



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, August 07, 2024

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilor Brandon Sundeen

STAFF

John Walsh, City Administrator
Crystal King, Communications Officer
Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner

OTHERS

Steve Toschi	Miriam House	Mitzi Ponce
Brady Preheim	Elizabeth Millager	Adam
Arthur	Brandon Treadway	Judy Thompson
Robyn Toschi	Brittany Lapp	

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- ◆ Steve Toschi. Expressed concern about the expenditures and contractor access to assets in the Treadway contract and urged Council to look closer before finalizing the contract. He supported the jail levy to keep the jail open as room existed to enforce laws and keep citizens safe.
- ◆ Brady Preheim. Stated the jail was losing money on federal prisoners, taxpayers supported the jail, and the City needed to charge the federal government enough to cover housing federal prisoners. He noted there was \$120,000 in the Budget for Tourism Funds, he did not know how \$193,000 would be paid to Treadway, and signing the contract without creating a Supplemental Budget was breaking the law.

ORDINANCES – *Final Reading*

- 1. Ordinance No. 3302:** An Ordinance to Annex and Designate the Zone of Certain Property at 35456 East Division Road

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to adopt Ordinance No. 3302. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard

- 2. Ordinance No. 3303:** An Ordinance to Annex and Designate the Zone of Certain Property West, South, and East of 58212 Old Portland Road

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to adopt Ordinance No. 3303. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard

- 3. Ordinance No. 3304:** An Ordinance to Annex and Designate the Zone of Certain Property at 2180 Gable Road

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to adopt Ordinance No. 3304. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard

RESOLUTIONS

- 4. Resolution No. 2017:** A Resolution Adopting the Findings from Broadband and Digital Infrastructure Planning and Authorizing City Council Support for a Digital Infrastructure Initiative for St. Helens and Adjacent Municipalities to Include Preparation of BEAD Funding Pre-Qualification Required Financial Information

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Council President Chilton to adopt Resolution No. 2017. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard

AWARD BID/CONTRACT

5. Award Contract to Hicks Striping & Curbing, LLC for the 2024 Pavement Striping Project (R-719) in the Amount of \$51,122.00

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

APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE

6. Agreement with Strategic Networks Group, Inc. for Broadband Planning
7. Oregon State Marine Board Boating Facility Grant Agreement
8. Amendment No. 1 to Letter of Intent for Arcadia Project
9. Agreement with Treadway Events and Entertainment LLC for Special Event Coordination and Management Services
10. Diligence Access Agreement – Project Arcadia

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '6' through '10' above.

There was discussion on having a plan to fund the contract with Treadway, using ticket sales to generate funds, and possibly liquidating Tourism assets. City Administrator Walsh stated he was working with Finance Director Butsch on a Supplemental Budget, and that the payments to Treadway would be made incrementally throughout the year.

Vote: Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard

CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACCEPTANCE

11. Strategic Networks Group Broadband Assessment and eStrategy Report

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

CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

12. Utility Bill Leak Adjustment Request for 2560 Columbia Blvd. (Craig Melton) in the Amount of \$1,084.22

13. Utility Bill Leak Adjustment Request for 2304 Columbia Blvd. (Paul Nezbeda) in the Amount of \$1,935.20
14. OLCC Licenses
15. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '12' through '15' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard

WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS

Support of Jail Levy

Mayor Scholl reviewed information about the Jail Levy, which would be taxed at \$0.79 per \$1,000 assessed value, noting if the levy did not pass the jail would likely become a book-and-release facility, and he expressed support for the levy.

There was discussion on the impacts of book-and-release, staffing at the jail, possibly having to send inmates to jails in McMinnville or Astoria, and directing staff to create a resolution in support of the Jail Levy. It was noted the purpose of the Jail was to uphold safety in the community rather than to bring in revenue.

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to direct staff to come back with a resolution in support of the jail levy for approval at the August 21 Regular Session. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard

Sand Island Sandcastle Competition

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to compensate the carvers of the cancelled Sand Island Sandcastle Competition.

Council discussed the carvers' expectations for compensation and alternatives to payment, but noted the contract had been between E2C and Brittany Lapp, the event organizer, not the City, which did not have funding to pay the carvers.

Council consented that the City was not responsible, and the carvers could go after E2C for breach of contract. Incentives could be offered to carvers for future events, and the City could make agreements directly with subcontractors, if Treadway was not ready.

Vote: Nay: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard; motion fails

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Chilton reported on summer camp events offered by the Recreation Center.

Councilor Gundersen reported the Planning Commission meeting had been canceled and the Columbia River Fire and Rescue meeting would be tomorrow.

Councilor Hubbard reported things were great at the Library.

MAYOR SCHOLL REPORTS

Reported on the successful National Night Out and thanked employees who had received length of service awards. He noted the Waterfront was moving along, downtown businesses needed support, 13 Nights would return to the river venue next year, Treadway would be directed to focus on Spirit of Halloweentown, and the Chinook salmon were running.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN – 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Crystal King
Crystal King, Communications Officer

/s/ Rick Scholl
Rick Scholl, Mayor