

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

June 1, 2016

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, Public Works Operations Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director

Others: Dean Adams Don Patterson Nicole Thill
Christie Lukes Ty Rose Deborah Rose



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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Peterson

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

♦Dean Adams. He lives across the street from the park on S. 15th Street. There is a speeding problem on that street. His neighbor's trailer was hit on Sunday night. The skid marks were over 100 feet long. He has personally been rear-ended there as well. He proposes posting STOP signs at the cross streets. Something has to be done.

Mayor Peterson directed Public Working Engineering Nelson and Police Chief Moss to look into it.

♦Christie Lukes. She is Dean's neighbor. Speeding has been an issue there for a very long time. They have lost one dog and her daughter was almost hit by a car when she was three. She's always thought that two really good speed bumps and a blinking light that warns drivers children are at play would help. Just this afternoon, there were 10 kids playing at the park and crossing the street. People drive excessively fast on that street and you cannot see pedestrians crossing.

Dean added that a motorcycle was speeding up and down the street repeatedly the other night.

Ordinances – Final Readings

- A. **Ordinance No. 3206:** An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Ordinance No. 3149 to Remove the "Sunset Clause" on the McCormick Park Pet Off-Leash Area (and thus making the off-leash area permanent) by Deleting Section 4 of Said Ordinance

Mayor Peterson read Ordinance No. 3206 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Morten's

motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3206. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten and Peterson; Nays: None]

Resolutions

A. **Resolution No. 1745:** A Resolution Adopting a City of St. Helens Short Term Disability Policy

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1745 by title. **Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1745. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten and Peterson; Nays: None]

B. **Resolution No. 1746:** A Resolution of the City of St. Helens, Declaring Certain City Owned Property at 1300 Kaster Road Surplus and Designating a Soliciting Agent

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1746 by title. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1746. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten and Peterson; Nays: None]

Deliberations

FY2016-17 State Revenue Sharing and Budget Adoption

There were no changes by the Council.

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

A. Interagency Agreement Addendum Memorandum of Understanding for Columbia Enforcement Narcotics Team (CENT)

B. Agreement with Walker|Macy for Columbia View Park Gazebo Replacement Concept Design

C. Agreement with Maul Foster Alongi for Central Waterfront Redevelopment Planning

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

Appointments to City Boards/Commissions

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously appointed Melissa Gaelrun-Maggi to the Library Board.

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

A. Accounts Payable Bill List

Motion: Upon Morten's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously accepted 'A' above.

Consent Agenda for Approval

A. OLCC Licenses

B. Council Work Session and Regular Session Minutes dated May 18, 2016

C. Accounts Payable Bill List

D. Street Closure Request – Kiwanis Parade & Carnival – June 16-18, 2016.

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously approved 'A' through 'D' above.

Council Reports

Mayor Peterson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Nothing to report.

Council President Morten reported...

- Appreciates Mr. Adams coming in to talk about the speeding on S. 15th Street. Safety is a big concern.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- She attended a school board meeting last week. It was a pleasure to see almost 50 kids attend and support a teacher. They were respectful in their presentation. The superintendent talked about partnerships with the Police Department and how pleased he was with the resource officer negotiation and the teamwork.

Councilor Locke reported...

- 13 Nights on the River concert series begins tomorrow.

Department Reports

Police Chief Moss reported...

- He appreciates Mr. Adams coming to the meeting but wishes he would have stayed to hear what is said. Right now, there is not a single officer in St. Helens on patrol. They are working on follow-up and reports. Unless, there is a 911 call they will continue doing paperwork. We would like to be able to do traffic enforcement but they don't have enough staff. It is discretionary. They are receiving multiple reports about speeding issues.

Council President Morten asked if he recommends a stop sign at the top. Moss deferred to Public Works Engineering Director Nelson for a response. Nelson explained that certain criteria do have to be met in order to install a stop sign. They would need to study that area to determine the need.

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Public Works Operations Director Sheppard reported...

- Nothing to report.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- Don't forget to log on and look at the Kickstarter campaign.

Finance Director Ellis reported...

- The City is currently recruiting for Utility Billing Specialist. They may need to extend the term-limited position for another month. There were no objections from Council.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- On the first day of the Kickstarter campaign there are already eight backers and \$1,255.

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

♦**Ty Rose.** He's a neighbor of Doug Morten. He has a complaint about him and Ms. Dias. Ty and his wife like St. Helens. This is the second home they have owned here. They take a lot of pride in their yard and sometimes spend 6-7 hours a day working on it. He has had multiple problems with neighbors while working in his front yard. One neighbor told him his house was ugly and another told him that was not all of his property. He will be having a survey done in

July to find out where the property lines are for sure. Mr. Morten stopped by his house today and said that Ms. Dias is asking what they are doing putting rocks on the road. Well, the rocks are not in the road but on their property. Ms. Dias drives like a maniac on the road and almost had a collision. Ty has a beef with Mr. Morten. The bushes on City property are impeding vision clearance. Mr. Morten told him they would need to write a letter to the City. It's ridiculous that he's choosing who to help in the neighborhood and who not to. Ty is trying to speak respectfully but is upset. He cares about this community.

Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Randy Peterson, Mayor