

City of St. Helens
Consent Agenda for Approval

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Presented for approval on this 16th day of April, 2025 are the following Council minutes:

2025

- Joint City Council and Planning Commission Minutes dated March 12, 2025
- Work Session, Executive Session, and Regular Session Minutes dated April 2, 2025

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JOINT CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jennifer Massey – via Zoom
Council President Jessica Chilton
Councilor Mark Gundersen
Councilor Russell Hubbard
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

Chair Jennifer Shoemaker
Vice Chair Brooke Sisco
Commissioner Charles Castner
Commissioner Scott Jacobson
Commissioner Trina Kingsbury
Commissioner Reid Herman – Arrived via ZOOM around 5 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner David B. Rosengard

STAFF PRESENT

Jacob Graichen, City Planner
Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner

OTHERS

None

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 p.m.

Council President Chilton called the meeting to order.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Discussion of September Joint Meeting Date

Mayor Jennifer Massey said the original conflict for the September Joint meeting date is no longer an issue and she is no longer requesting to change the meeting date from the approved 2025 meetings schedule.

2. Planning Commission Proactive Item - Architectural Standards

City Planner Graichen went over the memo included in the packet regarding architectural standards which was intended guide the discussion about priorities for the group.

First, there was a discussion about where to focus on developing standards. City Planner Graichen suggested focusing on a smaller area because starting small could help the Commission make progress and potentially, the standards could apply to a larger area in the future. Commissioner Shoemaker expressed a desire to encompass the entire historic district, not just the Riverfront District, as a starting point. She noted that trying to cover the whole city would be too ambitious and could lead to

misunderstandings and resistance from residents. Council President Chilton expressed a desire to include the Houlton Business District and getting Main Street involved.

Next, there was a discussion of what type of architectural elements to focus on. City Planner Graichen showed local, recent examples of residential development that prompted a discussion about windows and doors. He noted blank walls facing public streets and demonstrated how simple architectural features, such as windows or doors, could significantly improve their appearance. The group discussed the challenges of implementing architectural standards, including potential conflicts with state regulations and the need for clear, objective criteria for residential developments.

3. Planning Commission Proactive Item - Vacant Storefronts

Commissioner Shoemaker shared research on vacant storefront policies in King County, Washington, which included registration fees, maintenance requirements, and penalties for long-term vacancies. The group discussed the challenges of defining "vacant" versus "underutilized" properties and the potential resistance from long-time property owners to new fees or regulations.

Suggestions for addressing vacant storefronts included:

1. Revisiting the inventory and initiatives of the Main Street Alliance
2. Exploring incentives and penalties for property owners
3. Considering requirements for maintaining storefronts in good condition
4. Investigating successful approaches used in other cities like Astoria, Prineville, Hood River, and Baker City

Commissioner Jacobson volunteered to connect with Main Street and gather information from other cities.

4. Planning Commission Proactive Item - The Plaza Square

City Planner Graichen advised postponing discussions about the plaza square due to ongoing tensions between the city and county, including right-of-way ownership questions. He suggested allowing time for healing before revisiting the topic. The group briefly discussed concerns about the current condition of the plaza, including:

1. The unsustainable grass that gets damaged during events
2. Accessibility issues for people with mobility challenges
3. The historical design of the plaza and potential restoration options
4. The need for better drainage and irrigation

Councilor Sundeen emphasized the importance of preserving the plaza's character and suggested starting with an arborist's assessment of the existing trees. The group acknowledged that any significant changes to the plaza would require funding and coordination with the county.

Council President Chilton suggested tabling this item for the time being and focusing on the other two proactive items discussed earlier in the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Massey expressed appreciation for the collaborative nature of the meeting and the constructive dialogue among participants.

