

# City of St. Helens CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

February 18, 2015

**Members Present:** Randy Peterson, Mayor  
Doug Morten, Council President  
Keith Locke, Councilor  
Susan Conn, Councilor  
Ginny Carlson, Councilor

**Staff Present:** John Walsh, City Administrator  
Jon Ellis, Finance Director  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder  
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director  
Terry Moss, Police Chief  
Neal Sheppard, Interim Public Works Co-Director  
Sue Nelson, Interim Public Works Co-Director

**Others:** Diane Dillard                      Blair Walter                      Art Leskovich



**7:00PM – Call Regular Session to Order – Mayor Peterson**

**Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Peterson**

### **Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment**

♦Blair Walter and Diane Dillard. He is the Board Chair for the Sacagawea Health Center and she is Vice Chair. Blair thanked the Council for the proclamation. He presented the Council and staff with hearts to sell and display as a Sacagawea Health Center fundraiser. The auction is May 31.

### **Proclamation**

*Touch the Heart of a Child Heart Month - February 2015*

**WHEREAS**, The Sacagawea Health Center is like a small doctor's office on the Lewis and Clark Elementary campus in St. Helens, Oregon, ensuring easy access to healthcare services for the students in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Sacagawea Health Center is a non-profit organization that provides care to students who need it, regardless of medical insurance status, offering access to all who otherwise may not get the medical attention they need; and

**WHEREAS**, By providing physical and mental health services right on school grounds, children are able to stay in school, promoting educational achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, During the entire month of February, local businesses sell hearts to benefit the Sacagawea Health Center. Community members may purchase a heart in their name, in honor of a loved one, or anonymously. All proceeds go to provide direct care for the children of Columbia County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Randy Peterson, Mayor of the City of St. Helens, do hereby proclaim the month of February as Touch the Heart of a Child Heart Month in St. Helens, Oregon, and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of a school-based health center in our community.

### **Ordinances – Final Readings**

- A. **Ordinance No. 3181:** An Ordinance Adopting the US 30 and Columbia Boulevard/St. Helens Street Corridor Master Plan as an Addendum to the City of St. Helens Comprehensive Plan, Amending Section 2 of the Transportation Systems Plan, Amending the St. Helens Municipal Code Chapters 8.12, 17.16, 17.32, 17.72, 17.80, 17.84, 17.152, 18.04, 18.12, 18.20, 19.08, 19.12, and Adding Chapters 19.30 and 19.32

Mayor Peterson read Ordinance No. 3181 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3181. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

### **Resolutions**

- A. **Resolution No. 1692:** A Resolution Setting Building Department Fees and Repealing Resolution No. 1690

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1692 by title. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1692. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

- B. **Resolution No. 1693:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, Transferring Appropriations within Funds

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1693 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1693. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

- C. **Resolution No. 1694:** A Resolution Establishing a Police Special Events/Training Reserve Account for Police and Authorizing Appropriations

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1694 by title. **Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1694. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

### **Approve and/or Authorize for Signature**

- A. Oregon Business Development Dept. Brownfields Redevelopment Fund Grant Agreement  
B. Contract Payments

**Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously approved 'A' through 'B' above.

Mayor Peterson and Councilor Conn will serve on the steering committee.

### **Appointments to City Boards/Commissions**

No appointments.

### **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

- A. Library Board Minutes dated December 18, 2014  
B. Parks Commission Minutes dated December 15, 2014  
C. Parks Commission Bylaws  
D. Accounts Payable Bill List

**Motion:** Upon Carlson's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously accepted 'A' through 'D' above.

## **Consent Agenda for Approval**

- A. Work Session, Public Forum and Regular Session Minutes dated January 21, 2015
- B. OLCC Licenses
- C. Animal Facility Licenses
- D. Street Closure Request:
  - i. Race Against Child Abuse – Close Strand Street from 265 to 295, April 25, 5:30am-2pm
- E. Accounts Payable Bill List

**Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously approved 'A' through 'E' above.

## **Council Reports**

**Mayor Peterson** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Councilor Conn** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Council President Morten** reported...

- He would like the Council to reconsider the work session vote to contribute \$4,000 towards the St. Helens Community Foundation annual insurance cost. He felt like it was a hasty decision and needs more discussion. He would like to hear from Mr. Salisbury. Councilor Conn concurred. Councilor Carlson appreciates the viewpoint. She thinks it's fair to only pay a portion of the insurance cost. Finance Director Ellis reported that last year, the City contributed \$2,800 from Tourism funds as a grant. Two years ago, the City contributed \$4,500 from State Revenue Sharing funds. Morten said that is exactly why he would like to hear from Mr. Salisbury and have more time to consider the request.

**Motion:** Morten moved to reconsider the vote contributing \$4,000 towards insurance costs to the St. Helens Community Foundation. A re-vote will take place at the next meeting after they have heard from Mr. Salisbury. Locke, Conn, Morten and Peterson in favor. Carlson abstained. Motion carries.

**Councilor Carlson** reported...

- Asked about the process for installing sidewalks on Eisenschmidt Lane. She was concerned that street trees were not being installed as well. Interim Public Works Co-Director Nelson explained that the Engineering Department has had those sidewalks planned for over two years. The street is falling apart and there are no sidewalks. They are hoping to be able to install street trees in some of the area. Fortunately, there are a lot of trees in the area already. Morten suggested including a list of City projects in future Gazettes. It would help Council answer questions when they are approached by citizens.
- Asked where the sidewalk on Gable Road will be located. Nelson explained that it will run from the high school to the Columbia Blvd. intersection. Construction should begin next summer.

**Councilor Locke** reported...

- He reminded employees that it is against the law to talk on their phones while driving.

## **Department Reports**

**Police Chief Moss** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Interim Public Works Co-Director Nelson** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Interim Public Works Co-Director Sheppard** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Library Director Jeffries** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Finance Director Ellis** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**City Recorder Payne** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**City Administrator Walsh** reported...

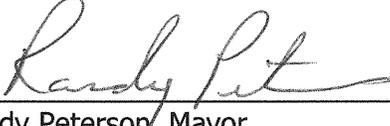
- Portland Community College is having a breakfast next Tuesday at the Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District building. They will be discussing the PCC Connect program. He is unable to attend. Morten, Locke and Peterson will plan to attend.

**Adjourn** - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



ATTEST:

  
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Kathy Payne, City Recorder

  
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Randy Peterson, Mayor