

City of St. Helens

City Council

Regular Session Minutes

May 20, 2020

This meeting was held electronically via Zoom.

Members Present: Rick Scholl, Mayor
Doug Morten, Council President
Keith Locke, Councilor
Ginny Carlson, Councilor
Stephen R. Topaz, Councilor

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Assistant City Administrator
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Rachael Barry, Government Affairs & Project Support Specialist
Brian Greenway, Chief of Police
Sue Nelson, Interim Public Works Director

Others: Mary McArthur, Col-Pac Lucie Polvogt Sarah Jesse
Katelyn Leonard Olivia Fantus Becky Jesse
Giovanna Anderson River Bennett Patrick Birkle

- 1) **7:00 P.M. - Call Regular Session to Order**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Visitor Comments - Limited to five (5) minutes per speaker**
No visitor comments.

4) **Announce & Award Prizes to "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest Winners**
Mayor Scholl announced and awarded the prizes to the "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest winners. First place winners will receive a goody bag with \$100 cash; a certificate; a \$5 Dari Delish gift card; a reflector donated by the Youth Council; Wellness Program lip balm; and St. Helens pens, postcards, and coaster. The runners-up received the same, with exception to the \$100 cash. Again, this year, Mayor Scholl invited all participants to join him for lunch to be scheduled when it is safe to do so. Congratulations and well done, participants!

Grades 4-5 Poster Category:
Winner – Olivia Fantus
Runners-up – Giovanna Anderson and Sarah Jesse

Grades 6-8 Poster Category:
Winner – Lucie Polvogt
Runners-up – Katelyn Leonard and River Bennett

5) **Ordinances - Final Reading**

- 5.a Ordinance No. 3253: An Ordinance Amending the St. Helens Municipal Code Chapters 17.46 and 17.124 Regarding Floodplains and Floodways, and Accessory Structures

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3253 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3253. **Motion:** [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

6) **Resolutions**

- 6.a Resolution No. 1882: A Resolution Adopting a Cybersecurity Policy

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1882 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1882. **Motion:** [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

- 6.b Resolution No. 1883: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, Amending the City Employee Compensation Plan for Temporary Water Filtration Facility Supervisor

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1883 by title. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1883. **Motion:** [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

- 6.c Resolution No. 1884: A Resolution to Authorize Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds for COVID-19 Emergency Assistance

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1884 by title. **Motion:** Upon Carlson's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1884. **Motion:** [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

7) **Award Bid/Contract**

- 7.a 2020 Annual Street Striping Project to Apply-A-Line, Inc. in the Amount of \$18,860

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously approved '7a' above. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

8) **Approve and/or Authorize for Signature**

- 8.a Agreement with Oregon State Marine Board for Maintenance Assistance Program FY21

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously approved '8a' above. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

9) **Appointments to Boards/Commissions**

- 9.a Appointments to City Boards & Commissions

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously appointed Jennifer Pugsley to the Planning Commission. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

Motion: Upon Topaz's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously reappointed Patrick Birkle and Melissa Gaelrun-Maggi to the Library Board. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

10) **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

10.a Parks & Trails Commission Minutes dated February 10, 2020

10.b Planning Commission Minutes dated March 10, 2020

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously approved '10a' and '10b' above. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

11) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

11.a New Police Corporal Job Description

11.b Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously approved '11a' and '11b' above. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

12) **Mayor Scholl Reports**

- He is encouraged by the response to the Phase I opening and businesses following CDC guidelines. It has been almost two months since many were closed. They are continuing to learn more about COVID.
- Requested staff add a 10 minute break at 3:00 p.m. during work sessions. He would also like to return to reading the mantra to keep themselves accountable. Being displaced has made it hard for them as well.
- Departments are doing a good job. It reflects leadership.
- He is not going to use COVID as a reason to not move forward on the Waterfront development project. They will learn from it and build a stronger community. We have been and will continue to do it right.
- He apologized for being disrespectful at the work session. We are all in this together.