ADJOURN – 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Shoemaker, Chair

Jennifer Massey, Mayor



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Wednesday, April 02, 2025

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jennifer Massey
Council President Jessica Chilton
Councilor Mark Gundersen
Councilor Russell Hubbard
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator	Gloria Butsch, Finance Director
Kathy Payne, City Recorder	Jacob Graichen, City Planner
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder	Mike De Roia, Building Official
Joe Hogue, Interim Police Chief	Amy Lindgren, Contracted Municipal Court Judge
Mouhamad Zaher, Public Works Director	Ashley Wigod, Contracted City Attorney

OTHERS

Sheriff Brian Pixley	Adam St. Pierre
Reed Hjort	Joe
Steve Topaz	Dave Lintz
Brady Preheim	Wayne Mayo

CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER – 3:00 p.m.

CLEARING CONFUSION AND SETTING THE FACTS STRAIGHT

1. Response to March 19 Visitor Comments

After review by legal counsel, there are no responses to visitor comments.

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

- ◆ Brady Preheim. Provided comments heavily criticizing Mayor Massey, directly calling for her resignation due to what he described as disgustingly unethical behavior. He argued that the mayor and council were involved in criminal activities by helping her lie, cover up information, and hide damaging reports. Preheim warned that Mayor Massey would face a recall if not removed first by legal action. He advised that if she cared about the city, she would apologize and resign immediately, although he doubted she would do so due to what he described as narcissistic tendencies. He urged the council to do their research on dealing with a clinical narcissist.

Preheim also pressed the Council to hire Chief Hogue permanently as the police chief and insisted that Mayor Massey should recuse herself from any police-related discussions. If she refused, he called on the Council to force her out of such discussions and possibly censor her. Additionally, he demanded the release of the full unredacted report, arguing it would eventually come out during the lawsuit, and emphasized that withholding it only enabled Mayor Massey further. He concluded by calling for the initiation of a full investigation into these issues.

Mayor Massey ended Preheim at his three minutes and directed Sergeant Eustice to remove him after repeatedly telling him his time was up.

- ◆ Steve Topaz. Raised concerns about City infrastructure and development spanning several years:
 - Ongoing issues with sewer systems, including faulty drainage and a lack of separation between stormwater and sewer systems, leading to frequent flooding.
 - Mismanagement of drainage projects that have resulted in prolonged closures and increased project costs due to unforeseen obstacles.
 - Accumulation of toxic waste issues and their impact on property development, leading to loss of industrial and waterfront opportunities.
 - Delays in waterfront development that have hindered community and economic growth.

- ◆ Adam St. Pierre. Commented on the recently filed lawsuit, urging everyone to remember that the allegations are not proven facts but merely claims that will be contested through the legal system. He emphasized that allegations in lawsuits are similar to charges in speeding tickets—they are not final judgments but require a legal process to establish their validity. St. Pierre specifically disputed claims related to Chief Hogue in the lawsuit, noting that upon being named acting chief, Chief Hogue was credited with restoring 24-hour police coverage, reinstating mutual aid, and increasing the number of St. Helens Police Department officers available for major crime scenes. However, St. Pierre shared that he had a direct conversation with Chief Hogue, who told him that he himself had scheduled the 24-hour police coverage initially, and it would be natural for him to do so again when reinstating it, as this was part of his responsibilities. Furthermore, St. Pierre urged attendees to acknowledge that there are many more facts underlying these situations that may not align with the allegations put forth in the legal documents, underscoring the complexities involved.

Wayne Mayo arrived late and requested an opportunity to share an urgent concern. Council agreed to allow him to speak.

