

City of St. Helens

City Council

Regular Session Minutes

October 17, 2018

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Brian Greenway, Police Chief
Ed Trompke, City Attorney

Others:

Agnes M. Petersen	Susie Wilson	Kaily Allen
Mary Anne Anderson	Joe Turner	Madison Mercier
K. Amserly	Alta Lynch	Terri White
Howard Blumenthal	Sally O'Dell	Steve Wethern
Jennifer Purcell	Frank Brandon	Carmin Dunn
Bonny Wagoner	Clair Catt	Rachael Barry
David Westerman	Chuck Daughtry	Mike Funderburg
Patrick Birkle	Mike Milward	Steve P.
Ardis Sussel	Patrick Trapp	Mike Howard
Courtney Vaughn	Janiae Narns	Jenn Farrington
Vonda Kaufman	Diana Robinson	Jason R.
Tia Sharp	Dwight Unti	Al Petersen
Phillip Stanton	Steve Topaz	Patrick Trapp
Morris Malakoff	Shauna Harrison	Brady Preheim
Stephanie Patterson	Don Patterson	

1) **Call Regular Session to Order - 7:00 p.m.**

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Visitor Comments - Limited to five (5) minutes per speaker**

♦ Steve Topaz. Addressed two concerns of his from the work session.

- There was discussion about a management system for vehicles. He did not hear discussion about other proprietors being contacted. The City could get in trouble for not opening the bidding process to others.
- Referring to the Riverfront Connector Plan, there was discussion about going up the hill by the sewer plant and further down the street. He rides his bike and that hill is not to be taken lightly. It's illegal to ride bikes on the sidewalk and that was

proposed. That should be very carefully looked at. The right-of-way on Plymouth Street will need to be readjusted.

Mayor Scholl pointed out that Enterprise Fleet Management won a national bid, so an RFP process is not necessary. Finance Director Brown confirmed that is correct and the City is part of that program.

Steve did hear that mentioned today. However, he remembers hearing that everything was okay with renting space to the marijuana grow and has since heard it is not. So, he will question. Mayor Scholl responded that is yet to be determined.

- ◆ Shauna Harrison. She would like to know when the exclusive agreement with Tokola expires. There is a question about how much of the property they are going to encumber and that needs to be made public. It was a great presentation. She is concerned about the current state of the economy. Interest rates are rising and home values are leveling out. The developers mentioned that housing prices are not up to par for their development. It would be interesting to see what their scope is based on when the development is up and running. The public has the right to know what is happening with the property.
- ◆ Patrick Trapp, representing the Port of Columbia County. He has been designated as the liaison to the City of St. Helens. They can contact him if there are any concerns. The Waterfront Redevelopment Project update was a great presentation. There is a lot of opportunity for the Port and City to work together. The Commission approved a lease today for a South Korean magnetic bumper company. Approximately 50 people will be employed at their Milton Avenue property.
- ◆ Brady Preheim. The Waterfront Redevelopment Project update was a great presentation. It's an exciting project.
- ◆ Patrick Birkle. Requests that the Council strongly consider eliminating their afternoon work sessions and move to evening sessions. He would like to see them more accessible and visible. He talked about some of the confusion between the City's relationship with private contractors. For instance, the relationship with Spirit of Halloweentown and the discovercolumbiacounty.com website. It wasn't clear how decisions were made between E2C and the City regarding payment of money. What are the real costs to the City and what return do they get?

Mayor Scholl clarified that one of the decisions made was done during a Council meeting and not through email. He went on to talk about how they arranged for Kimberly J. Brown to be here.

4) **Resolutions**

- 4.a Resolution No. 1830: A Resolution Determining that a Nuisance Exists Upon Property Located at 115 Little Street within the City of St. Helens and Directing that a Notice to Abate the Nuisance be Posted on Said Premises

Motion: Upon Locke's motion and Conn's second, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1830. [AYES: Scholl, Carlson, Conn, Locke, Morten; Nays: None]

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

- 5.a Request for Proposals for Wayfinding Signage

- 5.b Letter of Agreement with Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization for \$20,000 Award
- 5.c Intergovernmental Agreement with Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District for Fire, Life, and Safety Plan Review Services and Inspections
- 5.d [Ratify] Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME for Communications Officer Wage Scale

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Morten's second, the Council unanimously approved '5a' through '5d' above.

6) **Appointments to Boards/Commissions**

- 6.a Appointments to City Boards & Commissions

Motion: Upon Conn's motion and Locke's second, the Council unanimously appointed Lisa Beardslee, Patrick Birkle, and Becky Bean to the Library Board.

7) **Consent Agenda for Acceptance**

- 7.a Parks Commission Minutes dated August 13, 2018
- 7.b Planning Commission Minutes dated September 11, 2018

Motion: Upon Locke's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously accepted '7a' and '7b' above.

8) **Consent Agenda for Approval**

- 8.a Council Work Session, Executive Session, Public Hearing, and Regular Session Minutes dated September 19 and October 3, 2018
- 8.b Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Upon Morten's motion and Carlson's second, the Council unanimously approved '8a' and '8b' above.

9) **Mayor Scholl Report**

- Spirit of Halloweentown is going. People are in the Plaza all day, every day. License plates are from all over. Approximately 15,000 people have attended so far.
- Discussed adjusting the burn period based on the current burn ban.

10) **Council Member Reports**

Council President Morten reported...

- The Veterans Day ceremony will be held in the new Veterans Plaza on November 11 at 11 a.m. The Plaza is a collaborate project between the City, veterans, and Lower Columbia Engineering.
- He recently visited Sand Island with a trash bag and came back with no trash. It is so encouraging to see. People are taking pride in the park.
- Asked what the status is of the contract with St. Helens Marina for overseeing Sand Island camping, shuttle, and policing. Walsh responded that they do have a draft contract that they've been working with the Marina on amending. Morten is excited to have this opportunity available to the community. Brad Hendrickson is eager to get started on a design for the trails and campground so they're ready for the spring camping season.

Councilor Conn reported...

- Nothing to report.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- This Friday is the first Teen Night at the new recreation center. She's excited about the opportunity.

Councilor Locke reported...

- Thanked Associate Planner Dimsho and Tokola for their fine presentation on the Waterfront Redevelopment Project. He thanked those in attendance for coming. He also suggested the presentation be distributed around the community for people to view. Councilor Carlson suggested that Communications Officer Farnsworth share the information as well.

11) **Department Reports**

Chief Greenway reported...

- Nothing to report.

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...

- Tonight's presentation was great.
- Spirit of Halloweentown feels different this year. It's changed from a flash mob of everyone here at once to being spread out through multiple weekends with multiple activities. Discussion of upcoming events and the dynamic of visitors. St. Helens is a destination for Halloween.
- The St. Helens Waterfront Redevelopment project was chosen to give a presentation at the International Conference on Remediation and Management of Contaminated Sediments. The will have 20 minutes on stage to present in New Orleans in February. It's a testament of the work they are doing.

12) **Other Business**


No other business.

13) **Adjourn** – 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:


Kathy Payne, City Recorder


Rick Scholl, Mayor