

**City of St. Helens**  
*Consent Agenda for Approval*

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Presented for approval on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 are the following Council minutes:

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- Work Session and Regular Session Minutes dated October 2, 2024
- Special Session and Executive Session Minutes dated October 30, 2024

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# COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Wednesday, October 02, 2024

## DRAFT MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator	Mouhamad Zaher, Public Works Director
Kathy Payne, City Recorder	Sharon Darroux, Engineering Manager
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder	Crystal King, Communications Officer
Suzanne Bishop, Library Director	Nolan Cochran, TMDL Program Coordinator
Gloria Butsch, Finance Director	

### OTHERS

CC	Richard Mason	Wela Negelspach, CET
David Lauridsen	Mitz	Stephen Topaz
Stephanie Patterson	MM	Ron Trommlitz
Brady Preheim	Mike Fletcher	James Adkins

### CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER – 2:00 p.m.

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

- ◆ Ron Trommlitz. Spoke about The Chronicle's recent article on the two million-gallon (2MG) water reservoir and the City placing blame for the reservoir's rehabilitation failure on the contractor, Western Partitions Inc., when the failure was due to the City's choices. He listed incidents of neglect and deception, citing inspections and investigations of the reservoir, the findings of which were not disclosed to the public. City Administrator Walsh should be responsible for all incidents by people he supervised. Mayor Scholl should be transparent about what really resulted in the empty reservoir.
- ◆ Brady Preheim. He hoped Council President Chilton and Councilor Hubbard would appear on his KOHI show on Friday. He had made multiple complaints about election signs violating the Sign Ordinance and was basically told the City would not enforce the Ordinance, which was unacceptable. He asked how he should proceed, as action needed to be taken. He described event failures during Treadway's stewardship of Spirit of Halloweentown and asked when Council would admit its error and correct it. Treadway, not the taxpayers, should be responsible for whether the company profits.
- ◆ Steve Topaz. Compared the St. Helens Waterfront contamination to Portland's Swan Island which had almost the exact geology and overall descriptions. He compared DEQ's report on the Waterfront to the EPA's remediation plan for Swan Island. The EPA replied to him that the

Waterfront was not an acceptable place to build houses. He spoke about how when he was censured his criticism of City staff was pointed out, but the Ethics Commission found he did nothing wrong, which showed the City's problem with critical information. If the City did not tell the truth about problems affecting businesses and potential residences, no one would want to come to St. Helens.

- ◆ Mike Fletcher and James Adkins, Columbia 911 Communications District. Presented via PowerPoint an overview of the District and its special option levy. Key highlights included the need for the levy and what it would pay for, how much the levy would cost, where the District's money came from, its 2023-2024 budget breakdown, and what would happen if the levy did not pass.
- He confirmed just the maintenance service contract on the radio system, which needed replaced, was approximately \$125,000 to \$150,000 per year. The District had been working on a plan to replace it, which would be a general bond ask and cost tens of millions.
- From his experiences working for non-special district 911 centers and how they decline to take over dispatch services from entities outside of their counties, he urged St. Helens to think long and hard before using Portland's or other 911 centers.
- A VoIP phone call made from Seattle could be routed to Columbia County 911, but 911 calls from a cell phone were routed based on the location of the cell tower, not the phone.

A newsletter about the District was available, and a flyer about the levy would be distributed.

Mayor Scholl said he supported the levy, as 911 was a life-saving service for St. Helens citizens and police and fire relationships with 911 went a long way. Being familiar with local roads helped.

Brady Preheim, member of the public, believed the presentation should have been an item on the agenda so that people could respond. Some of the information Mr. Fletcher provided was untrue compared to what he said on his KOHI show. The need for a levy was not an emergency.

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

### 1. **Employee Length of Service Recognition: Sergeant Jon Eggers - 25 Years**

Mayor Scholl presented a length of service award to Sergeant Jon Eggers, who had retired.

### 2. **Review Proposed Rates Increases for Waste Management Drop Box Services - *City Administrator John Walsh***

City Administrator Walsh reviewed rate increases for drop boxes, which were construction dumpsters, and how the annual increases were built into the franchise agreement. Based on the consumer price index (CPI), the full 1.5 percent increase was requested and had been incorporated into the rate schedule. Tonight's Regular Session would provide an opportunity for public comment on the increase.

### 3. **Request for Donation to Merchants' Toy N Joy Auction**

Mayor Scholl noted the merchants typically ask for water bill donations. City Administrator Walsh clarified it would be \$100 credit on the water bill.

