



COUNCIL PUBLIC FORUM

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

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
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder
Rachael Barry, Government Affairs Specialist

Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

OTHERS

Jeanette Nelson	Steve Toschi	Judy Thompson
Jane Garcia	Brady Preheim	Erin Salisbury
Jennifer Pugsley	Ben Tiscareno	Shauna Stroup
Russ Hubbard	Art Leskovich	Mary Hubbard

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – 5:31 p.m.

TOPIC

1. State of the City - Mayor Scholl

Introductions of Council members and City Administrator Walsh

Mayor Scholl presented the State of the City report.

Accomplishments

- Waterfront redevelopment
- Riverwalk project
- Sand Island partnership with St. Helens Marina
 - Now accessible to the non-boating community
- Central Waterfront
 - 39-acre lagoon
- St. Helens Industrial Park
- McCormick Park
 - All-abilities playground partnership with MODA
 - Story walk
- Campbell Park
 - Seven pickleball courts
 - Basketball court
 - Stormwater project
 - Asphalt

- Grey Cliff Waterfront Park
 - ODF&W grant for a handicap fishing dock and kayak launch
- Parks & Recreation Programs
 - Nature Buddies
- New Community Center
- Library
 - Partnership with Recreation Program
 - Makerspace
 - Library director Jeffries is retiring this month. Recruiting to fill her position.
- Chief Greenway keeps the Council informed on policing needs
- Implemented the \$3 Public Safety Facility fee to construct a new police station
 - 2200 sq. ft.
 - Across from the Recreation Center
- Boards, Commissions, and service groups are a big asset to the City
- Administering the grant for the new Columbia Pacific Food Bank facility
- View the City's YouTube page for past meetings
- Partnership with School District

Looking to the Future

- Waterfront redevelopment
 - A lot of support from partnering agencies
 - City Administrator Walsh has been the driving force to move them forward
 - Recognize the values of having public access to the waterfront, heritage, and culture
 - Dedicated staff
- New Public Safety Facility
- Riverfront Corridor
- Committed and honored to serve
- Central Waterfront
- Industrial Business Park
- Pedestrian trail connectivity
- Council is available to talk
- Tourism events and revenue
 - Halloweentown has put St. Helens on the map

2. "St. Helens Riverfront Return" Video

Video can be viewed at <https://www.sthelensoregon.gov/waterfront>.

CLOSE PUBLIC FORUM – 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne
Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl
Rick Scholl, Mayor