



# COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

## APPROVED MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl  
Council President Jessica Chilton  
Councilor Mark Gundersen  
Councilor Russell Hubbard  
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

### STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator  
Crystal King, Communications Officer  
Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner  
Tina Curry, Contracted Event Coordinator

### OTHERS

Nick Hellmich	Abby Olson
Daniel Grant	Art Leskovich
Patrick Birkle	Jim Coleman
Leah Tillotson	Brady Preheim
Silly the Shark	Judah Olson

### CALL REGULAR SESSION TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- ◆ Abby Olson. She is the founder and Executive Director of Riverside Community Outreach. They serve families impacted by foster care in Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook counties. They purchased the building next to the Food Bank to expand space to serve. They are holding a fundraiser on Saturday at Buccini Hall and invited the Council to attend to learn more about their services.
- ◆ Patrick Birkle. Responding to comments made at the last regular session, an audit of private citizens should not occur. Council has the discretion to do what they want with the money they earn. However, he listed the money he has donated to nonprofit organizations already. Attacks on private citizens should not be occurring. He quoted the minutes from what he said at the May 4, 2022, City Council Work Session following the audit report, "Councilor Birkle is satisfied with the audit. It provides accountability. The contractor has been performing the job with financial integrity..." He congratulated Councilor Hubbard on being appointed!
- ◆ Brady Preheim. He still thinks Patrick Birkle should be audited. The police station has been an issue from the beginning and the Council is not in a position to make a decision. The priority needs to be police staff and not a station. They should revisit the police station later. An appeal

should be handed directly to LUBA. He also voiced his objection to the appointment of David Rosengard to the Planning Commission. He is not a St. Helens resident. Listing his address as St. Helens is lying.

- ◆ Nick Hellmich. He congratulated Councilor Hubbard on his appointment. He also thanked Mayor Scholl for attending the overdose awareness event at McCormick Park. Nightmare on 4th Street is happening again this year. He will be participating and officiating both fake and real weddings.

#### **APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE**

1. Extension to Agreement with St. Helens Marina LLC related to Monitoring City Docks and Waterways and Enforcing Local Ordinances
2. Amended Billboard Sign Ground Lease Agreement with Meadow Outdoor Advertising
3. [Ratify] Contract with Molly Matchak for Janitorial Services
4. Contract with Emery & Sons Construction Group for Progressive Design Build Services for Replacement of 2.0MG Reservoir
5. First Amendment to TFT Construction, Inc. Contract for the Columbia Blvd. Culvert Public Improvement Construction Project

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '1' through '5' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

6. Appoint Lacey Tolles to the Parks and Trails Commission

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to appoint Lacey Tolles to the Parks and Trails Commission. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

7. Appoint David Rosengard to the Planning Commission

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Councilor Sundeen to appoint David Rosengard to the Planning Commission. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

#### **CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACCEPTANCE**

8. Library Board Minutes dated July 10, 2023
9. Parks and Trails Commission Minutes dated August 14, 2023
10. Planning Commission Minutes dated August 8, 2023

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Councilor Sundeen to approve '8' through '10' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen; Abstain: Councilor Hubbard

#### **CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

11. Council Minutes dated August 16, 2023
12. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '11' and '12' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen; Abstain: Councilor Hubbard

**WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Councilor Hubbard to designate two handicap parking spaces for Resonate Church on Spirit of Halloweentown weekends. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Council President Chilton reported...

- Welcomed new Councilor Russell Hubbard.

Councilor Sundeen reported...

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Councilor Gundersen reported...

- Will not report on the Planning Commission meeting.
- Welcomed new Councilor Russell Hubbard.

Councilor Hubbard reported...

- There is now an opening on the Planning Commission. He looks forward to bringing the effort of the Planning Commission to Council.

**MAYOR SCHOLL REPORTS**

- Read a letter of thanks into the record for an accident where the police and Columbia River Fire & Rescue responded.
- He apologized for laughing during one of the interviews for Council appointment. He received an anonymous letter commenting on it.
- He is in support of building a new police station. The officers deserve it. The current station is old and too small.

**OTHER BUSINESS****ADJOURN – 7:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Crystal King

Crystal King, Communications Officer

/s/ Rick Scholl

Rick Scholl, Mayor