Council discussed how many water bills should have the credit. Staff explained how the credit worked as a voucher for the silent auction. Council agreed the auction was a great cause and consented to do the credit on two water bills like last year.

### 4. **Update on Waterfront Redevelopment Project - *Public Works Director Mouhamad Zaher***

Public Works Director Zaher and Engineering Manager Darroux presented via PowerPoint the monthly project update. Key highlights included project progress, innovative solutions for on-site challenges, cost savings of \$712,000 accomplished so far, and the project schedule for the next month or so.

Comments from Council regarded the basalt facing on intersection planters, intersection seating, the public outreach, the forethought that went into the project, and the lift station across from Crooked Creek Brewery.

Questions from Council were addressed as follows:

- Staff was unaware of recent vandalism to lights along the river walkway as had been reported to Council and would connect with contractor MEI about the reports.
- Staff checked concrete work before and after pouring. If not done to the City's standards, the contractor had to make any corrections and pay for the fix.
- Even with the new streetscape's bump-outs and planters, there would be a net increase in parking, which would all be diagonal, head-in parking on Strand.
- All the planters would include irrigation, and everything already built was well irrigated.

Councilor Sundeen acknowledged the frustration for businesses affected by contractors correcting mistakes, such as messing up parking, etc. Even if the City did not pay for the redos, other people were paying in other ways.

### **5. Discussion Regarding Directional Signage on Columbia River Highway**

Dave Lauridsen, Crooked Creek Brewery, explained applying through the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for directional signage on Highway 30 for his business. Requirements included a follow-up sign because downtown was a couple miles off the highway. The follow-up sign would be on City property, and the City denied approval primarily because Crooked Creek was designated as a restaurant on the business license, not a brewery. Approval would also set a precedent. The City already had follow-up signs in the same place ODOT had requested, such as for the marina, although ODOT had confirmed the location for the follow-up sign was flexible. He proposed the City adopt a policy aligned with ODOT's policy.

Mayor Scholl agreed it made no sense not to invite people off the highway to downtown, and such signs were an opportunity for tourism or the museum. Many people who had traveled through St. Helens numerous times were unaware of the downtown until it was pointed out to them.

Questions from the Council were addressed as follows:

- The main issue was the City had no policy in place for such signs to address maintenance, the cost such as for installation, locations, etc. Especially in light of specific downtown and corridor signage in master plans and the Riverfront Connector Plan, the City would want to have a clear policy and not use the skeleton policy in place allowing brewery districts, etc.
- The signs were described in how they differ from wayfinding signs.
- ODOT had said Crooked Creek was a brewery, which was reflected in multiple licenses at federal and state levels.

Mayor Scholl recommended finding policies used by similarly sized cities to draft one for St. Helens.

Wela Negelspach, Columbia Economic Team (CET), reported talking with Council President Chilton and staff about using available Travel Oregon funding to help pay for signage pointing the way to the Waterfront. The funding had to be spent by June 30, 2025.

Mayor Scholl asked if CET could work with Associate Planner Dimsho and Engineering Manager Darroux. City Attorney Wigod agreed having a clear policy in place was important and that it was a good idea to look at what other jurisdictions did. Supporting the businesses was important.

Mr. Lauridsen suggested the City implement a fee with the policy to cover costs.

Council and staff discussed if a draft policy could be brought back to a November meeting. Staff confirmed a policy would be an ordinance requiring public input and could bring a draft back by December. Council

will have a directional meeting for the policy between November 11 and 15. It was clarified the proposed policy would address the tourist-oriented directional sign, a secondary sign to the ODOT sign.

#### **6. Assignment of Voting Delegate and Alternate for LOC Business Meeting**

Council discussed who the delegate was last year and when the LOC Business meeting would be held. Following discussion, Councilor Sundeen would be the Voting Delegate and Mayor Scholl, the Alternate.

Mayor Scholl noted the LOC meeting would conflict with Council's October 16 meeting and recommended the meeting be canceled unless a vote was needed. He directed staff to explain to the public why the meeting was canceled.