- ◆ Wayne Mayo. He shared his appreciation for the recent downtown developments, describing the changes as wonderful and something that beautifully augments everything accomplished over the past century. He expressed pride in the work done and urged the Council to act swiftly in protecting it. Mayo emphasized the urgent need for an anti-graffiti sealer to be applied to the new stonework, explaining that without such a protective measure, graffiti left on the surfaces would become permanent and difficult to remove. He cited a recent incident involving the tagging of a bathroom nearby and expressed his dislike for the damage, describing the graffiti as ugly and noting that it could not be removed from the rock. Mayo strongly recommended that the Council declare this an emergency and act immediately. He suggested soliciting bids and using readily available products that could provide a clear seal, capable of preventing graffiti from bonding to the stonework, thereby allowing it to be washed away easily.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

2. Request to Support Jail Levy - *Sheriff Brian Pixley and Judge Amy Lindgren*

Sheriff Brian Pixley and Municipal Court Judge Amy Lindgren presented information on the upcoming jail levy renewal measure. Sheriff Pixley explained that the measure would renew the existing levy at the same rate of 58 cents per \$1000 assessed value. He emphasized this was not a tax increase but merely a continuation of the current levy that would allow the community to maintain the jail's operational status without increasing taxes. Pixley outlined how this funding is crucial for supporting rehabilitation programs, mental health care, and substance abuse counseling, thereby significantly contributing to community safety and reducing repeat offenses. He stressed the broader implications, highlighting that a safe and stable community benefits everyone, not just a few.

Pixley also conveyed the dire consequences if the levy fails, stating there is a very real possibility of a full jail closure. He mentioned the logistical and contractual issues that would arise without the local jail, such as having to transport inmates to other facilities, which may involve significant costs and complications. He described how the previous sheriff had only managed to secure a contracting facility in Polk County, which underscores the challenge of finding alternative housing for inmates.

Judge Lindgren clarified her neutral position, explaining she cannot advocate for or against the measure as a sitting judge. However, she did answer questions regarding potential impacts on the Municipal Court should the levy fail. Without sufficient jail beds, Lindgren explained that the Court would likely be unable to process criminal cases effectively, potentially leading to a situation where lower-level crimes go unprosecuted. This could create a scenario akin to having traffic court without the ability to impose fines or order traffic safety classes.

During their presentation, Councilors inquired about various details, showing a vested interest in understanding the complexities involved. Mayor Massey, in particular, sought clarity on the jail matrix system and the specific challenges related to transporting inmates if the jail were to close. Pixley responded by detailing the potential cost implications and staff reductions that would accompany a jail closure, further underscoring the urgency of the situation. He also pointed out that the current levy expires by the end of June, stressing the time-sensitive nature of the renewal measure.

Councilors expressed support for the levy, recognizing its importance in maintaining local justice infrastructure and public safety. The discussion highlighted that voting in favor of the levy was not only a financial decision but an investment in making the community safer, more stable, and more compassionate, ensuring that the City of St. Helens has the infrastructure and services needed to handle its legal and civic responsibilities effectively. Councilor Gundersen emphasized the importance of ensuring the jail's availability for all the cities in the county, noting for the record that without the local jail, even St. Helens residents would be affected, as it is the only jail system available for holding individuals who are not compliant with the law.

3. Review "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest Entries

Mayor Massey noted that three contest entries were received, all from Columbia City Elementary School students. The artwork submissions were on display in the Council Chambers. Mayor Massey indicated the Council would be voting on and announcing winners that evening. She expressed a desire to do more promotion of the contest next year, including visiting schools to solicit more entries.

4. Review Proposed Amendments to Public Works Supervisor Job Description - *Public Works Director Mouhamad Zaher*

Public Works Director Mouhamad Zaher presented minor updates to the Public Works Supervisor job description, explaining that the position became vacant in January after a retirement. He noted they removed some duties and incorporated safety responsibilities into the role.

Mayor Massey asked several detailed questions about the job description, including clarification on reporting structure, FLSA classification, licensure requirements, and physical requirements. Zaher provided responses, noting that some details like annual evaluations are covered in personnel policies rather than individual job descriptions. The mayor offered to provide her written comments with typo corrections and suggestions.

5. Report from City Administrator John Walsh

- A retirement celebration was held for Public Works Construction Inspector Tim Underwood after 26 years of service. He thanked staff for making it special.
- Staff met with Treadway to discuss logistics for upcoming community events and concerts at Columbia View Park, targeting a mid-June start date.

