



COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Wednesday, March 03, 2021

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)
Councilor Patrick Birkle
Councilor Jessica Chilton

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Assistant City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

OTHERS

Mark Gunderson
Virginia Carlson
Jeff Grundy
Trina McKinney

CALL SPECIAL SESSION TO ORDER – 6:18 p.m.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Interview Budget Committee Candidates:

- 6:15 PM – 6:25 PM > M. Gundersen
- 6:25 PM – 6:35 PM > V. Carlson
- 6:35 PM – 6:45 PM > J. Grundy
- 6:45 PM – 6:55 PM > T. McKinney

Each candidate was asked two questions:

1. Introduce yourself and explain why you want to join the Budget Committee.
2. What are your goals as a Budget Committee member?

Interview with Mark Gunderson:

1. He enjoys working with the public and in collaborative teams. He would like to be part of the process and solution.
2. He wants to join the Budget Committee to work collaboratively with the Council and Committee members. He does not have an agenda. He just wants to be a part of the process. He is a good team player.

Councilor Topaz arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Interview with Virginia Carlson:

1. She has served on City Council, other Boards and Commissions, and leadership roles in the community since 2008. She has helped with projects in the parks and projects that benefit kids.

2. She wants to join the Budget Committee because she thinks the City can do a better job with citizen transparency and accountability showing where funds go, where money comes from, and what it is spent on. There are a lot of funding streams that people do not understand. People need to know that the City is accountable and good stewards of our money. Her goal is to further the City goals of equity and inclusion to make sure no one is left behind. She talked about the importance of organizations working together.

Interview with Jeff Grundy:

1. He recently moved to St. Helens and wants to help in his local community. He has lived in the Portland metro area since 2000. He wants to show his civic pride and do his part in a positive way. He recently served with a K-9 foundation to help fund the Hillsboro Police Department K-9 program.
2. He does not have a specific goal for the Budget Committee. He will show up prepared and do all that he can. He is just a regular guy who works full-time in Hillsboro.

Interview with Trina McKinney:

1. She is a wife, mother, union carpenter, and Pack 250 Committee Chair. For the union, she builds schools within the Portland metro area. She has lived in St. Helens for 28 years. Both of her kids attend school here and have been involved in community sports and activities. She is interested in serving on the Budget Committee because she is fiscally responsible, and the financial health of the City is important to her.
2. Her goals are to share ideas, discuss alternatives, and promote economic efficiency within the public funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN – 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl

Rick Scholl, Mayor