



# COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Thursday, May 09, 2024

## APPROVED MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Council President Jessica Chilton  
Councilor Mark Gundersen  
Councilor Russell Hubbard  
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Rick Scholl

### STAFF

John Walsh, City Administrator  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder  
Jacob Graichen, City Planner

### OTHERS

Joseph Schaefer, City Attorney with Jordan Ramis PC  
Jamie Howsley, City Attorney with Jordan Ramis PC

**CALL SPECIAL SESSION TO ORDER VIA ZOOM ONLY – 4:09 p.m.**

**RECESS SPECIAL SESSION – 4:09 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 4:10 p.m.**

- ORS 192.660(2)(h) Consult with Counsel/Litigation

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION – 4:55 p.m.**

**RESUME SPECIAL SESSION – 4:56 p.m.**

### AUTHORIZE NEXT STEPS

1. Action on Next Steps in the Toschi et al v. City of St. Helens matter, LUBA No. 2023-085

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to reconsider the decision to deny the proposal based on the shortcomings of this specific application meeting the necessary approval standards and authorize Council President Chilton to sign the decision.

Discussion.

Councilor Gundersen stated that he does not think there is anything wrong with the site and it was well mitigated. However, he does not want to spend more money to make everyone happy. It just needs to be built.

Council President Chilton agreed. She believes that site was mitigated property but is not willing to waste taxpayer dollars to prove that. The City is being held hostage by a political agenda.

Councilor Sundeen agreed that this is the best path moving forward. He wants to move forward to build the police station rather than waste money fighting.

Councilor Hubbard stated that it was a critical facility put in a floodplain. That site was not suitable and they need to move forward.

**Vote:** Yea: Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

**APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE**

2. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Columbia County for Police Records Management System

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Council President Chilton to approve '2' above. **Vote:** Yea: Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN - 5:05PM**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Jessica Chilton  
Jessica Chilton, Council President