#### **7. Report from City Administrator John Walsh**

City Administrator Walsh presented his report, which included a review of the regular session agenda items and updates on the following key topics:

- Waterfront redevelopment
- Congratulations to Deputy City Recorder Lisa Scholl on receiving Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders (OAMR) President's Award of Distinction. Other staff award recipients were acknowledged as well as their involvement with professional organizations
- Spirit of Halloweentown was underway with Treadway at the helm.
- A timber harvest proposal was received. Timber prices were up approximately 10%, and staff was directed to prepare the bid documents. The benefits of the City selling on a stumpage basis were discussed.
- The City was proceeding with due diligence on the police station's new location.
- The Millard Road earnest money had been deposited.
- Work continued on broadband opportunities with Strategic Networks Groups, a private investor, the County, and PUD Board.
- Project Arcadia
- The creation of a PGE substation parcel with a 50-megawatt transformer
- Riverwalk project
- A developer's interest in a block of Waterfront property for mixed-use with \$15 million potential investment

Council discussed how the transformer should be sufficient unless the City got a data center or similar that would use a lot of power.

Library Director Bishop reported the Library Foundation Board was looking for tenants for the Columbia Learning Center space vacated by Columbia Pacific Economic Development District and proposed the City lease the space for approximately \$900 to \$950 a month and use it to expand the Makerspace. The Board sought a long-term lease and was willing to negotiate the rate. The space did connect to the current Makerspace.

Council requested a price and what and how the space would serve. The City would own the building in 2035, but until then the Foundation owned it.

Council discussed a good time for a strategic planning exercise to be facilitated by a third party. December was suggested as a good month.

**ADJOURN – 4:14 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

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Kathy Payne, City Recorder

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Rick Scholl, Mayor



# COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, October 02, 2024

## DRAFT MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder  
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder  
Suzanne Bishop, Library Director

### OTHERS

Patrick Birkle	Jennifer Massey	Jim Coleman
B	Arthur	Antonia Doggett
Mercedes Massey	Jenni Gilbert	Brady Preheim
Nick Hellmich	Keith Meeuwssen	Adam St. Pierre

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- ◆ Patrick Birkle. He was elated with how this year's Spirit of Halloweentown was going and described the positive aspects of the event. He commended Council for following through with a difficult process in transitioning to events contractor Treadway. He had heard positive comments about the event from businesses and residents.
- ◆ Mercedes Massey. Described her disappointment in Mayor Scholl's response to her comments at the last Council meeting regarding inaccuracies about police support and staffing numbers, and noted the recent OSHA fine the City received for the police station. She provided examples of how Council's statements of support for the police force were inconsistent with its actions. A public apology from Mayor Scholl was warranted.
- ◆ Jenni Gilbert. Spoke about how the loss of the city's 24-hour police coverage endangered citizens and police officers. Council did not keep its promises a year ago to listen to the Police Association, as well as law enforcement, their families and citizens to correct the matter. She asked that Council make good on the recommendations and agreements the Budget Committee outlined for funding the police department. No option remained other than to implement the \$25 Public Service fee. She now fully agreed with the Police Association's vote of no confidence in the Mayor and City Administrator and explained why City Administrator Walsh should resign or be removed

and why Mayor Scholl should not be seeking reelection. She chided Council for jeopardizing the safety of its citizens and the City's police force.

- ◆ Toni Doggett. Did not believe anyone wanted to put the city in danger and disagreed with attacks on City Administrator Walsh, which reflected poorly on mayoral candidates. Prior concerns she had brought to Council were addressed with a good outcome, but it did take a long time, which was how government worked. City employees were not fair game to score political points. Candidates should be kinder as they may have to work with staff in the future. She believed the City was doing its best under current circumstances.
- ◆ Brady Preheim. Agreed with Ms. Doggett's comments and urged Council to do more to stop the attacks on City Administrator Walsh. He disagreed with the process regarding the transfer of the K-9 officer to the County, noting Council should have voted before the dog was transferred, and questioned the City's need to license the boat which was the responsibility of the tourism director. The person who called for Mayor Scholl's resignation and held a vote of no confidence was fired for lying and that created the police's staff shortage, not Mayor Scholl. Spirit of Halloweentown was not going well, and the City would lose money by the end of the month. He believed the plan was to make Tourism look unprofitable as an excuse to get rid of it.
- ◆ Adam St. Pierre. Noted comments made by City Administrator Walsh during the work session about Spirit of Halloweentown, reported rumors of Spirit of Halloweentown assets vandalized, unused, and unavailable to the new contractor, and suggested having City Administrator Walsh in charge could be an ethics issue. Many business owners, managers, and employees said they were happier with Spirit of Halloweentown this year than in the past, noting no difference in revenue the first week compared to previous years.
- ◆ Nick Hellmich. Liked the Spirit of Halloweentown setup in the main strip of the road better this year. He did not like people hoping the event to fail. Project Arcadia's tax base would hopefully make up for the City's budget deficit. He would probably start a Neighborhood Watch in his area and encouraged citizens who felt unsafe in their homes to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

## RESOLUTIONS

### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT - Increase in Drop Box Rates

No comments.

