



COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Wednesday, August 04, 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	Jacob Graichen, City Planner
Matt Brown, Deputy City Administrator	Kolten Edwards, Police Officer
Kathy Payne, City Recorder	Tina Curry, Event Coordinator
Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner/Community Development Project Manager	

OTHERS

Carmin Dunn	Jennifer Pugsley	Jane Garcia	Howard Blumenthal
Toni Doggett	Stephanie Patterson	Don Patterson	Keith Locke
Jeff King	Dana Lathrope	Judy Thompson	Shannon Simms
Jeramie Shane	Art Leskovich	Jaime Smith	Brady Preheim
Tammy Maygra	Rodrigo Martin	Jay Grayson	J. Jacobson
Alan King	Jim Coleman	Debbie Carpenter	Richard Mason
Colleen Ohler	Antonia Doggett	Robin Lillebo	Shauna
Dan	Danny Fuhrer		

CALL SPECIAL SESSION TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Riverwalk Project Design Alternatives Presentation - *Mayer/Reed*

City Administrator Walsh introduced Jeramie Shane and Shannon Simms from Mayer/Reed. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to review the Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) work. They are seeking Council's confirmation on the preferred design alternative.

Jeramie credited the TAC with the work done as well as crediting their other partners.

Shannon reviewed the presentation. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting. The top priorities based on the public forum and 471 online survey responses were:

- Pathway
- Viewpoints with seating overlooks
- Paddlecraft launch
- Wildlife habitat improvements
- Shoreline access
- Gathering spaces
- Outdoor dining
- Playscapes

- Fishing

Main Theme: The City of St. Helens is shaped by the connectivity, sustenance, and awe-inspiring beauty of the Columbia River.

Councilor President Morten suggested a glass elevator at a parking garage up on Tualatin Street. It would create a long-term framework plan.

Councilor Topaz suggests the following:

- Additional parking near the gazebo
- Easy access to the kayak launch
- Separation of outdoor dining and trails/play areas
- Adequate parking for apartments and businesses
- Consider wind that comes from the north

Mayor Scholl loves the design. He wishes they had more money to do it now.

Councilor Topaz asked if someone will survey underwater to see what is there from the mill. Jeramie responded that they are surveying the areas they will work on. They will do what they can with budgetary constraints.

Councilor Chilton is very happy with the changes made. She loves the rocky beach area.

Councilor Birkle really likes how everything has been incorporated in the design. There is a need for private investment to make this work.

Associate Planner/Community Development Project Manager Dimsho said that another meeting is planned for additional public engagement. Tonight, was a Council focused presentation. There will be opportunities for more engagement in the future.

ADJOURN – 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl

Rick Scholl, Mayor