

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

November 16, 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
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Neal Sheppeard, Public Works Operations Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director
Crystal Farnsworth, Communications Officer

Others: Rick Scholl Cynthia Ferguson Art Leskowich
Kayla Keller Axelle Duaves Nathaniel Caudle
Barlow Bikes & Boards Family and Employees



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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Peterson

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

♦**Art Leskowich.** He appreciates all the Council does. He also appreciates the Council's vision to repurpose the lagoon. However, he expressed disappointment of exchanging one environmental issue for another by turning it into a landfill. The public didn't get the same consideration with the lagoon as they did with the Veneer property. A landfill on the waterfront property is not a good idea. He suggested they look at other options as well. He would like to talk to each of them individually about the proposal. Waterfront property is long-term, sustainable. He looks forward to hearing about future development and asked the Council to keep an open mind.

Councilor Conn pointed out that the public process is still ahead of us.

Award Spirit of Halloweentown Scarecrow Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Spirit of Halloweentown Scarecrow contest! Thank you to all the participating businesses and agencies.

Grand Prize – Barlow Bikes & Boards with 524 votes.

Honorable Mention – St. Helens Police Department with 407 votes.

Honorable Mention – Drakes Towing & Recovery with 360 votes.

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

A. Dedication Deed for Right of Way Dedication – 35732 Hankey Road (McCarter)

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

Appointments to City Boards/Commissions

Planning Commission (4-year terms)

- Dan Cary's term expires 12/31/2016. He has expressed a desire to be reappointed.
- Greg Cohen's term expires 12/31/2016. He has expressed a desire to be reappointed.

Status: A press release was sent out on September 15 to solicit applications with a deadline of October 14. To date, we have not received any applications.

Next Meeting: December 13, 2016

Recommendation: The Commission recommends the reappointment of Dan Cary and Greg Cohen. Their terms will expire on December 31, 2020.

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously reappointed Dan Cary and Greg Cohen to the Planning Commission.

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously reappointed Kevin Chavez and Diane Dillard to the Arts & Cultural Commission.

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

- A. Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission Minutes dated April 28, 2016
- B. Planning Commission Minutes dated October 11, 2016
- C. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Consent Agenda for Approval

- A. New Utility and Banking Specialist Job Description
- B. Amended Utility Billing Specialist Job Description
- C. Declaration of Surplus Property
- D. Accounts Payable Bill List

Finance Director Brown clarified that 'A' and 'B' are only for the job descriptions, not the salary.

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

Council Reports

Councilor Conn reported...

- Nothing to report.

Council President Morten reported...

- Evaluations for department heads are coming up.
- January is when boards and commissions need to change their officer positions.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Saturday, SHEDCO is asking for volunteers to help make lighted decorations for the trees.
- December 3 is the Toy 'N Joy auction. Tickets are still available.
- Thanked Barlow Bikes for their community support.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Thanked voters for re-electing him.

Mayor Peterson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Department Reports

Communications Officer Farnworth reported...

- The Gazette deadline is November 23. Morten suggested including the snow plow map.

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Happy Birthday to Neal!

Public Works Operations Director Sheppard reported...

- Nothing to report.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- Nothing to report.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- Nothing to report.

Deputy City Recorder Scholl reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- Will begin putting up holiday decorations after Thanksgiving.
- In 2014, won a Good Governance award for community engagement with the waterfront project. The lagoon is part of the waterfront project. Conversations about the lagoon are preliminary. It's only information gathering at this time. The lagoon information is on our website.

Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Scholl".

Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Peterson".

Randy Peterson, Mayor