

City of St. Helens

Consent Agenda for Approval

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Presented for approval on this 20th day of October, 2021 are the following Council minutes:

2021

- Planning Commission & City Council Joint Meeting dated September 22, 2021
- Work Session, Executive Session, Public Hearing, and Regular Session Minutes dated October 6, 2021

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PLANNING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Members Present: Mayor Scholl
Council President Morten
Councilor Birkle
Councilor Topaz
Councilor Chilton

Vice Chair Hubbard
Commissioner Webster
Commissioner Semling
Commissioner Lawrence
Commissioner Pugsley

Members Absent: Commissioner Cavanaugh
Chair Dan Cary

Staff Present: City Administrator Walsh
Government Affairs Barry
City Planner Graichen
Associate Planner Dimsho
Community Development Admin Assistant Sullivan

Others: None

This meeting was held in the Council Chambers.

Presentation and handout materials were distributed. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting. At 5:33 p.m., Mayor Rick Scholl opened the Joint Planning Commission and City Council Meeting.

The Council and Planning Commission discussed what they hoped to see in their city in the next five years.

Councilor Morten

- Shared Vision

Commissioner Webster

- Master Developer
- Increased Parking

Councilor Chilton

- Public Safety

Councilor Topaz

- Open Communication
- More Proactivity
- Environmental Challenges
- Working Waterfront

Commissioner Semling

- Safe Pedestrian Passage
- Improve Infrastructure

Commissioner Pugsley

- Historic Preservation

Mayor Scholl

- Vibrant Riverfront
- Storefront Restoration

Councilor Birkle

- Heritage Tourism
- Transportation Options
- Regional Resiliency

The roles of Council and Commission were discussed. Government Affairs Specialist Rachael Barry reviewed the definition of each and how they complement each other. She asked each of the participants to choose their favorite role or responsibility.

City Planner Jacob Graichen shared two previous decisions involving determining residential zoning, one where the Commission and Council disagreed about the decision and one where the groups agreed. He noted that both of these decisions predate the city's adoption of its Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) in 2019 and that future decisions will need to include HNA findings. We have not had a controversial residential zoning decision since adoption of the HNA, so these waters are yet untested.

Graichen discussed some different options with the two groups about the next phase of housing amendments. There was no direct opposition to his suggestions.

Associate Planner Jenny Dimsho presented information and status updates on future public projects happening and shared the timelines with the two groups. There was a small discussion about the different public projects happening, including the Riverfront Redevelopment and the Public Safety Facility Project.

*There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,*

*Christina Sullivan
Community Development Administrative Assistant*

Rick Scholl, Mayor

Russell Hubbard, Vice Chair



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Wednesday, October 06, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Patrick Birkle
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz
Councilor Jessica Chilton

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Deputy City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder
Mouhamad Zaher, Public Works Director
Brian Greenway, Police Chief
Joe Hogue, Police Lieutenant

Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Gretchen Kolderup, Youth Librarian
Crystal King, Communications Officer
Dylan Gaston, Police Officer
Matt Smith, Police Corporal
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator
Bill Monahan, City Attorney

OTHERS

Richard Mason
Claire Catt
Howard

CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER – 1:00 p.m.

VISITOR COMMENTS - *Limited to five (5) minutes per speaker*

No visitor comments.

DISCUSSION TOPICS - *The Council will take a break around 3:00 p.m.*

1. Police Department Semi-Annual Report - *Chief Brian Greenway*

Chief Brian Greenway and Lieutenant Joe Hogue reviewed their PowerPoint presentation. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting.

- Sand Island and Dock Enforcement
 - Discontinue law enforcement response over water until training and equipment is in place.

Mayor Scholl suggested hiring a part-time retired officer to be on-call for water enforcement. Hogue pointed out that they still need backup officers trained. Council President Morten suggested a partnership with Columbia River Fire & Rescue for rescues.

