

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

January 18, 2017

Members Present: Rick Scholl, Mayor
Doug Morten, Council President
Keith Locke, Councilor
Susan Conn, Councilor
Ginny Carlson, Councilor

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Neal Sheppard, Public Works Operations Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director

Others: Jacqueline Curry Howard Blumenthal Nathaniel C.
Heather Anderson-Bibler Kevin Bibler Geoff Thompson



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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Scholl

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

♦Jacqueline Curry. She is a 17-year resident of Columbia County. She is here to speak about the lagoon issue. Eleven years ago, her daughter, Victoria was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. There is no history of cancer in their family. *She showed pics of her daughter.* She spent four years in the hospital with a 20% chance of survival, where she underwent full-body radiation and chemotherapy. At the time, they lived in Goble. She had no idea that Columbia County has the highest rate of cancer in Oregon. The chemical plant across the river in Kalama blows benzene over, which is what caused her daughter's cancer. One per million are diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia. Three people in Goble were diagnosed with it within months of each other. Since then, there have been several more in St. Helens. Health records are not public but death records are. When she heard about the lagoon proposal, she called City Administrator Walsh. The fact that the City would even consider this makes her sick. Portland tried dumping it in St. John's and the community stopped it. Her daughter was fortunate enough to live but still suffers from the ramifications of her disease. She's going to graduate from high school this year and be a pediatric oncology nurse. She has a mission in life to help other kids who are suffering like she did.

♦Howard Blumenthal. He spoke to several topics:

- He has friends who serve on committees in Portland that are involved with the superfund site in Portland. They say they are not getting rid of any clean material. The sewage lagoon needs to be filled but not with Portland superfund materials. It's too close to the river to risk it.
- There is a growing amount of graffiti on the waterfront property. He suggested an ordinance requiring graffiti be painted over within 72 hours of when it is noticed. People will eventually get the idea that it won't stay and move on.
- Columbia View Park still has incorrect signage for the no-smoking ordinance. All of our

- parks are no-smoking, yet we don't have signs posted.
- He heard the Council is reviewing the funding of fireworks and Spirit of Halloweentown. He would prefer to see fireworks than a month-long event promoting people to come visit. Spirit of Halloweentown could be shortened down to two weeks.

Ordinances – Final Readings

A. **Ordinance No. 3211:** An Ordinance to Amend the City of St. Helens Zoning District Map for Certain Property from Highway Commercial (HC) to the Apartment Residential (AR) Zone
Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3211 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3211. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

Resolutions

A. **Resolution No. 1774:** A Resolution Appointing the Budget Officer for Fiscal Year 2017-18
Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1774 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1774. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

B. **Resolution No. 1775:** A Resolution of the City of St. Helens Authorizing Extended Enterprise Zone Benefits for a Fourth and Fifth Year to Cascades Tissue Group-Oregon Converting, a Division of Cascades Holding U.S. Inc. (Cascades), Located in the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1775 by title. **Motion:** Upon Carlson's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1775. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

- A. [RATIFY] Marijuana Tax Collection Agreement with State of Oregon Department of Revenue
- B. Community Impact Agreement with Sweet Relief St. Helens for Retail Marijuana Sales
- C. Community Impact Agreement with Miss Organics, dba: Green Lion for Retail Marijuana Sales
- D. Asset Donation Agreement and Arbitration Provision for Acquisition of Production Props
- E. Professional Services Agreement with Centerlogic for IT Services
- F. Contract Payments

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

Appointments to City Boards/Commissions

Library Board (4-year terms)

- Eloise Bates resigned. Her term expires 6/30/2017.
- Patty James resigned. Her term expires 6/30/2019.

Recommendation: The Board recommends that the Council appoint Heather Anderson-Bible and Leanne Murray to the Board. Heather's term will expire on 6/30/17 and Leanne's will expire on 6/30/19.

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously appointed Heather Anderson-Bibler and Leanne Murray to the Library Board. Heather's term will expire on 6/30/17 and Leanne's will expire on 6/30/19.

