



# COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

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## APPROVED MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl  
Council President Jessica Chilton  
Councilor Mark Gundersen  
Councilor Russell Hubbard  
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

### STAFF

John Walsh, City Administrator  
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder  
Crystal King, Communications Officer

### OTHERS

Brittany Lapp                      Mitz  
Adam St. Pierre                  Nick Hellmich  
Brady Preheim                    Jim Coleman

### CALL REGULAR SESSION TO ORDER

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### VISITOR COMMENTS – *Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker*

- ◆ Brady Preheim. Urged Council to pay the Sand Island Sandcastle carvers for their expenses and possibly for the whole event, since it was Council's fault the event was canceled. Councilors' monthly stipends could be used to pay carvers if other funds were unavailable.
- ◆ Brittney Lapp. Had organized the Sand Island Sandcastle Competition, including coordinating with the carvers. The sudden cancelation caused frustration and backlash. An Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) special had already featured the event, and she urged Council to find a way to hold the event or compensate the carvers.
- ◆ Jim Coleman. Said he was shocked that the \$20,000 Sand Island Sandcastle Competition would not be held. There was great public interest in getting clarification about the Wauna account and whether the funds belonged to the City or Event Coordinator Tina Curry, and he held City Administrator John Walsh responsible for what was happening.
- ◆ Adam St. Pierre. Stated Tourism was a mess, and local businesses reported losing money daily. He expressed concern over delays addressing Tourism and the legal situation that could result in non-disclosure agreements. He encouraged transparency and accountability. He shared City Administrator Walsh's response to questions about the Wauna account, namely that E2C had been unresponsive regarding returning the funds or the website and social media assets to the

City. He urged the Council to report the thefts to the Police and suggested putting City Administrator Walsh on administrative leave.

Mayor Scholl described the form of government in St. Helens and clarified the Tourism contractor had signed the agreements with the Sandcastle Competition and then failed to pay the insurance for the boat or provide the revenue source. He explained the City assets would be reclaimed through the legal process with attorneys as dictated by the Tourism contract. He apologized to those involved with the Sandcastle Competition, and noted the City was working with Treadway, but it would take time to transition.

#### **ORDINANCES – First Reading**

1. **Ordinance No. 3302:** An Ordinance to Annex and Designate the Zone of Certain Property at 35456 East Division Road
2. **Ordinance No. 3303:** An Ordinance to Annex and Designate the Zone of Certain Property West, South, and East of 58212 Old Portland Road
3. **Ordinance No. 3304:** An Ordinance to Annex and Designate the Zone of Certain Property at 2180 Gable Road

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

4. **Resolution No. 2015:** A Resolution Adopting the Findings for a Special Procurement for Undergrounding Electrical Services on the S. 1st Street – Strand Street Road and Utilities Extension Project and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Public Improvement Contract with Moore Excavation, Inc.

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to adopt Resolution No. 2015. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

5. **Resolution No. 2016:** A Resolution Requiring Lumen Technologies Inc. to Relocate its Facilities Underground within the Waterfront Public Improvement Construction Project Areas

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Councilor Sundeen to adopt Resolution No. 2016. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

#### **AWARD BID/CONTRACT**

6. Award Contract to Clark and Sons Excavation, Inc. for the 2024 Pavement Patching Project (R-718) in the Amount of \$72,530.00

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '6' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

#### **APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE**

7. Extension of IGA with Columbia County for Community Corrections Work Crews to Help Clean Parks
8. Agreement with the Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services Building Codes Division for the ePermit System and Services
9. Extension of Agreement with Steve Sharfstein for Defense Attorney Services for Appointed Indigent Defendants in Municipal Court
10. Agreement with Lance D. Quaranto for Defense Attorney Services for Appointed Indigent Defendants in Municipal Court
11. Agreement with Steven Leskin for Defense Attorney Services for Appointed Indigent Defendants in Municipal Court
12. Second Amendment to Agreement with Pauly, Rogers & Co., P.C., for Auditing Services

13. Fourth Amendment to Contract w/ Kittelson & Associates, Inc. to Extend Contract Time
14. Contract with Moore Excavation, Inc. for Undergrounding Electrical Services on the S. 1st Street – Strand Street Road and Utilities Extension Project

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Sundeen to approve '7' through '14' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

#### **CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACCEPTANCE**

15. Abstract of Votes from May 21, 2024 Election
16. Findings in Support of an Emergency Procurement of Forestry Management Services
17. Amend Agreement with Mason, Bruce & Girard for Forest Management Services to Extend Agreement Month-to-Month beginning July 1, 2024

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '15' through '17' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

#### **CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

18. City Council Minutes dated June 5, June 12, and June 17, 2024
19. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Sundeen to approve '18' and '19' above.

There was clarification on payment for the Police report writing system in the Accounts Payable Bill list.

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

#### **WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS**

None

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Council President Chilton** reported Citizen's Day had been a wonderful event with huge turnout due to hard work by staff and volunteers. She had represented St. Helens and spoke briefly at the City-County Dinner. She also provided details on upcoming events at the County Fair.

**Councilor Sundeen** reported on the successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July event held at McCormick Park.

**Councilor Gundersen** had nothing to report.

**Councilor Hubbard** reported that Councilor Sundeen would attend the interviews for the new Youth Librarian. He looked forward to working with Treadway and Arcadia.

#### **MAYOR SCHOLL REPORT**

Noted he would be attending the Mayor's Conference and reported the Waterfront development was moving forward and the grant award for the park at the Waterfront was more than anticipated. He addressed the form of government in St. Helens, noting the only power he had was to change the meeting agenda, and he would not apologize for his style of getting things done. He discussed the process of changing the form of government in the Charter, and announced the deadline to run for Mayor was August 16, 2024.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN – 7:33 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Lisa Scholl  
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl  
Rick Scholl, Mayor