unified voice for skaters in the area. Skaters are a worldwide community. Skateparks with unique features are especially important as a draw; the park needs to be a destination. Wants to serve as a conduit between the City, designers, and the skater community. Will advocate for best use of funds and land for skating. Will help with developing contests and events. The skatepark needs sufficient size; the ideal would be 40,000 square feet. Newberg's is 29,000. Wants more access to survey data.

Mike Sheer: is very excited; has lots of skating experience; the size of the skatepark needs to accommodate all skill levels; is concerned current plans do not meet that need. Planning needs to be done correctly.

7. Response to Previous Public Comments

7.1. Mt. Hood Birth Center

A letter from the Council was sent to Legacy Health executives and to the Oregon Health Authority.

Members of the Council met with Legacy managers, who stated that the birth center was losing money and there were insufficient births to support the facility, and that staff were displeased with alternative care options and chose to leave the facility. **Councilor Hokanson** noted the lack of clarity on the OHA approval process for the closure, and the large challenges involved to secure a waiver, particularly in demonstrating that a closure would not jeopardize patient safety. Legacy staff indicated their intention to divert patients if a waiver is not secured.

7.2. Bill Leslie

City staff toured the site, and a majority of the water is from County roads. The County needs to be involved in the solution. Past actions of the City did play a role as well. The City plans to install a flow plug to mitigate immediate impacts. The Shalimar area needs a stormwater engineer to develop a long term plan to fix the situation, along with County assistance. Ultimately a much more substantial stormwater facility is needed in that area. The City will hire the consultant. Mr. Leslie will be provided with the City's intentions and plans in writing. The matter needs to be escalated with the County.

Mr. Leslie provided the following response: no thought was given to stormwater improvements when the adjacent development took place. A temporary flow plug is of no interest to him. A permanent solution is needed now. Private property was taken for public use. He disputed the assertion that it is a natural flow of water.

8. Consent Agenda

8.1. City Council Minutes

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8.2. Planning Commission Appointments

Staff Report - 0665

Moved by Kathleen Walker, seconded by Carl Exner

Adopt the Consent Agenda

CARRIED. 6-0

Ayes: Chris Mayton, Laurie Smallwood, Kathleen Walker, Carl Exner, Don Hokanson, and Stan Pulliam

Absent: Richard Sheldon

9. Ordinances

9.1. PUBLIC HEARING: Sandy Municipal Code Chapter 10 Amendments

Staff Report - 0662

Staff Report

The **City Manager** summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet.

Public Testimony

(none)

Council Discussion

In response to a Council question, it was noted that the 9:00 - 6:30 time period was chosen to align with the City's camping ordinance. It was also noted that the new requirements should be advertised in the city newsletter.

Moved by Laurie Smallwood, seconded by Don Hokanson

Close the public hearing

CARRIED. 6-0

Ayes: Chris Mayton, Laurie Smallwood, Kathleen Walker, Carl Exner, Don Hokanson, and Stan Pulliam

Absent: Richard Sheldon

Moved by Don Hokanson, seconded by Carl Exner

Approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-05

CARRIED. 6-0

Ayes: Chris Mayton, Laurie Smallwood, Kathleen Walker, Carl Exner, Don Hokanson, and Stan Pulliam

Absent: Richard Sheldon

Moved by Laurie Smallwood, seconded by Chris Mayton

Approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-05

CARRIED. 6-0

Ayes: Chris Mayton, Laurie Smallwood, Kathleen Walker, Carl Exner, Don Hokanson, and Stan Pulliam

Absent: Richard Sheldon

10. New Business

10.1. Cedar Ridge Vacant Building Demolition and Site Preparation

Staff Report - 0664

The **City Manager** summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet.

Council discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Logistics of the RFP process, and whether the City is required to begin the process again
- Possible synergies with improvements currently taking place with the Community Campus Park development process
- Note that a contract would need to be brought to the SURA Board
- Suggestion to attempt to retain and preserve timbers from the existing aquatic center

Moved by Carl Exner, seconded by Laurie Smallwood

Direct staff to proceed with planning for demolition of vacant buildings at the Community Campus

CARRIED. 6-0

Ayes: Chris Mayton, Laurie Smallwood, Kathleen Walker, Carl Exner, Don Hokanson, and Stan Pulliam

Absent: Richard Sheldon

11. Report from the City Manager

- Thanks for the recent goal setting session; staff will write up and bring back goal language for official Council adoption
- Upcoming meeting with AMR on level of service needs
- County is willing to be helpful with Hoodland Library's rent
- Council input on the Comprehensive Plan update is needed

The Council engaged in a discussion on HB 2889, and raised serious concerns about preemption of local control of land use decisions, especially as a large amount of residential growth has already happened in Sandy in recent years. The Council discussed sending a letter to the League of Oregon Cities on the need to preserve home rule authority, as well as a letter to the Governor on the need for infrastructure funding assistance. After concerns were raised by the City's government relations consultant on possibly detracting from the City's capital funding request before the legislature, and after further discussion and consideration, the Council decided to proceed with the two letters; the **Mayor** and **Councilor Walker** were designated to review initial language.

12. Committee /Council Reports

Councilor Hokanson

- Thanks to the individuals who provided comments on the skatepark
- Suggestion to look for sponsorship opportunities
- Need for more conversation on potential tourism draw opportunities related to skating (competitions, etc.)

Councilor Exner

- Thanks to the individuals who provided comments on the skatepark
- Debrief on recent Sandy Fire District Board meeting; concerns about the intergovernmental agreement with Clackamas Fire District; details about the planned arrangement between the agencies and logistics; upcoming vacancies on the Sandy Fire District Board; comments on the possible impact of the arrangement on the Sandy Urban Renewal Agency.

Councilor Walker

- Thanks to the individuals who provided comments on the skatepark; emphasis on the importance of tourism
- Need for prioritization of urban renewal projects, and to recruit businesses that would further the Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Welcome to new Planning Commissioners
- Thanks to the **Mayor** for his work on the Hoodland Library issue

Council President Smallwood

- Thanks to the individuals who provided comments on the skatepark
- Will be speaking at an upcoming Chamber of Commerce event on homelessness
- Assisted **Councilor Hokanson** with recent birth center conversations with Legacy Health

Councilor Mayton

- Thanks to **Councilor Hokanson** for his work on the birth center issue
- Welcome to new Planning Commissioners
- Economic Development Advisory Board meeting upcoming

Mayor Pulliam

- Thanks to the individuals who provided comments on the skatepark; encouragement for them to continue to be involved
- Exciting opportunities exist with the Community Campus Park to drive and catalyze amenity improvements
- City Attorney time needs to be spent investigating ways to control whether local hotels are able to be converted into homeless shelters

13. Staff updates

13.1. [Monthly Reports](#)

14. Adjourn



Mayor, Stan Pulliam



City Recorder, Jeff Aprati