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

- A. Planning Commission Minutes dated December 13, 2016
- B. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Consent Agenda for Approval

A. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Council Reports

Mayor Scholl reported...

- He thanked Public Works for their hard work removing snow and clearing storm drains.
- In response to the comments made earlier, he will make sure nothing bad comes into the community. That being said, it's a long ways away. It has yet to be determined what can be done there.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Kudos to Public Works. They did a great job on the roads.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Council President Morten reported...

- Met with Public Works this morning. Congratulations to them for their great work. It's the responsibility of the property owners to clear their sidewalks and driveways.
- Parks staff were also very busy clearing debris out of the parks.
- Speaking to the earlier comments, one of the reasons he ran for Council was for safety. He and Locke are both cancer survivors. He doesn't think anyone in this room would want anything other than clean fill material brought in. They also want what is existing cleaned up. Information got out of hand about toxic waste and Portland Harbor. They are in the process of researching and hope to make the best decision.
- Carl Coffman gave a presentation during the work session about affordable housing. He requested it be added to a work session for discussion.

Councilor Conn reported...

- The Library Board has been working on the Strategic Plan.
- She met with the Columbia County Future Connect Coalition. They are working to provide scholarships for first generation college students. It includes a strong mentorship program.
- She had an opportunity to emcee the recent Ron Wyden Town Hall.

Department Reports

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- The LED street light conversion started earlier this week. There are two phases to the project:
1) The contractor will replace the lights hanging on independent light poles. 2) The PUD will change the lights on the poles that also hold power lines.
- The 2MG reservoir rehabilitation project is underway again after waiting for additional materials and the weather delay.
- The revised grant documents for the Gable Road project are being reviewed by County Counsel now. Once approved, the City will have to sign a revised agreement with the County.

Public Works Operations Director Sheppard reported...

- Reminder that residents are responsible to clear their own sidewalks. He saw a couple kids fall on their way to school.
- He would appreciate help from residents to clear storm drains around their house.

- The material for the new McCormick Park shelter has arrived.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- There are brochures listing upcoming Library events at the sign-in table.
- Tomorrow night, the Library is hosting a conversation that is going to be led by a facilitator from Oregon Humanities. The theme is Homeless in the Land of Plenty.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- The work session packet includes an article from LGPI about annual reports and financial statements. He encouraged Council to read the article.
- Tonight's agenda included an agreement with Centerlogic. It is a one-year agreement that is renewable. There will be assistance here on a more regular basis. Max will be here on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Rick will be here on Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- The Tech Panel met today and talked about the AV equipment needs. He will return with an updated quote.
- He hopes to bring the cost of service analysis RFP to Council for review in February.
- A couple months ago, Council approved two new job descriptions for utility billing. After receiving feedback, he is working with the union and staff to make more changes to it.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- On January 9, interviews were conducted for Police Officer. They are moving forward with a background check for one candidate.
- The Annual Employee Recognition Banquet is on January 27. Please RSVP to her or Lisa by Friday.
- Randy Peterson's Farewell Reception has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 31.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- In response to the comments made on the lagoon, one of the Council's goals is a safe and healthy community. That will be kept in mind with the lagoon repurposing project and any other project in the City. They are a long ways from a decision.
- The CIS conference is February 22-24.
- On January 25 and 26, Land Conservation and Development Commission will host a two-day meeting in St. Helens.
- The Council retreat will be held January 25 beginning at 10 a.m.
- The Branding and Wayfinding grant will be kicked off on February 2.
- Have met with all the taxing districts to discuss urban renewal plans. The next advisory committee meeting is February 7.
- The TGM project is getting ready to kick-off.
- Earlier today, they talked about events and tourism. He is working on an RFP for that.
- He talked to Bob Salisbury about the St. Helens Community Foundation's event insurance. There have been some changes and they will approach the Council with a request.

Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

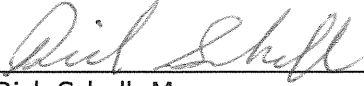


Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Kathy Payne, City Recorder



Rick Scholl, Mayor