- Plans are underway for a grand reopening celebration of the riverfront streets/utility project in late June.
- Representatives from Project Arcadia requested to present an update on the mill restart at the April 16 meeting.
- Upcoming meetings are scheduled to discuss the senior center lease renewal and police chief position.

6. Monthly Reports from Departments/Divisions (Informational)

Monthly reports were submitted by Public Works, Planning, and Building.

Mayor Massey asked for feedback on the new reporting format. Zaher indicated the streamlined reports were working well so far. There was discussion about placing the reports earlier on future agendas to allow staff to leave after presenting. The Council reached consensus to move the reports up, after any guest presentations.

The mayor noted she found the reports comprehensive and did not have any specific questions on their content.

ADJOURN – 3:48 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Real Property Transactions, under ORS 192.660(2)(e)
- Consult with Counsel/Potential Litigation, under ORS 192.660(2)(h)

Respectfully transcribed by ClerkMinutes and submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

Jennifer Massey, Mayor

City of St. Helens CITY COUNCIL

Executive Session Summary

April 2, 2025

Members Present: Jennifer Massey, Mayor
Jessica Chilton, Council President
Mark Gundersen, Councilor
Brandon Sundeen, Councilor
Russell Hubbard, Councilor

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder

Others: Ashley Wigod, City Attorney with Jordan Ramis PC
Kailyn Cassidy, Columbia County Spotlight Newspaper
David Lintz, Otak Project Manager for New Police Station Siting & Design



At 3:59 p.m., Mayor Massey opened the Executive Session pursuant to the ORS numbers listed below and then gave Council roll call. Other than Labor Negotiator Consultations, representatives of the news media, designated staff, and other persons as approved shall be allowed to attend the Executive Session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the Council Chambers. Representatives of the news media were specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision may be made in executive session. Any person in attendance, including the news media, who has a recording device is directed to turn it off.

- **Real Property Transactions, under ORS 192.660(2)(e)**
 - Update on Proposed New Police Station

Mayor Massey stated for the record that she has a potential conflict of interest, "My husband is a City of St. Helens Police Officer. I am not biased. And I'm confident that I can act objectively in the City's best interest."

- **Exempt Records/Confidential Attorney-Client Privileged Memo, under ORS 192.660(2)(f); and**
- **Consult with Legal Counsel & Potential/Pending Litigation, under ORS 192.660(2)(h)**
 - Review of Privileged and Confidential Memorandum dated April 1, 2025, from City Attorney Ashley Wigod
 - Review of Privileged and Confidential Memorandum dated April 2, 2025, from City Attorney Ashley Wigod

The Executive Session was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

Jennifer Massey, Mayor

An audio recording of this meeting is archived at City Hall.



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, April 02, 2025

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jennifer Massey
Council President Jessica Chilton
Councilor Mark Gundersen
Councilor Russell Hubbard
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator Crystal King, Communications Officer
Kathy Payne, City Recorder Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder Jamin Coy, Police Officer
Joe Hogue, Interim Police Chief

OTHERS

Reed Hjort Glory Beaudoin & Family
Brady Preheim Brinlee Bowen & Family
Jim Coleman Hope Vue & Family
Guy Auker

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCE & AWARD PRIZES TO "IF I WERE MAYOR..." STUDENT CONTEST WINNERS

Mayor Massey announced and awarded the prizes for the "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest. Three poster submittals for the fourth and fifth grade category were submitted. Hope Vue won first place, receiving \$150 along with her poster being submitted to the State level. Glory Beaudoin and Brinlee Bowen tied for second place, each receiving \$50. All three participants received a certificate, swag bag featuring contributions from multiple departments, and will be invited to join the mayor for a pizza lunch this summer.