13) **Council Member Reports**

Council President Morten reported...

- They need to stick with discussions about the topic at hand and find resolutions as a team.
- He appreciates the Council and staff for allowing the Parks and Trails Commission meet via Zoom.
- He is extremely encouraged about the huge small business economic boost that was reported today. It was great news from the Port of Columbia County and Columbia County Economic Team.
- He is hearing positive responses from the community about Zoom. They can hear us and see us. Could there be a combination of Council Chambers and Zoom at the same time? It is a much better community outreach. Councilor Carlson pointed out that there were 30 people liking or commenting on the Facebook live feed. Councilor Locke is also hearing the same comments.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- She is encouraged about small business outreach and partnership. Zoom is fostering that and making it easier for people to be part of the team.
- Youth Council will be doing the Waterfront flowers on Sunday, May 31. Thank you to Means Nursery and Scappoose Bay Watershed for donating plants.
- Good discussions were had during the work session about letting the community get outside.
- She appreciates the passion of the Council. She is grateful to be part of a good, strong team.

Councilor Topaz reported...

- A citizens group will be ringing bells on 4th of July at 2:00 p.m.
- Asked about the status of permits for the docks at Grey Cliffs Park. Council President Morten said Parks & Trails has not advised staff to move forward. Nelson added that they should be able to get grant funding through the Marine Board. Dimsho should be able to help with that.
- DEQ gave a presentation about the Portland Harbor. It is a piece of ground on this side of the railroad bridge, between the cliff and river. It is only above the river level to the cliffs. DEQ does not handle water. There is a high level of toxic waste to remove.
- There is an industrial metal salvage operation that is being located behind the Sheriff's Office. It will bring between 6-10 truckloads of crap in every day. He was upset that the project was not announced before it came here.
- There was an announcement for Council elections. It says there are two incumbents but the date to sign up has not even begun. He is not sure that term can be used.
- He was upset after reading the Build Grant application.
 - It says we are in negotiations for the hotel right now. He thought we put an RFP out. It is not true, as far as he knows.
 - It talks about the Connector Plan but there is nothing in the plan after the Veneer site.
 - Plymouth Street is dangerous right now. It is tough to cycle uphill out of this area.
 - There are references to the Framework Plan. It says Council members are part of the process, but he was not even informed.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Thanked Greenway and Hogue for creating the Corporal position. It will help create a better and safer force and help retain officers.

14) **Department Reports**

Chief Greenway reported...

- Thanked Council for their support.

Interim Public Works Director Nelson reported...

- Happy National Public Works Week! Staff has done a great job with all the changes.
- Had internet issues earlier and was not able to join the public hearing.
- Happy Memorial Day!

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- Thanked Amanda Heynemann for her Library Board report.
- The Library Board had their first Zoom meeting last week. It went well.

Assistant City Administrator Brown reported...

- Facebook stats show that we reached almost 1,700 people with 500 engagements during the work session. It was way more than they have ever seen with other platforms. Tonight, has already reached 950 people with 16 comments.
- Staff is working on a new MuniCode platform for meeting management. They are going to work on making it more user friendly.

Deputy City Recorder Scholl reported...

- Congratulations to the "If I Were Mayor.." Student Contest participants! They all did a great job.

Walsh reported...

- As hard as this has been, it has been a good opportunity to find solutions and a new way of doing business. We will be stronger in the end.
- Addressed Councilor Topaz comments about the Build Grant application. While it is true that we are not currently under negotiations, we were, and we continue to talk. Councilor Carlson added that the application is still very conceptual. Councilor Topaz pointed out that some grants are set in stone. It depends on the framework.

Mayor Scholl thanked citizens for passing the school and jail bond. It was close. It is another step forward for our area. Have a happy, safe Memorial Day weekend!

Stay healthy!

15) **Other Business**

16) **Adjourn** – 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder



Rick Scholl, Mayor