



COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Patrick Birkle
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz
Councilor Jessica Chilton

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Mouhamad Zaher, Public Works Director
Crystal King, Communications Officer
Peter Hicks, City Attorney

OTHERS

Michael Sykes	Stephanie Patterson
Tina Curry	Chris Cannard
Brady Preheim	Amy Bynum
Molly Matchak	Jane Garcia

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 7:30 p.m.

TOPIC

1. Sale of the following City-owned property:

Tax Account No. 28878
Map No. 4N1W04-DA-01200
Block 83, Lot 4 & 5, St. Helens
11,600 square feet total
Located on S. 10th Street

2. Public Comments

- ◆ Brady Preheim. This is directly across from property that he owns. He is glad they waited to sell the property until after the public hearing. It seems fishy that they already have a sale. The property should be declared as surplus and allow people to bid or purchase it, rather than have someone already selected.

Mayor Scholl reported that they already declared it surplus. This is another step in the process. Brady was not aware of that. Mayor Scholl explained that the property was declared as surplus, appraised, and a realtor was chosen. They have been on the market for quite a while. Brady argued that this hearing is backwards if the property is already sold.

City Administrator Walsh added that it was declared surplus when the City decided to list the three properties. This is the third offer they have received. Now that they have a buyer and offer, they are contemplating the sale of the property. The surplus and sale are different actions.

Councilor Topaz agreed with Brady. There was no public announcement in the Chronicle and there was not a public hearing five days after it was published. The people did know they wanted to purchase it before the process began. This is an attempt to cleanup processes that were missed.

Council President Morten asked about time sensitivity. Walsh explained that it is someone who needs to purchase property by the end of year, which is why it's being rushed. They did follow all the processes to sell the property.

◆ Jane Garcia. They went through this process with the first offer on the 10th Street lots and followed all the processes needed for the City to sell the property. All the conditions were met two months ago. It has been listed on multiple real estate sites and there has been a sign posted on the property.

Councilor Topaz said ORS requires that it be posted in the newspaper. Mayor Scholl confirmed that was done.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne
Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl
Rick Scholl, Mayor