AWARD BID/CONTRACT

1. Award the Belton Sewer Step System Capacity Study, Project No. S-685, to Grayling Engineers

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to award the Belton Sewer Step System Capacity Study, Project No. S-685, to Grayling Engineers. **Vote:** Yea: Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen; Nay: Councilor Hubbard

Councilor Hubbard declared that he does not have enough information to make a decision. He expressed concerns about the cost and suggested the study could potentially be done in-house to save money. City Administrator Walsh acknowledged that he had not consulted with Public Works on this matter and agreed that the price seemed higher than expected.

After further discussion, the Council decided to reconsider their votes.

Reconsidered Vote: Nay: Mayor Massey, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

It was agreed to bring this item back as an agenda item with a presentation for further consideration.

APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE

2. First Amendment to Contract with Advanced Excavating Specialists, LCC for Riverwalk Project Phase I

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Sundeen to approve '2' above.

City Administrator Walsh clarified that this amendment was related to extending the time for the completion of railings, which were a crucial factor in ensuring the park's safety.

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

CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACCEPTANCE

3. Parks and Trails Commission Minutes dated February 10, 2025

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '3' above.

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

CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

4. Council Minutes dated March 17 and 19, 2025
5. Proposed Amendments to Public Works Supervisor Job Description
6. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '4' through '6' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Massey, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS

Police Station

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to instruct staff to plan a Council Public Forum for May 7 at 6:00 p.m. to share information with the public on the proposed new police station site. **Vote:** Voting Yea: Mayor Massey, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

Jail Levy Support

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to direct staff to draft a letter in support of the jail levy for the Mayor to sign. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Massey, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

Hiring Process for Chief of Police

Mayor Massey declared a potential conflict of interest. Her husband is a St. Helens Police Officer. She is not biased and confident she can act objectively in the City's best interest.

Councilor Hubbard read the following statement into the record, "The City's internal recruitment process for its Chief of Police has closed and we have received three applicants. The City will be convening an evaluation panel that will be made up of the following:

1. 2 – 3 people with significant law enforcement expertise from outside the community. The City will consult with the Oregon Association of the Chief of Police (OACP) linebacker program to get recommendations for these people – from outside the community.
2. One Councilor and I will be the Councilor serving in that role.
3. Two people from law enforcement from within the community, as available.
4. The City Administrator in a non-voting role.

Interviews will take place as soon as possible. We anticipate them taking place in the next 30 days if not sooner. After the applications and interviews are scored, the evaluation committee will make a recommendation for the highest scored applicant to become the next Chief of Police. Or, if the evaluation committee decides that it does not believe any of the candidates are in the best interest of the City to select, it may make that recommendation and the City can decide how to proceed to fulfill the role with an alternative plan.

If the evaluation committee makes a recommendation to select a candidate, the recommended candidate must pass background checks, psychological evaluation, and fitness for duty analysis.

The selected applicant will then be submitted to the City Administrator to present to City Council for approval.”

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Hubbard and seconded by Councilor Sundeen to approve this referenced evaluation process for the Chief of Police position. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Massey, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

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

- ◆ Brady Preheim. Expressed significant concerns regarding the ongoing police chief hiring process, highlighting several areas he believed warranted further attention. He criticized the Council for delaying the decision and called the process unjust and unacceptable. Preheim also pointed out potential conflicts of interest, specifically mentioning Mayor Massey's husband being on the police force and her pending lawsuit. He argued that these factors should preclude her from participating in any discussions related to the Police Department. Furthermore, he questioned Council President Chilton's ability to be impartial due to her connections to Mayor Massey and campaigned for Councilor Gundersen to replace her. Preheim urged the Council to release the unredacted reports, including the Band report and its supplemental documents, to the public. He concluded by calling for an investigation into the Mayor for alleged interference and other misconduct.
- ◆ Guy Auker. Addressed the Council regarding a graffiti removal product discussed during a prior Work Session. He praised Wayne Mayo for proposing an efficient solution to graffiti issues and mentioned researching a company called Orion that offers a similar product. Auker expressed his support for Chief Hogue and his ongoing lawsuit, opining that the Chief is owed substantial compensation. Furthermore, Auker criticized Mayor Massey's handling of public comment time, referring to a perceived inconsistency in how it was managed during the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilor Sundeen reported...

