

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

April 6, 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
Anya Moucha, Mainstreet Program Coordinator

Others:	Steve Topaz	Ricky Diess	Brittani Dovel
	Hillary Dovel	Blair Beaston	Lindsay Smith
	David Grigsby	Haylee Griffin	Lizzy Fournier
	Emily Robillard	Alexis Law	



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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Peterson

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

◆Steve Topaz. *He distributed a handout to the Council members listing observations he made at the waterfront meeting.*

- There were no teenagers or young people involved.
- No one from the Board of Education was involved.
- The presenters treated the people in the room as second graders.
- Some of the rules they were supposed to follow, they didn't.
- Instructions were given to the design team from the citizens committee but he has heard that was not what was presented.
- The design team did not know what plans the City has for the adjacent areas; including Sand Island, the paper mill, etc.
- They were surprisingly short of information.
- The design team was unaware of state and federal regulations.
- The properties that the City purchased were not accurately described for the public.
- The consultants talked about townhouses and did not specify who they were for.
- People in the community are very afraid that what happened with the hospital property will happen here.
- The maritime consultant referred to his other clients but he did not identify them.
- The agreements Council has made with the design team, ODOT and traffic engineering have not been made public.
- The waterfront property is a fixed piece of property but it affects a lot of other things.

- The adjacent homes are underutilized. They will increase great in value.
- The design consultants know what will happen in the area and they didn't mention how it will affect the design.
- What connecting projects will happen?
- If a casino is put in across the river in Washington, we need to consider putting in a ferry boat.
- He recommends:
 - All contracts and agreements made with consultants in relation to the waterfront be made public.
 - The consultants make public their understanding of what they are to provide to the City.
 - Property owners south of Cowlitz Street and east of 4th Street should resign from the design committee because they will benefit from development.
 - Council members who reside in that same area should remove themselves from decisions having to do with instructions to the design committee and the use of the property.
 - Any gratuities the Council or design committee has received from the design company should be made public.
 - Any gratuities received from property managers, contractors, and developers concerning this project should be made public. We need to remember that money from this design project is federally funded.

♦Lindsay Smith. For her senior project, she would like to work on the planters downtown that are falling apart. She is seeking approval from the Council and will work with SHEDCO on the project.

Council agreed that was a great idea. Lindsay with follow-up with Public Works Operations Director Sheppard.

Proclamation: National Public Safety Telecommunicators Work – April 10-16

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
April 10 – 16, 2016

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are the first, and most critical, contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators of the Columbia 9-1-1 Communications

District have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Peterson, Mayor of the City of St. Helens, do proclaim the week of April 10-16, 2016, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in St. Helens, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

Ordinances – Final Readings

- A. **Ordinance No. 3205:** An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Code Chapter 8.24 Regarding Rules and Regulations within the Off-Leash Area of McCormick Park

Mayor Peterson read Ordinance No. 3205 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3205. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

Resolutions

- A. **Resolution No. 1736:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of St. Helens Establishing Council Goals for 2016

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1736 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1736. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

Authorize City Administrator to Execute Subordination Agreement for Holcomb Commercial Properties LLC (Kavanaugh LID)

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously authorize the City Administrator to execute a Subordination Agreement for Holcomb Commercial Properties LLC Kavanaugh LID.

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

- A. Legal Services Agreement Amendment with Jordan Ramis PC for Legal Services
B. Contract Payments

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

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

- A. Library Board Minutes dated February 9, 2016
B. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Consent Agenda for Approval

- A. Council Public Forum and Regular Session Minutes dated March 16, 2016
B. Declare Surplus Property – All Departments
C. OLCC Licenses
D. Accounts Payable Bill List
E. Exclusive Use Permit: SH Little League, 6th & 7th Street Fields & McCormick Park Soccer Field, April 1 to June 18, 2016

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

Council Reports

Mayor Peterson reported...

- Reminded Council that the deadline to electronically file their SEI form is April 15.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Nothing to report.

Council President Morten reported...

- Nothing to report.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Informed the high school students in attendance what the City is being charged for legal services. He encouraged them to remember that as they prepare for college.

Department Reports

Police Chief Moss reported...

- He expressed his admiration for the work done at our dispatch center. The proclamation was very well said.
- After the work session this afternoon, he met with the director at Cornerstone. They seemed genuinely surprised that anyone would act out against the public walking by. They had some clients living there who have moved on. They were not suitable for residency there. One of them may have been involved in that behavior but they are gone now. They are going to discuss the issue at their staff meeting tomorrow.

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Public Works Operations Director Sheppard reported...

- Thank you to Carlson's crew and Locke for their work at Sand Island.
- A citizen volunteer group recently cleaned up Salmonberry.
- Nob Hill Nature Park clean-up was last weekend.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- Next week is National Library Week. One of the things going on is a birthday celebration for Beverly Cleary as she turns 100.

Finance Director Ellis reported...

- He offered advice to the high school students in attendance. It's good to know where you're going and what you want to do, but more importantly it's the journey that takes you there.
- There is a Budget Committee meeting at 6 p.m. tomorrow evening.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- April 19 is the City/County Quarterly Dinner in Clatskanie.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- The Waterfront Open House is April 27 at Meriwether Place. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., a presentation will be held at 6 p.m. and will conclude at 8 p.m.

Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

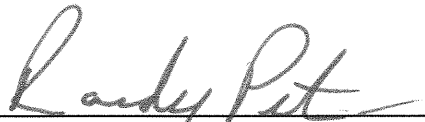


Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Kathy Payne, City Recorder



Randy Peterson, Mayor