



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:15 PM  
Sandy City Hall and via Zoom

## MINUTES

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### WORK SESSION – 6:00 PM

#### 1. Homelessness Response Partnership with AntFarm

After introductory remarks from the City Manager, the Interim Police Chief summarized the staff report and noted the advantage of having a response relationship with AntFarm, given the limitations of enforcement-only approaches to homelessness.

AntFarm staff related their experiences and backgrounds related to homelessness and social service response. Discussion ensued on the following issues:

- Observations on the lived experiences of homeless individuals
- Similarities and differences between homelessness in Sandy versus other communities
- Lessons learned from response efforts in other communities, including Project Respond
- Differentiations between situations when law enforcement response is necessary and when it is not
- Contrasts between 'unaccompanied' status and homelessness
- Estimates on the number of homeless individuals in the region
- Regular communication and collaboration with the Sandy Police Department (SPD) in pursuit of common goals
- Specific examples of recent success in responding to needs for service and connecting individuals with resources to make tangible improvements
- The importance of using both a carrot and stick approach
- Personal relationships and understanding of the homeless community among AntFarm staff, which facilitates positive results

Further discussion with the Council ensued, related to the following topics:

- Concern about impacts such as those seen along the Springwater Trail, and the need to proactively patrol known sites
- The need for collaborative community efforts to monitor and address needs
- New capacity on city staff to address code enforcement needs
- Additional detail on response referral logistics
- Appreciation for the urgency of mitigating campsites
- Concern from the local business community on perceived escalation of homelessness challenges; suggestion for AntFarm staff to meet with business community
- Recognition that camping will reoccur if causes are not mitigated

- Discussion related to compassion and empathy, while also needing to hold certain red lines for unacceptable behavior
- Importance of teaching/reminding individuals how to be good citizens
- Recognition of the need to hold a follow-up community homelessness coordination meeting
- Contrasts between AntFarm's efforts to provide temporary hotel room access, versus other organizations with similar programs
- District Attorney leniency related to public defecation; emphasis on the need to share information on such policy decisions with City leadership
- Challenges related to prosecutorial discretion
- AntFarm's desire to open a resource center in the future
- Commitments to open communication and no surprises
- Emphasis on the need for the community to have a clear understanding of how to report issues related to homelessness, and what the response process will be
- Concerns related to transit connections to Clackamas

## **REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor Stan Pulliam  
 Council President Laurie Smallwood  
 Councilor Chris Mayton  
 Councilor Rich Sheldon  
 Councilor Kathleen Walker  
 Councilor Carl Exner  
 Councilor Don Hokanson

### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Discussion occurred regarding whether the wastewater on-call engineering contracts should be included on the Consent Agenda. While this item was retained on the Consent Agenda, the Council agreed that a list of wastewater project elements and funding sources should be provided, and that it is important to ensure that all members of the water/wastewater subcommittee have sufficient information to perform their oversight duties.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute limit)**

(none)

### **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(none)

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

2. City Council Minutes
3. Contract Approval: CCTV Sewer Inspection Services
4. Contract Approvals: On-Call Engineering Contracts for Wastewater Facility Minor Upgrades
5. Resolution 2023-36: Temporary Exception to the City Managers Signing Authority to Administer the Sandy Clean Waters Program On-Call Engineering Contracts
6. Advisory Board Appointments

### **MOTION: Adopt the consent agenda.**

Motion made by Councilor Sheldon, Seconded by Councilor Mayton.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pulliam, Council President Smallwood, Councilor Mayton, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Walker, Councilor Exner, Councilor Hokanson

### **MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Official Name Adoption for New Community Park

The Parks and Recreation Director and Community/Senior Center Manager summarized the staff report, which was included in the agenda packet along with the presentation slides. Also present for the presentation was John Hamblin, Chair of the park naming task force. Mr. Hamblin stated that the process proceeded smoothly with multiple rounds of public engagement. It was stated that 90% of survey respondents reported having a 97055 zip code, and that any duplicate IP address submissions would have been caught by the Survey Monkey system. It was also noted that the task force made an effort to avoid direct confusion with the name of the middle school.

### **MOTION: Adopt Cedar Park as the official name of the park previously known as the Community Campus Park**

Motion made by Councilor Mayton, Seconded by Councilor Walker.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pulliam, Council President Smallwood, Councilor Mayton, Councilor Sheldon, Councilor Walker, Councilor Exner, Councilor Hokanson

### **MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

## **REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- Overview of the Winterfest Merry Makeover and Stocking Stroll events
- Update on the Police Chief recruitment process and upcoming receptions and interviews after the new year

## COMMITTEE / COUNCIL REPORTS

### Councilor Hokanson

- Praise for Winterfest
- Concern regarding sanitation related to homelessness; suggestion that the City could potentially provide response services related to sanitation and biohazards
- Suggestion to provide more background information for members of the water/wastewater subcommittee
- Expressions of confidence in staff work

### Councilor Exner

- Expressions of confidence in staff work, and in the water/wastewater subcommittee process
- Praise for the recent staff holiday appreciation lunch
- Concern about safety during the Stocking Stroll; suggestion to provide more advanced warning for drivers

### Councilor Walker

- Would prefer large expenditures to not be on the Consent Agenda, but a wastewater project and expenditure breakdown would be especially important
- Update on the efforts to digitize historical copies of the Sandy Post
- Recap on the recent Kiwanis basket event

### Councilor Sheldon

- Praise for the Stocking Stroll
- Suggestion to hold a joint meeting with the Oregon Trail School Board; an agenda with specific items to discuss is needed

### Council President Smallwood

- The Economic Development Advisory Board suggests that the City should commission a new retail market study, which was budgeted for in 2019 but never completed due to the pandemic. The approximate cost would be \$27,500. The consensus of the Council was that the City Manager should find money for this expenditure within the current budget.

### Councilor Mayton

- Overview of the most recent Economic Development Advisory Board meeting
- Appreciation for Winterfest

### Mayor Pulliam

- Appreciation for Winterfest; suggestion to feature more music elements next year; praise for the Storybook Lane feature
- Observations on the City's capital construction funding request submitted to the Legislature

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Stan Pulliam, Mayor



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Jeffrey Aprati, City Recorder