

# City of St. Helens City Council

Regular Session Minutes

November 20, 2019

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** John Walsh, City Administrator  
Matt Brown, Finance Director  
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder  
Sue Nelson, Interim Public Works Director  
Joe Hogue, Police Lieutenant  
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

**Others:** Jennifer Pugsley  
Greg Pettit  
Christine Menges  
Shauna Harrison

1) **7:00 P.M. - Call Regular Session to Order**

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Visitor Comments - Limited to five (5) minutes per speaker - None**

4) **Ordinances - Final Reading**

4.a Ordinance No. 3245: An Ordinance to Annex and Designate the Zone of  
Certain Property at 58646 McNulty Way

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3245 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3245. [AYES: Scholl, Morten, Locke, Carlson, Topaz; Nays: None]

5) **Resolutions**

5.a Resolution No. 1867: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of St.  
Helens Adopting a Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Local  
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Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1867 by title. **Motion:** Upon Carlson's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1867. [AYES: Scholl, Morten, Locke, Carlson, Topaz; Nays: None]

5.b Resolution No. 1868: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of St. Helens Adopting Benefit Changes for Full-Time Unrepresented Personnel  
Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1868 by title. **Motion:** Upon Carlson's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1868. [AYES: Scholl, Morten, Locke, Carlson, Topaz; Nays: None]

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

- 6.a Amendment to Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for N. Vernonia Road Sidewalks Project
- 6.b Amendment to Agreement with Wetland Solutions Northwest, LLC for Wetland Consulting Services
- 6.c Public Right-of-Way Dedication for Tract B of the Brookfield Subdivision
- 6.d Contract Payments

**Motion:** Carlson moved and Topaz seconded to approve '6a' through '6d' above.

Question. Councilor Carlson requested an update on the sidewalks. Interim Public Works Director Nelson explained that this amendment reconfigures the area to save as many trees as possible.

**Vote:** AYES: Scholl, Morten, Locke, Carlson, Topaz; Nays: None

7) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

- 7.a Council Work Session and Regular Session Minutes dated October 2, 2019
- 7.b Exclusive Towing Contract
- 7.c Accounts Payable Bill Lists

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

8) **Mayor Scholl Reports**

- Good work session earlier.
- Asked how the Council feels about hiring a headhunting firm to bring in business to the urban renewal area.

Councilor Carlson would like City Administrator Walsh to bring ideas back to the Council. She does not want to wait for economic development. Councilor Locke suggested conducting an inventory of what's available first. Councilor Topaz pointed out companies that help with siting industrial businesses. Discussion ensued. Councilor Locke pointed how the new apartments going in. They will be taxing on the Police Department. Mayor Scholl added that St. Helens is the only 24 hour police available, other than State, in the entire County.

9) **Council Member Reports**

Council President Morten reported...

- Kudos to staff.
  - Public Works - He is impressed with how clean the City looks from the highway. He appreciates the cleanup work they are doing. Even stop signs are being replaced when they tilt.
  - Police Department - Always hear good things about our police force.

Councilor Topaz reported...

- Library Director Jeffries is doing much better.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Have a great holiday and be safe!
- Volunteered to serve on the CAT Board.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Talked about landscaping at the St. Helens and S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street intersection recently. Landscaping was done around the big pipe that was installed a couple years ago. Now it is just surrounded by weeds. Should they pay for landscaping there?

Nelson explained that is wetland mitigation. There wasn't any actual beautification landscaping. It was required per the DEQ permit. A lot of that by the boat launch was developed after the storm project. They did some of their own planting and had some severe erosion problems. The weeds take over in that area.

Mayor Scholl reported...

- The City has a steep embankment where the stairs from Tualatin and S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street go down to S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The embankment was covered in ivy and blackberry bushes. They brought goats in to clean up the area.

10) **Department Reports**

Lieutenant Hogue reported...

- Nothing to report.

Interim Public Works Director Nelson reported...

- Happy Thanksgiving!

Finance Director Brown reported...

- Nothing to report.

Deputy City Recorder Scholl reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- The Brownfield Assessment presentation was very good.
- Christmas Ships and Tree Lighting December 14.
- Curry added that the lights have been fixed.

11) **Other Business**

12) **Adjourn** – 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder



Rick Scholl, Mayor