Mayor Scholl talked about Columbia County being responsible to respond. Residents pay for that service in taxes. Can they communicate with Columbia 911 for the County to respond? Greenway responded that they have already communicated that, but they can't control whether or not the County responds. Corporal Dustin King is a certified State Marine Board Water Rescue Instructor. He will be training the officers. This is at the direction of the City's insurance provider, CIS. The river is dangerous, and training is vital.

Councilor Chilton suggested they ask the County for assistance until they are trained. Greenway requested Council ask for that assistance. Mayor Scholl will talk to the County Commissioners and Sheriff Pixley.

Greenway pointed out that their goal is to protect the community. They have to take the time to train properly to keep officers safe.

- Reviewed the cost of equipment
- K9 Officer Ryder will retire in summer 2022. Approximately \$25,000 for replacement.
- Detective investigations have increased
- Patrol calls have increased
- No longer providing Student Resource Officers (SROs). Officers still attend events and are available for calls.
- Public Safety Facility estimated completion is December 2023
- Six sworn officers are eligible to retire 2023
- Recommended staffing level of 27 sworn officers. Current is 20 sworn officers.
- Requesting to immediately hire one officer now to begin the training process. Walsh, Brown, and Greenway will discuss funding and bring a recommendation back to Council.

Mayor Scholl congratulated Hogue for his appointment to the FBI Board of Directors.

3. Discussion regarding status of Docks Kiosks - *City Administrator John Walsh*

City Administrator Walsh talked about the problems occurring at the docks and waterways.

- Boaters overstaying the 72-hour limit
- Living in boats tied to pilings
- Commercial equipment tied to the docks

Walsh has been talking to other communities and researching solutions. Recognizing the problem, the State Marine Board now allows the City to create a reservation system and charge a rate. He is requesting Council authorization to:

1. Move forward with the cost of a kiosk. It takes 10-12 weeks to build and is approximately \$10,000.
2. Create an ad-hoc committee to investigate if there should be a fee, what is the rate, etc. He suggests a couple council members, Marine Board staff, Richard Mason, Toni Doggett, etc. Greenway suggested Attorney Sam Erskine be involved in the ad-hoc committee.

Walsh spoke with Tyee Yacht Club when they were here last week, and they were in favor paying if it takes away the problem boats.

Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, and Councilor Topaz all volunteered to serve on the ad-hoc committee. They will rotate attendance to avoid a quorum.

2. Review Scope of Services & Fee Proposal from Mackenzie for New Public Safety Facility - *Assistant City Administrator Matt Brown*

Brown reviewed the proposal. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting. Mackenzie proposes 13 weeks to do the following:

- Schematic design
- Design development
- Construction documents
- Permitting
- Bid assistance
- Construction contract administration

Councilor Topaz expressed a concern that a member of Council does not appear to be overseeing the process. Councilor Chilton pointed out that she has been attending meetings. Brown added that Walsh

and Mayor Scholl have also been in attendance. Councilor Topaz wants to see a formal designation for a Council liaison in the contract. Brown said that would be Councilor Chilton as the Police liaison.

Councilor Chilton said she did not see anything about public engagement in the contract. Brown responded that it will be included throughout the process leading up to the build.

Councilor Birkle asked who is included in the client stake-holder group. Brown said it's typically the City. That would normally include Councilor Chilton, Greenway, Walsh, himself, and whoever else is designated by the City. Councilor Birkle would like it to be more specific in the contract. It could even include people who were originally involved in the review. Brown said they do need to be cautious with discussing parts of the building.

Brown talked about the proposed Public Safety Facility being largely modeled by the new Oregon City facility. He would like to coordinate a time for the Council to view their facility and talk to their police chief.

Brown reviewed the items on tonight's agenda related to the Public Safety Facility.

4. Review Items for New Library Makerspace - *Library Director Margaret Jeffries*

Library Director Margaret Jeffries reviewed her report. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting. She is requesting approval of:

- Library Technician I (Makerspace Specialist) Job Description
- Makerspace Policy
- Makerspace Liability Waiver
- Library Fee Schedule with reference to Makerspace fees added

Councilor Topaz pointed out that this is the most progressive Makerspace in the State. He gave kudos to the Library staff.

