

City of St. Helens

City Council

Regular Session Minutes

November 6, 2019

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Sue Nelson, Interim Public Works Director
Brian Greenway, Police Chief
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

Others: Frank Brandon
Shauna Harrison
S. Verdoor

- 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 - First Reading**
 - 4.a Ordinance No. 3245: An Ordinance to Annex and Designate the Zone of Certain Property at 58646 McNulty WayMayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3245 by title for the first time. The final reading will be held at the next regular session.
- 5) **Resolutions**
 - 5.a Resolution No. 1865: A Resolution Determining that a Nuisance Exists Upon Property Located at 264 S. 20th Street within the City of St. Helens and Directing that Notice to Abate the Nuisance be Posted on Said PremisesMayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1865 by title. **Motion:** Upon Carlson's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1865. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

- 5.b Resolution No. 1866: A Resolution Adopting a Universal Fee Schedule, and Superseding Resolution No. 1862

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1866 by title. **Motion:** Upon Carlson's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1866. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

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

- 6.a Request for Proposals for IT Services
6.b Agreement with Erskine Law Practice, LLC for Prosecutorial Services
6.c Contract Payments

Council President Morten requested a report of how much has been spent on all legal services. Finance Director Brown responded that he will bring a report to the next meeting.

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously approved '6a' through '6c' above. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Councilor Locke, Councilor Morten, Councilor Topaz; Nays: None]

7) **Appointments to Boards/Commissions**

- 7.a Appointments to City Boards & Commissions

Motion: Upon Morten's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously reappointed Howard Blumenthal to the Parks & Trails Commission. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

8) **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

- 8.a Parks & Trails Commission Minutes dated August 12, 2019
8.b Library Board Minutes dated September 9, 2019

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

9) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

- 9.a Council Work Session, Executive Session, and Regular Session Minutes dated September 18, 2019
9.b Declare Surplus Property - Public Works Department
9.c Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Topaz's second, the Council unanimously approved '9a' through '9c' above. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Locke, Morten, Topaz; Nays: None]

10) **Mayor Scholl Reports**

Mayor Scholl reported...

- Need to make a motion for the purchase agreement that was discussed earlier.

Motion: Upon Carlson's motion and Morten's second, the Council authorized City Administrator Walsh to sign the amended purchase agreement for the parcel. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Morten, Nay: Topaz; Abstain: Locke]

- Fences are coming down to open up the Waterfront property.
- Business is booming.
- Housing is unbelievably good.
- December 14 is Christmas Ships.

- Received a letter from Community Action Team (CAT). They are recruiting members for their Area Agency on Aging Board. It brings awareness to the elderly and disabled.

11) **Council Member Reports**

Council President Morten reported...

- Parks is busy with a lot going on.
- Excited about the dedication of McCormick Park Veterans Plaza. You need to see it in the dark. It's lit up.
- Asked for Councilor Topaz to report on the Arts & Cultural Commission.

Councilor Topaz reported...

- Arts & Cultural Commission has not met since the last time he gave a report.
- Library Director Jeffries came through surgery well and is healing well.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Thanked the "young" men who spoke at the work session earlier today. Volunteer service is essential even when you're retired. Now she knows who does the holiday meals. She appreciates their service.
- Youth Council participated in Trunk-or-Treat. She was able to talk to police staff during the event. Our officers give a lot of time outside their paid hours. We're a team trying to make this a better community for families.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Met with PGE at the mill site. They discussed the poor condition of the main substation. They have proposed a new line but will have to make do with what they have now.

12) **Department Reports**

Chief Greenway reported...

- Nothing to report.

Interim Public Works Director Nelson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

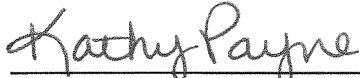
- The Veterans Memorial dedication was really nice. What began with the cannon being stolen has ended well.
- Work on the Waterfront property is continuing. The results from the BUILD Grant will be announced in a few weeks. They have a contingency plan if they don't receive the grant. They're meeting with the developer at the end of the month.
- Work on the lagoon repurposing is continuing. Results from the survey and sampling should be available soon.

13) **Other Business**

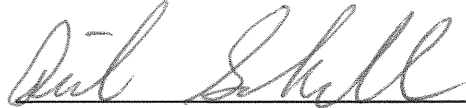
14) **Adjourn** – 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Kathy Payne, City Recorder



Rick Scholl, Mayor