



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, November 04, 2020

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten (arrived at 7:13 p.m.)
Councilor Keith Locke
Councilor Ginny Carlson
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Assistant City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Sue Nelson, Interim Public Works Director

OTHERS

Shauna Stroup
Patrick Birkle

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITOR COMMENTS – Limited to five (5) minutes per speaker

- ◆ Shauna Stroup. She has a concern about tenants having a hard time paying their water bill. She understands that water is not being shut off. She encouraged the Council to create a solution for people who only deal with cash and are not computer savvy. She is super concerned about people getting behind.

Mayor Scholl suggested paying with a money order in the drop box.

Assistant City Administrator Brown reported that people can pay by cash with an appointment. He confirmed that water shutoffs are not happening, but they are sending late notices to inform users of the growing balance. They are also encouraged to contact Community Action Team (CAT) for utility payment assistant.

Shauna said the trees in front of her house have been taken down. She appreciates the work they are doing. She wished everyone peace, love, and health. She asked if there is an update on the lagoon.

City Administrator Walsh reported that some technical work has been completed. It is available on the website. There is an upcoming virtual community engagement piece that will be announced.

ORDINANCES – Final Reading

1. **Ordinance No. 3257:** An Ordinance Making Certain Determinations and Findings Relating to and Approving the St. Helens Urban Renewal Plan Amendment 2 and Directing that Notice of Approval be Published

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3257 by title for the final time. **Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Locke and seconded by Councilor Topaz to adopt Ordinance No. 3257. Voting Yea: Mayor Scholl, Councilor Locke, Councilor Carlson, Councilor Topaz

ORDINANCES - First Reading

2. **Ordinance No. 3258:** An Ordinance Providing for Business Licenses, Instituting a Method for Issuing Licenses, Establishing Revocation and Suspension Procedures, Providing Penalties for Violations, and Repealing Code Chapter Title 5 Business Taxes, Licenses, and Regulations

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3258 by title for the first time. The final reading will be held at the next regular session.

APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE

3. Final Plat for Hanna Place Subdivision
4. Final Plat for Graystone Estates Subdivision
5. (Ratify) Personal Services Agreement with Epic Land Solutions, Inc. for Right-of-Way Acquisition
6. Contract Payments

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Locke and seconded by Councilor Carlson to approve '3' through '6' above. Voting Yea: Mayor Scholl, Councilor Locke, Councilor Carlson, Councilor Topaz

CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

7. City Council Work Session, Executive Session, and Regular Session Minutes dated October 7 and 16, 2020
8. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Carlson and seconded by Councilor Topaz. To approve '7' and '8' above. Voting Yea: Mayor Scholl, Councilor Locke, Councilor Carlson, Councilor Topaz

WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Topaz and seconded by Councilor Locke to give Walsh permission to sign an agreement for polling. Voting Yea: Mayor Scholl, Councilor Locke, Councilor Carlson, Councilor Topaz

MAYOR SCHOLL REPORTS

- There is a lot of activity going on within the City.
 - Builders are busy.
 - Public Works have been busy working on the highway and the City Hall remodel.
 - Staff is working diligently.
 - Waterfront is moving forward.
- Congratulations to the winners of the election. This is about serving the citizens. It is an honor to serve for two more years. Get involved and be the difference.

Council President Morten arrived at 7:13 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilor Locke reported...

- It is important for everyone to participate in spreading the word about the need for the police bond.

- He requested permission to remain on the Police Facility Ad-hoc Committee.

Councilor Carlson reported...

- Nothing to report.
- She apologized for missing the earlier meeting.

Councilor Topaz reported...

- The Library is reviewing their five-year plan and what was met. There are services they are not able to provide due to COVID.

Council President Morten reported...

- This is exciting times!
- Elected officials are coming and going. He thanked Councilor Carlson for her contributions. She is such a diplomat and will be missed.
- Congratulated and welcomed the newly elected members to the Council.
- He is a Vietnam Veteran. He reminded everyone to thank veterans for their service. Unfortunately, this year's Veterans Day activities have been cancelled due to COVID.

Councilor Carlson added that St. Helens Middle School is doing a Veterans Day flag raising.

Mayor Scholl reminded Councilor Carlson that she still has work to do in the next month and a half.

Councilor Carlson suggested using social media to recognize the veterans. Council concurred.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN – 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl

Rick Scholl, Mayor