



# COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, April 05, 2023

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## APPROVED MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl  
Council President Jessica Chilton  
Councilor Patrick Birkle  
Councilor Mark Gundersen  
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

### STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder  
Crystal King, Communications Officer  
Jacob Graichen, City Planner  
Gloria Butsch, Finance Director  
Tina Curry, Contracted Event Coordinator

### OTHERS

Jim Coleman	Andrea Cullen
Art Leskowich	Colton Freeman
Ginny Carlson	Steve Toschi
Brady Preheim	Bob

### CALL REGULAR SESSION TO ORDER - 7:06 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### VISITOR COMMENTS – *Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker*

- ◆ Ginny Carlson. She has been noticing more abandoned and derelict buildings. One of those buildings is at the corner of N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Wyeth Street. She would like it cleaned up or taken care of.
- ◆ Brady Preheim. He is opposed to new leash laws. There are a lot of people on the Waterfront property without dogs on leashes. He thinks there should be more deliberations and public comments.
- ◆ Steve Toschi. He is commenting on the article in the paper about HB 3115 and communications. He agreed that any communications from the City, or on behalf of the City, should be authorized by the City and then only released from authorized personnel. He believes the comments expressed in the article are clearly stated as his own. He was not speaking on behalf of the City. He looks forward to working collaboratively.

## DELIBERATIONS

### 1. Consider Renaming "Mill Street" in the Riverfront District

Councilor Birkle likes the idea of a historical name. It doesn't mean they are stuck in the past or aren't forward thinking. His preferences are Nellie and Wapama.

Councilor Gundersen likes the reference to historical ship building. His preferences are Wapama and Twilight. Although, naming it after a prominent female from the past would be nice.

City Administrator Walsh explained that street naming is usually done by the developer. It's rarely a decision of the Council. A name may be important to a future developer who builds something on the property.

Council President Chilton prefers Nellie Way or Nell Way. She wants to do an online survey with names selected to get public feedback.

Councilor Sundeen likes the idea of community feedback. He appreciates the reference to history because it's a historical area. Just because they look back and appreciate the past doesn't mean they aren't planning for the future.

Mayor Scholl prefers Wapama.

Council wants to see a survey go out to public that includes Nell, Wapama, Twilight, Kaleva, and Lope.

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to continue the hearing to a date and time certain which is May 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. to hear more public testimony. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

### 2. Right-of-Way Vacation at Blocks 92 & 95 of St. Helens Subdivision

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Council President Chilton to approve the right-of-way vacation and dedicate the right-of-way back. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

## AWARD BID AND/OR CONTRACT

3. Award Purchase of New Vehicle for Engineering Division to Bud Clary Auto Group for \$38,225.18

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Birkle and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '3' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

## APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE

4. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Otak CPM for Project Management of Police Station
5. Request for Full Reconveyance for Community Action Team (CAT) Loan Payoff at 2686 Columbia Blvd. (Osborn)
6. Extension of Contract with Hasa, Inc. for Sodium Hypochlorite for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '4' through '6' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

## APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

7. Appoint Eddie Dunton and Brady Preheim to the Budget Committee

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Birkle and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to appoint Eddie Dunton and Brady Preheim to the Budget Committee. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACCEPTANCE**

8. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes dated February 13, 2023
9. Planning Commission Minutes dated February 16, 2023

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Councilor Birkle to approve '8' and '9' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

10. Council Special Session Minutes dated February 8, 2023
11. Joint City Council & Planning Commission Minutes dated March 8, 2023
12. Animal Facility Licenses
13. Seasonal Public Works Maintenance Worker Job Description
14. Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker Job Description
15. OLCC Licenses
16. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '10' through '16' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

**WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS**

Mayor Scholl would like something brought back to Council regarding leashes.

City Recorder Payne said it will come back as an Ordinance.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Council President Chilton reported...

- Happy with the attendance at the City County dinner. It was nice sitting by Betsy Johnson. Many other jurisdictions are dealing with the same infrastructure issues as them.
- Emailed Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Buck Tupper about softball field maintenance. He is on it.
- Invited to join Columbia County Childcare Task Force by Parks & Recreation Manager Shanna Duggan. Childcare is an issue in the nation.

Councilor Sundeen reported...

- Also enjoyed the City County dinner and meeting new people.
- Met with Columbia River PUD board members. They discussed common goals and projects.
- Met with Chief Greenway and Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Tupper to get staff updates on the Police Department and Parks Division.
- He and Tupper walked around McCormick Park. That property was the country estate of the McCormick family. They lived downtown but would go to their 70+ acre estate to get out of town. Nellie maintained a Japanese garden in that area. It's been neglected for about 20 years. Parks & Trails Commission members have been working to clean up that area. They would like to be able to give tours during Citizens Day in the Park. Tupper is going to have the work crew remove blackberry bushes in that area.
- Working with Associate Planner/Community Development Project Manager Jenny Dimsho about the restoration of Warrior Rock Lighthouse Replica.
- Has heard complaints about parking downtown and what is planned during construction. He would like to see a temporary solution.

Councilor Gundersen reported...

- Planning Commission meets next week.
- He has been in touch with community partners regarding HB 3115 solutions.

Councilor Birkle reported...

- Suggested Council President Chilton reach out to Representative Suzanne Bonamici about childcare.
- The Library Board is mainly focusing on the strategic plan update.
- Helped at Nob Hill Nature Park work party.
- Met with Public Works Supervisor Dave Elder to review Public Works facilities.
- Walked the Streets and Utilities Extension Project worksite with Engineer Alex Bird.
- Enjoyed the City County dinner. It was nice networking.

**MAYOR SCHOLL REPORT**

- Met with Habitat for Humanity about a new house to be moved into soon. Habitat thanked the City for waiving the in lieu of sidewalk fee.
- It was a great City County dinner. St. Helens will host the next one. He would like Senator Weber to be their guest speaker.
- Met with Governor Kotek. They talked about the Waterfront redevelopment, reservoir project, housing needs analysis, and Main Street. It was an honor to meet her and talk about the City.
- Directed staff to add temporary parking on the Waterfront.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN – 8:01 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl  
Rick Scholl, Mayor