

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Public Hearing Minutes

June 7, 2017

Members Present: Rick Scholl, Mayor
Keith Locke, Councilor
Ginny Carlson, Councilor

Members Absent: Doug Morten, Council President
Susan Conn, Councilor

Staff Present: Matt Brown, Finance Director
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Neal Sheppeard, Public Works Operations Director
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director
Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner

Others: Patrick Birkle Nicole Thill



Public Hearing

FY2017-18 State Revenue Sharing and Budget Adoption

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Rick Scholl opened the public hearing.

Staff Report

Finance Director Brown reported that there are no changes to the proposed budget included in the meeting packet. The Budget Committee discussed the potential for new revenue sources and the restructuring of departments, such as Court. Review of Court is ongoing and will be presented to the Council in the next couple months. Brown is investigating a sweets and beverages tax. He will be meeting with the school superintendent to include a funding education program with that, as well as funding parks and sidewalks to encourage spending time outside.

Public Comments – State Revenue Sharing

No comments received.

Public Comments – FY2017-18 Budget

•Patrick Birkle, Budget Committee Chair. He is in favor of adopting the budget. He commended Finance Director Brown. He has done a great job in his first year. It's good to see stabilization in the economy.

Public Works Operations Director Sheppeard thanked Patrick and the other Budget Committee members for volunteering. Councilor Carlson agreed.

Close Public Hearing – 6:38 p.m.

Deliberations will be held during the regular session following this hearing.



Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Rick Scholl, Mayor