**Resolution No. 2028:** A Resolution Establishing Drop Box Rates and Superseding Resolution No. 1992

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Councilor Hubbard to adopt Resolution No. 2028. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

### 2. Resolution No. 2029: A Resolution Authorizing City Administrator John Walsh and City Finance Director Gloria Butsch to Establish an Events Credit Card Account

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Council President Chilton to adopt Resolution No. 2029. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

### 3. Resolution No. 2030: A Resolution of the St. Helens City Council, Establishing the City Employee Compensation Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, Superseding all other Resolutions



**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Councilor Sundeen to adopt Resolution No. 2030. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

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

4. [RATIFY] Agreement with Steve Todd for Pro Tem Judicial Services
5. Agreement with Professional Mariner Services, LLC for Consultant Services to Obtain all Requirements for Lawful Operation of the City's Vessel
6. Second Amendment to Contract with Moore Excavation, Inc. Extending their Contract Time to December 31, 2024 for S. 1st Street - St. Helens Street Intersection Improvements, R-685
7. First Amendment to Contract with Moore Excavation, Inc. Extending their Contract Time to December 31, 2024 for S. 1st Street - Strand Street Road and Utilities Extension Project, P-525
8. First Amendment to Contract with Moore Excavation, Inc. Extending their Contract Time to December 31, 2024 for Undergrounding the Electrical Services on the S. 1st Street - Strand Street Road and Utilities Extension Project, M-532
9. Amendment to Agreement with Steven Leskin for Legal Defense Services
10. Amendment to Agreement with Steve Sharfstein for Legal Defense Services

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '4' through '10' above.

City Administrator Walsh clarified that the City did not already have the scope of work in-house for item five above, Mariner Services. The bill of sale was being sought from the builder. The City had the title, but Mariner Services needed hired, as the work was more complicated because the Coast Guard changed the way the boat, a documented, inspected US Coast Guard vessel could be licensed, which is an annual process. While Treadway had no immediate plans to use the boat, it was less work to keep the boat in good standing rather than letting the certifications lapse.

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

#### **APPOINTMENT TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

11. Appoint Jay Echternach to Library Board

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Councilor Hubbard to approve '11' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

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

12. Library Board Minutes dated August 12, 2024
13. Planning Commission Minutes dated August 13, 2024
14. Parks & Trails Commission Minutes dated August 12, 2024

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Councilor Sundeen to approve '12' through '14' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

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

15. City Council Minutes dated June 19, July 16, and August 27, 2024
16. OLCC Licenses
17. Declare Surplus Property - Police K-9 Jax
18. Change Newspaper of Record from Columbia County Chronicle & Chief to the Columbia County Spotlight
19. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Sundeen to approve '15' through '19' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

### **WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Toy N Joy**

2 - \$100 donations

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to donate two \$100 utility bill vouchers to Toy N Joy. **Vote:** Voting Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

#### **Timber Sale**

Mayor Scholl explained as timber prices had increased 10%, Council was ready to move forward with an invitation to bid on the timber cut.

**Motion:** Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Council President Chilton to authorize the invitation to bid on the timber cut. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Hubbard, Councilor Sundeen

### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Council President Chilton** described the importance of addressing police staffing issues and requested that Councilors make action items regarding how to change the hiring and funding processes for police in the event of an officer's retirement or injury so there was no lapse in coverage. The police force had ideas, but funding is needed for an updated staffing study, which was last done in 2011

**Councilors Gundersen** and **Sundeen**, and **Mayor Scholl** agreed to add the item to the agenda. Council needed to discuss with the Police Chief why the department was unable to recruit to fill the four available positions.

**Councilor Sundeen** explained the City did not have a canine handler for K-9 Jax, and the County, which housed the dog temporarily, wanted to keep Jax, who could continue to be used by St. Helens Police when needed. He reported on upcoming and recently attended meetings and noted the upcoming Nob Hill Park clean-up. He reported on this year's Spirit of Halloweentown event so far and how pleased he was with Treadway. He thanked those who volunteered to make sure Spirit of Halloweentown endured into the future.

