

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Minutes

August 16, 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
Terry Moss, Police Chief
Sue Nelson, Public Works Engineering Director

Others: Howard Blumenthal Doug Knight Shannon Vaerywyck
Kellie Hart Frank N. Doug Stokes
A lot of people were here to comment on the soda tax



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

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Scholl

Mayor Scholl informed the audience that a public forum on the soda tax will be held on October 4th at 6 p.m. No decisions will be made prior to that date.

Visitor Comments

♦**Doug Stokes.** He is the liquor agent for the city of St. Helens. The proposal for the City's beverage tax represents about 75% of his item's income. That's a devastating amount to lose. If he loses business, the City will lose business. People will start buying outside the city. He would think we would want people to stay in the city and buy in the city. It's a personal decision to buy or not buy. Some of the mixes have sugar, will those be included?

Mayor Scholl encouraged Doug and those in attendance to attend the public forum on October 4th at 6 p.m. Council President Morten added that a decision will be made after the public forum.

♦**Howard Blumenthal.** He presented a few concerns to Council:

- They started building the staircase up to Nob Hill Nature Park. He will be talking to the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council about landscaping and connecting the trails with plants.
- There is a graffiti problem on the Waterfront property. He requested it be painted over soon. He suggested Council adopt a graffiti ordinance.
- He is disgusted by the amount of cigarette butts on the ground in the downtown area. He estimates that he picked up about 100 of them downtown, including Columbia View Park.

Ordinances – Final Readings

- A. **Ordinance No. 3217:** An Ordinance Making Certain Determinations and Findings Relating to and Approving the St. Helens Urban Renewal Plan and Directing that Notice of Approval be Published

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3217 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 3217. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

Resolutions

- A. **Resolution No. 1795:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, Authorizing Interfund Loan from City Water and Sewer Fund to the Community Development Fund for Fiscal Year 2017-18

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1795 by title. **Motion:** Upon Morten's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1795. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

- B. **Resolution No. 1796:** A Resolution Amending the City of St. Helens' System Development Charges for Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Parks, and Superseding Such Rates in Resolution Nos. 1469 and 1641

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1796 by title. **Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1796. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

- C. **Resolution No. 1797:** A Resolution Establishing a Methodology to Annually Adjust System Development Charges for Inflation

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1797 by title. **Motion:** Upon Locke's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1797. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

- D. **Resolution No. 1798:** A Resolution Establishing the Economic Index Used to Annually Adjust Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Monthly User Charges

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1798 by title. **Motion:** Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1798. [Ayes: Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl; Nays: None]

Approve and/or Authorize for Signature

- A. Amendment No. 2 to State of Oregon 2008-2013 Fund Exchange Agreement for Various Street Improvement Projects
- B. Agreement with E2C Corp. for Special Events Managements
- C. Sewer Connection and Pretreatment Program Implementation Agreement with Columbia City
- D. Agreement with ODOT for Artistic Landmark Sculpture Maintenance for New Gateway Sculpture
- E. Contract Payments

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

Consent Agenda for Acceptance

- A. Planning Commission Minutes dated July 11, 2017

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

Consent Agenda for Approval

- A. Council Work Session, Public Hearing and Regular Session Minutes dated June 21 and July 19, 2017
- B. Exclusive Use Permits
- C. OLCC Licenses
- D. Animal Facility Licenses
- E. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

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

Council Reports

Mayor Scholl reported...

- He clarified a statement made in the work session. Wauna Federal Credit Union is not accepting marijuana money at this time. They are currently exploring and researching the possibility. He appreciates the great things they have done for the City and community.
- Citizens Day in the Park was a huge success. A donation from Dutch Bros. will be coming in for the Youth Council.
- It's fishing season. He invited Council members to join him on his boat.

Councilor Locke reported...

- The Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission and the Arts & Cultural Commission is recruiting new members.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Nothing to report.

Council President Morten reported...

- Thanked the Council for their support of the Parks Commission recommendations.
- Howard brought up the issue about graffiti. Morten directed staff to add that to an agenda to discuss.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Nothing to report.

Department Reports

Police Chief Moss reported...

- Officer Coy is looking forward to going to the next Youth Council meeting.
- He applied for a grant through the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) program. It would provide a second student resource officer. Associate Planner Jenny Dimsho helped him with the match grant application.
- We are lacking an officer that can focus on neighborhood and traffic enforcement. Interviews were held on Monday and they came out with two great candidates. Discussion ensued about the need to hire a second officer.

Motion: Carlson moved to hire a second officer, pending the Finance Director's review of the budget. Conn seconded.

Discussion. Council President Morten expressed discomfort with the motion since they hadn't spoken with the Finance Director first.

Finance Director Brown believes it will initially take a hit to the General Fund but the increased enforcement and service level is very much needed. It will pay for itself over the next year.

Council President Morten cautioned the Council on making budget decisions too quickly.

Vote: All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

Public Works Engineering Director Nelson reported...

- She received an email from a contractor during today's work session with a pay request for a storm project that was completed last year. It needs to be paid by the end of August to be included in last year's budget. Finance Director Brown will email the Council for consensus before processing the payment.

Finance Director Brown reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Recorder Payne reported...

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Walsh reported...

- At the last meeting, Toni Doggett had brought up concerns about transient boaters on the docks. Walsh has been researching it and it comes down to needing enforcement. The Columbia River Yachting Association (CRYA) has basically blacklisted St. Helens docks. He wants to take steps to bring them back.

Executive Session

ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property Transactions

ORS 192.660(2)(h) Consult with Counsel

Motion: At 7:49 p.m., upon Conn's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously voted to move into executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property Transactions and (h) Consult with Counsel.

The audio recording stopped on its own during the executive session. The recording was restarted.

Motion: At 8:50 p.m., upon completion of the executive session, Conn moved to go back into work session, seconded by Locke, and unanimously approved.

Other Business

No other business.

Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Rick Scholl, Mayor