- Thanked Interim Police Chief Hogue and Officer Coy for being present.
- Invited community members to participate in two upcoming volunteer events scheduled for April 5 to enhance local parks.
 - McCormick Park Japanese Gardens, 9-11 a.m.
 - Nob Hill Nature Park, 1-3p.m.

Council President Chilton reported...

- Attended the recent Joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting. It was nice to see constructive collaboration on proactive ideas.
- Toured the Waterfront property with Public Works Director Zaher and Engineering Manager Darroux. She appreciates the work staff are doing and is excited for the project to be complete.
- Attended the Annual Chamber of Commerce Award Banquet. It was great to celebrate the efforts of local entrepreneurs and community leaders.
- Read a statement into the record, "I'm here because the people of my city trusted my decision-making skills, ability to make thoughtful decisions, and to stand by them, and that's exactly what I intend to do. Our focus should be on the processes that nourishes and produces the fruit."

Councilor Gundersen reported...

- Congratulations to "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest participants. He hopes to see more and appreciates the insights they offer.
- Read a letter from Sheriff Pixley addressed to Police Commissioner Sundeen and City Administrator Walsh, "I want to take a moment to commend the City of St. Helens Police Department for the remarkable progress it has made under Acting Chief Hogue's leadership. Shortly after Joe was appointed, he immediately enacted a change to the agency assist policy, enabling officers once again to assist neighboring agencies. Joe has consistently engaged with me at multiple occasions to ensure the St. Helens Police Department remains helpful. He also hosted a chief's meeting, attended by key leaders from local law enforcement agencies. Through these efforts, he has successfully rebuilt relationships with Columbia County Public Safety leaders, relationships that had been strained under the previous administration. Over the last few months, I along with other members of my agency, have noticed a significant positive shift in the attitude and demeanor of St. Helens Police Department staff. Officers are more approachable and the increased interagency cooperation has been most of all appreciated. Additionally, I have seen a strong emphasis on community engagement with more outreach of integration than before. I attribute these positive changes to the leadership of Acting Chief Joe Hogue. Under his guidance, the St. Helens Police Department is heading in a new positive direction. His tenured leadership and commitment to the community have positioned the department for future success. I sincerely hope the City Council considers making Joe Hogue a permanent Police Chief."

Councilor Hubbard reported...

- Acknowledged the community spirit and engagement displayed at the Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.
- Expressed optimism about the upcoming Police Chief selection committee process. He looked forward to moving forward constructively amid challenging circumstances.

MAYOR MASSEY REPORTS

- Invited Councilor Sundeen to share a historic fact during his reports in the future.
- Shared her invitation to attend the prestigious 2025 Governor's Conference on Tourism, organized by Travel Oregon, scheduled for April 14 at the Convention Center.
- Emphasizing the importance of differentiating facts from opinions, she urged citizens to verify information using credible sources, such as recorded meetings, clarification memos, and official meeting minutes for accuracy and timeliness.
- Acknowledged City staff, specifically City Recorder Payne and Deputy City Recorder Scholl, for their diligent preparations for Council sessions, highlighting the value of their behind-the-scenes efforts to ensure smooth meetings.
- Proposed directing the City Attorney to review Ron Trommlitz's request for more information from the Walker report, with the Council reaching a consensus to proceed.

- Suggested moving public comment back to the beginning of Regular Sessions to ensure all input is considered ahead of making decisions, a change also agreed upon by the Council.
- Expressed appreciation of the Council's positive dialogue and collaborative efforts in addressing challenging situations.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN – 7:32 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

Jennifer Massey, Mayor