

# City of St. Helens CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

December 7, 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  
Terry Moss, Police Chief  
Neal Sheppard, Public Works Operations Director  
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director

**Others:** Steve Topaz  
Rick Scholl  
St. Helens High School Students



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

**Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Peterson**

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

♦Steve Topaz. He is opposed to the proposed waterfront development. He reviewed photos with the Council outlining the problems he foresees. A copy of the photos are included in the archive meeting packet. Photos included:

- The waterfront in the late 1920's. There was no fill and deep-water frontage for the entire lane.
- Paper mill in 1928. The Frogmore Slough between the dike and cliff is pretty extensive. The railroad is on pilings because the earth embankment between the river and slough is deemed by engineers as not stable enough to hold the weight. Waste was being dumped directly into the slough.
- The Frogmore Slough in 1949, near where the sewer plant is now. It was filled in by the Army Corps of Engineers in the late 1950's-60's. The sewer plant was built in 1960's. Up until that point, St. Helens was dumping sewer directly into the river.
- We have a history of being a dumping ground. A battery reclamation plant became a super-fund site. It was an approach to make money for St. Helens.
- Tire burning. In 2007, there was a proposal for a tire reclamation plant. There was a public outcry and eventually the plant was moved to Boardman. As of today, they have been unable to produce oil from the reclamation. They have only gotten carbon black and have been unable to scrap tires.
- A photo of what could happen when things go wrong. It's a toxic waste dump when it floods and barriers break loose.

He suggests that if the Council passes the plan as proposed, citizens form a recall for the entire

Council. They did not follow their desires for public space.

**Proclamation – City Election Results**

Mayor Peterson read the following proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, at a General Election held in the State of Oregon on November 8, 2016 in the City of St. Helens, Oregon, the candidates for office of City Mayor and Council Position Nos. 2 and 4 were submitted to the voters, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. Helens has received the results of said elections and has found as follows:

MAYOR	TOTAL VOTES CAST
Rick Scholl	2,661
Randy Peterson	2,543
COUNCIL POSITION NO. 2	TOTAL VOTES CAST
Keith Locke	2,562
Stephen R Topaz	2,214
COUNCIL POSITION NO. 4	TOTAL VOTES CAST
Ginny Carlson	2,691
Garrett Lines	1,836

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Peterson, Mayor of the City of St. Helens, do hereby proclaim at the General Election held November 8, 2016, the following:

1. Rick Scholl was elected to the position of Mayor.
2. Keith Locke was re-elected to the position of Council Position No. 2.
3. Ginny Carlson was re-elected to the position of Council Position No. 4.

**Deliberations**

Building Department Fee Changes

Council President Morten believes the proposal stays in line with adjacent communities. It would be appropriate to adopt them. Councilor Conn agreed.

Council directed staff to return with a resolution for approval.

**Resolutions**

A. **Resolution No. 1764:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of St. Helens to Set Planning Department Fees

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1764 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke’s motion and Morten’s second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1764. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

B. **Resolution No. 1765:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of St. Helens to Adopt the Waterfront Framework Plan

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1765 by title. **Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1765. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

C. **Resolution No. 1766:** A Resolution to Establish Municipal Court Administration Fees Pursuant to Chapter 3.32 of the St. Helens Municipal Code and Superseding Res. No. 1757

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1766 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1766. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

D. **Resolution No. 1767:** A Resolution of the City of St. Helens, Declaring a Triple-Wide Manufactured Office Structure Surplus and Donating it to Columbia Community Mental Health

Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 1767 by title. **Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1767. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Peterson; Nays: None]

#### **Accept Abstract of Votes from November 8, 2016 General Election**

**Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously accepted the abstract of votes from the November 8, 2016 General Election.

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

- A. Grant Agreement with Ford Family Foundation for Library Strategic Planning
- B. Property Disposition Agreement with Shaniko Law Enforcement Supply for the Sale and Disposition of Personal Property
- C. Amendment No. 1 with Western Partitions, Inc. for the 2MG Reservoir Rehab Project as Amended
- D. Contract Payments

Chief Moss explained that the agreement with Shaniko Law Enforcement Supply will help the City bring in revenue from the sale of surplus property.

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

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

##### **Budget Committee (3-year terms)**

- Garrett Lines' term expires 12/31/2016.

**Status:** Garrett Lines is interested in being reappointed. He has only served one term and is eligible for reappointment.

**Next Meeting:** TBD

**Recommendation:** Reappoint Garrett Lines to the Committee.

**Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously re-appointed Garret Lines to the Budget Committee.

#### **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

- A. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

## **Consent Agenda for Approval**

A. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

## **Council Reports**

**Mayor Peterson** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Councilor Conn** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Council President Morten** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Councilor Carlson** reported...

- Thanked Mayor Peterson for his service and being patient as she learned her position.

**Councilor Locke** reported...

- Christmas Ships are coming Saturday. The City will be feeding the captains and their first mate's dinner here at 4 p.m. The parade begins at 6 p.m.

## **Department Reports**

**Police Chief Moss** reported...

- Police Department Donut Day is Saturday morning.

**Public Works Engineering Director Nelson** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Public Works Operations Director Sheppard** reported...

- Found out that Sunset Park Community Church has a radio read meter. He will get a report to Brown that shows water usage.

**Library Director Jeffries** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**Finance Director Brown** reported...

- He received an email from the finance director at the County. All the cities in Columbia County have passed a marijuana tax. The County is offering to administer and collect the fee. He will get more information and bring it back to Council.

**Deputy City Recorder Scholl** reported...

- Nothing to report.

**City Administrator Walsh** reported...

- The Christmas Tree lighting includes a piano player and bonfire under the Wauna Credit Union tent.

**Adjourn** - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

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Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder

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Randy Peterson, Mayor