**Councilor Gundersen** described Treadway's need for volunteers and provided details on the Columbia Learning Center's space available for rent, noting Council should consider making it an action item to look at leasing and then subleasing the space. The library aspired to increase the Makerspace to accommodate fiber arts. He reported on attending Spirit of Halloweentown, which he thought was great.

**Councilor Hubbard** said Treadway was doing a great job with what it had to work with, noting the contractor was professional and organized. Shop owners had positive feedback, people were happy, and City employees were relieved to not be yelled at when bringing assets to Treadway. He would like Chief Greenway to attend Council meetings to answer questions.

### **MAYOR SCHOLL REPORTS**

**Mayor Scholl** reminded the City ran on a three-to-five vote, and as Mayor, his powers were limited to one vote. Legally, communication amongst the Council could only occur at the dais, so mayoral candidates claiming they could get things done without communicating from the dais were living a fairytale. He was pleased with the progress and momentum of the Waterfront project. The "I Dig St. Helens" campaign was underway at downtown businesses, which he described. He agreed City Administrator Walsh did not deserve hostile comments, which were being made for political purposes.

He had not heard about the police officer working a 20-hour shift and looked forward finding out what was going on. While open dialogue was allowed when visitors spoke during Visitor Comments in regular Council meetings and work sessions, the Mayor’s report was not an open dialogue. During his last report he was interrupted and disrespected. He owed no one an apology; he was owed one. No one should interrupt a person’s time to speak. He loved St. Helens and the progress the community was making. The October 16 Council meetings were cancelled because Council would attend the League of Oregon City Conference, which he described.

**Mayor Scholl** and **Councilor Sundeen** thanked Sergeant Jon Eggers for his 25 years of service to the St. Helens community.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN – 8:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

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Kathy Payne, City Recorder

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Rick Scholl, Mayor



# **COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION**

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

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## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **STAFF**

John Walsh, City Administrator  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder  
Matthew Kahl, Contracted City Attorney  
Chris Dolan, Contracted City Attorney

### **OTHERS**

Brady Preheim  
KOHI Representative

### **CALL SPECIAL SESSION TO ORDER – 5:01 p.m.**

City Recorder Kathy Payne reported that KOHI/Odd Friday is in the attendee room. An application was submitted this morning from Brady Preheim, representing Odd Friday, to attend the Executive Session. It was sent to the City Attorney for review and sent to KOHI Editor and Owner Marty Rowe for confirmation but a response has not been received yet. Mayor Scholl said Brady will need to leave the meeting since his application was not submitted in time for processing.

Attorney Matthew Kahl reviewed the request from Brady. Their office recommended City staff obtain a letter on KOHI letterhead confirming Brady is a representative of their media.

Mayor Scholl declared that Brady has a known relationship with the other side of their mediation. The City is at risk allowing him to listen. Council President Chilton added that it's not in the City's best interest for Brady to participate until they have all the necessary documentation. Councilors Gundersen and Hubbard agreed.

Kahl went on to review the City's media policy. The City can require documentation to demonstrate they are representatives of the news media. Attorney Chris Dolan added that the City has the right to protect the integrity of the executive session function, which includes verifying applicants are indeed media representatives. He sees no problem denying access if the person has not provided necessary documentation. He is concerned about inconsistency between the policy and application.

Mayor Scholl requested Brady exit the Zoom room. An additional KOHI representative joined, both of whom were removed from the meeting.

### **RECESS SPECIAL SESSION – 5:10 p.m.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Consult with Legal Counsel & Potential/Pending Litigation, under ORS 192.660(2)(h)

**RESUME SPECIAL SESSION – 5:48 p.m.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURN – 5:48 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

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Kathy Payne, City Recorder

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Rick Scholl, Mayor

# City of St. Helens CITY COUNCIL

Executive Session Summary

October 30, 2024

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*Meeting was held via Zoom only.*

**Members Present:** Rick Scholl, 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:** Matthew Kahl, City Attorney with Jordan Ramis PC  
Chris Dolan, City Attorney with Jordan Ramis PC



At 5:11 p.m., Mayor Scholl 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.

- **Consult with Legal Counsel & Potential/Pending Litigation, under ORS 192.660(2)(h)**
  - Discussion regarding an upcoming mediation and provide direction to staff and legal counsel

The Executive Session was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.



ATTEST:

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Kathy Payne, City Recorder

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Rick Scholl, Mayor

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