



COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Keith Locke (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)
Councilor Ginny Carlson
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Assistant City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Sue Nelson, Interim Public Works Director
Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner

OTHERS

Brady Preheim
Elaine Howard
Lynne Pettit

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 p.m.

TOPIC

1. Consider an Ordinance for the Adoption of the Proposed St. Helens Urban Renewal Plan Amendment

City Administrator Walsh reviewed Ordinance No. 3257 to amend the Urban Renewal Plan. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting. Consultant Elaine Howard is here if there are any questions. Walsh displayed the map of parcels that are proposed to be added and deleted and gave a brief history.

Associate Planner Dimsho reviewed the community involvement that has taken place for the amendment:

- Planning Commission recommended approval.
- Columbia County Board of County Commissioners recommended approval.
- Physical notices were sent to all of the affected taxing districts.
 - A comment was received from Columbia River Fire & Rescue. Marit Nelson requested a copy of the original 2017 plan to compare the financial impact then and proposed. The amendment will lessen the impact to taxing districts due to revenue projections being less than anticipated. They were satisfied with that response. Marit also pointed out that the letter included an explanation of the impact to taxing districts. It said that the Columbia River Fire & Rescue was not one of the most impacted. However, that is not true and was corrected in the narrative of the final report and the letter they received. It did not change anything financially.

- Notices were sent to all utility billing customers, which is why she scheduled the hearing for 6:00 p.m., in case there was a large attendance with public comment. She did receive a few phone calls with questions and was able to explain to them that it does not affect the taxes they pay.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No comments received.

Councilor Locke arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Mayor Scholl expressed his appreciation of the support from taxing districts.

Discussion of the process.

Dimsho thanked Government Affairs & Project Support Specialist Rachael Barry for her assistance.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl

Rick Scholl, Mayor