



# COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

## 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  
Jacob Graichen, City Planner  
Ashley Wigod, Contracted City Attorney  
David Rabino, Contracted City Attorney

### OTHERS

Matt Eason	Steve Topaz	Don Hibbs
Doug Knight	Al Wolfe	Steve C.
John Burnside	Rory Moore	Craig Allen
Scott Ashley	Brady Preheim	Steve Toschi
Paul Vogel	Bill Lain	Eric O.
Greg Gilbert	Kielly	Brittany
Robyn		

### CALL SPECIAL SESSION TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

### DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Sale of approximately 35-acres of City-Owned Property at 1300 Kaster Road described as:
  - Tax Account No. 13249, Map No. 4N1W-9-00101
  - Tax Account No. 13215, Map No. 4N1W-9-00101

### RECESS SPECIAL SESSION TO ENTER PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 p.m.

### RECONVENE SPECIAL SESSION - 6:51 p.m.

### DELIBERATIONS

Mayor Scholl stated the new jobs offered were a win-win for everyone.

Councilor Hubbard mentioned \$7.4 million in repair costs were noted in the appraisal, Arcadia would be good stewards in bringing something viable back to the market, and the City needed to get out of the landlord business.

Councilor Gundersen agreed Project Arcadia was a perfect fit.

Council President Chilton thanked Project Arcadia for their patience during the process and noted her confidence in this opportunity to bring industry back to St. Helens.

Councilor Sundeen stated this was the best thing that could happen to the site and the mill’s 100-year anniversary was coming up and he hoped to see it operating by then.

City Administrator Walsh said tax revenue and jobs would be good for the community.

Mayor Scholl spoke about meeting the investors and team behind Project Arcadia, and noted the mill had treated the community well in the past.

**RESOLUTION**

**2. Resolution No. 2020:** A Resolution of the City Council of St. Helens, Oregon Declaring City Owned Properties at 1300 Kaster Road, Tax Account Nos. 13249 and 13215, as Surplus and Authorizing Sale of the Properties in Compliance with ORS 221.725

City Attorney Wigod advised amending the Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the purchase and sale agreement.

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Council President Chilton adopt Resolution No. 2020 with the Mayor as the signatory. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

**ADJOURN – 7:02 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