

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

March 1, 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: Bill Allhouse Steve Topaz



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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Scholl

Invitation to Citizens for Public Comment

♦Bill Allhouse. He would like an extension to clean up his property. Most of it is cleaned up except for the wood.

Public Works Operations Director Sheppard said that Building Official Johnston isn't here but he can say that he has done some cleanup since the last time he was here.

Council President Morten asked Bill how much time he needs. Bill said he needs to get his saw fixed before he can finish. He asked for 30 days.

Council agreed to the 30 day extension. They also directed Johnston to check the property tomorrow to be able to show that significant progress has been made during that time.

♦Steve Topaz. He suggested that the City scrap the whole waterfront and toxic waste. Now that there's a possibility of an I-5 bypass, he would like to re-examine the area. There's going to be a big push to get the bypass. According to the St. Helens port authority, they wanted to put St. Helens into a deep water port many years ago. It would be ideal if the bypass comes through. He suggests turning the waterfront property into an industrial off-loading area to compliment the bypass.

Ordinances – Final Readings

A. **Ordinance No. 3213:** An Ordinance to Amend the City of St. Helens Comprehensive Plan Map for Certain Property from Suburban Residential (SR) Designation to the General Residential (GR) Designation and the Zoning District Map from Moderate Residential (R7) Zone to the General Residential (R5) Zone

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3213 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion

and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3213. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

- A. Intergovernmental Agreement with Columbia County for Gable Road Improvement Project
- B. Amendment No. 2 to Contract with Western Partitions for 2MG Reservoir Rehab Project
- C. Easement Agreement with Terry Emmert for Public Access off Gable Road
- D. Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Portland for Use of Training Complex
- E. Contract Payments
- F. All Pertinent Documents Related to the Purchase of 391 S. 12th Street
- G. Full Conveyance for CAT Loan Payoff – 190 Sherwood Drive (Donna Walter)

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

Appointments to City Boards/Commissions

Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission (3-year terms)

- Dave Ehrenkranz resigned. His term expired 12/31/2015.
- Matt Freeman resigned. His term expired 12/31/2015.
- Ray Scholl resigned. His term expired 12/31/2015.
- Dave Woulet resigned. His term expired 12/31/2014.
- Angela Barlow resigned. Her term expired 12/31/2016.
- Simon Date resigned. His term expired 12/31/2016.
- Martin Kennedy resigned. His term expired 12/31/2016.
- Ben Tiscareno's term expired 12/31/2016.
- Cynthia Sweet's term expired 12/31/2016.

Status: Currently, the Commission has five members and five vacancies.

Recommendation: Reappoint Ben Tiscareno to the Commission.

Motion: Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously reappointed Ben Tiscareno.

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

- A. Parks Commission Minutes dated December 12, 2016
- B. Planning Commission Minutes dated January 10, 2017
- C. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Consent Agenda for Approval

- A. OLCC Licenses
- B. Council Work Session, Public Hearing and Regular Session Minutes dated November 16, December 7 and December 21, 2016
- C. Exclusive Use Permit: Girls Softball/SHHS JV Softball, Campbell Park Fields 1&2, 3/27-7/15
- D. Accounts Payable Bill List

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

Council Reports

Mayor Scholl reported...

- He met with Lowell MacGregor on the waterfront property yesterday. Lowe is who brought Rockfest and Countryfest to the old fairgrounds property several years ago. He said there would probably be some push-back from neighbors on the hill but they could angle stages away from that direction. This could be a way of getting funding for fireworks. As Mayor, he

feels it's the City's responsibility to explore different funding avenues.

Councilor Locke reported...

- The company who conducted the carnival last year is not available this year. They are checking with another company but Kiwanis is hesitant. He'll know more in a few days.
- He would like to see more gravel added to the Boise property to even it out for parking. He suggested removing the fence along The Strand. Council President Morten would like input from staff about the fence. Public Works Operations Director Sheppeard was concerned about losing the control factor if you take down the fence. As soon as the gate is opened for maintenance, vehicles start driving on the property.
- What are the plans for the Grey Cliffs Dog Park? Public Works Engineering Director Nelson responded that it still needs restoration. The contractor is waiting for better weather to do that and the landscaping.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- The Youth Council is holding a mixer on March 13 for parents and other youth to learn more about the group. They have committed to a number of volunteer projects this Spring.
- She took her son across the bridge in McCormick Park. It really opens up a lot that people don't realize is there.
- She thanked the Police Department for the demonstration and letting them meet the K9 officer.

Council President Morten reported...

- He appreciates the Public Works crews for the work they do throughout the bad weather.
- The Council made the right decision to add the code enforcement officer position back into the budget. Properties need to be cleaned up and they need to remain firm.
- He hopes everyone is able to meet the three students from Portland State University, who will be working on the redesign of Columbia View Park.
- His fingers are crossed in hopes of receiving the grant for the veterans memorial plaza.
- The small dog park that is fenced in Heinie Heumann park is moving forward.
- In response to visitor comments, he thinks it would be a shame to overturn everything they have done in the Riverfront District and change it to a deep-water port.
- In the Oregonian, the Northwest Passage was looked at as a dream. However, it does have some pertinence of where crossings and transportation corridors could go in the future.

Councilor Conn reported...

- She apologized for missing the work session.
- Held a second set of interviews for the CIT coordinator position. They are in the process of a background check on the successful candidate.

Department Reports

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Public Works Operations Director Sheppeard reported...

- He thanked Morten for his comments about Public Works. He's very proud of his crew. It's been a very difficult winter.

Library Director Jeffries reported...

- Nothing to report.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- Coming before Council is one form of granting nuisance abatement extensions. However, if it becomes too much, Council could empower staff to grant those extensions.

Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

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Kathy Payne, City Recorder

Handwritten signature of Rick Scholl in cursive script.

Rick Scholl, Mayor