An open house for the Makerspace will be held on Saturday, 10 a.m. – noon.

5. Strategic Action Plan Updates

No updates.

6. City Administrator Report - *John Walsh*

- Reviewed items on tonight's agenda
- Consensus of Council to move forward on the dock pay kiosk
- Public hearings for the sale of two properties tonight
- Attending the ICMA conference this week virtually. Good discussion about community values and the importance of creating a good, functional culture. St. Helens has done a lot of good things.
- Main Street is doing well. Will be hiring a support person that will work off-site.
- Community survey available on website. Please share and encourage people to complete.
- Industrial Park moving along
- Geotech work in Columbia View Park
- Riverwalk design moving along nicely. The advisory group is meeting regularly.
- First Street moving along well
- Central Waterfront project conversations with agencies. Looking at opportunities to advance that project.
- Spirit of Halloweentown has been well attended

Councilor Chilton asked about the timber sale. Walsh responded that they are harvesting now and have up to two years to complete it.

Mayor Scholl agreed that they have a great culture. He thanked Walsh for all of his work. Walsh appreciates it and added that it is a team effort.

ADJOURN – 2:42 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

Rick Scholl, Mayor

City of St. Helens

CITY COUNCIL

Executive Session Summary

October 6, 2021

Members Present: Rick Scholl, Mayor
Doug Morten, Council President
Patrick Birkle, Councilor
Stephen R. Topaz, Councilor
Jessica Chilton, Councilor

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Assistant City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
William Monahan, City Attorney

Others: None



At 2:55 p.m., Mayor Scholl opened the Executive Session pursuant to the ORS numbers listed below and then gave Council roll call. Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. 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)**
 - Discussion regarding status of City-owned property off S. 12th Street
 - Update on potential purchase of property on Deer Island Road adjacent to the City Shops
- **Consult with Counsel/Potential Litigation, under ORS 192.660(2)(h)**
 - Update on Cascades Tissue litigation

The Executive Session was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

Rick Scholl, Mayor



COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

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Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Patrick Birkle
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz
Councilor Jessica Chilton

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Matt Brown, Deputy City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Joe Hogue, Police Lieutenant
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

OTHERS

Jane Garcia
Howard Blumenthal
Art Leskovich
Claire Catt

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 p.m.

TOPIC

1. Sale of the following City-owned properties:

Tax Account No. 28892
Map No. 4N1W04-DD-04305
Block 100, Lot 6, St. Helens
5,800 square foot lot
Located on S. 12th Street

Tax Account No. 28878
Map No. 4N1W04-DA-01200
Block 83, Lot 4, St. Helens
11,600 square foot lot
Located on S. 10th Street

2. Public Comments

Councilor Topaz wants to stop the process. On September 15, the property was sold and signed by Mayor Scholl. Are they selling the property again? According to ORS, this was the first public announcement that the property was for sale. City Administrator Walsh explained that they authorized the sale of the property at the previous meeting. This follows-up with one of the requirements.

Councilor Topaz wants a legal definition and to know if it's being sold a second time. Walsh responded that the property has not transacted.

Councilor Topaz recalled that this was discussed several months ago, and Habitat for Humanity inquired about selling it to them at a reduced price. He voted nay to sell it on September 15th, but the rest of the Council was in favor. Since he did not have the exact ORS, the mayor said it meant nothing. There appears to be a problem with timing.

Walsh explained that the attorney recognized the error and made the correction.

Mayor Scholl asked Councilor Topaz why he didn't ask the City Attorney these questions when he was present this afternoon. Councilor Topaz responded that he did ask other attorneys but has a problem with the City's attorney since it was misinterpreted to keep the City moving. He wants to follow the specific timing of the ORS.

Mayor Scholl corrected Councilor Topaz's statement earlier. Staff reached out to two nonprofits to see if there was any interest, and they received a ridiculous offer. Councilor Topaz is just trying to make them all look bad and it's frustrating. They are trying to move the City forward.

Councilor Birkle reviewed the discussion from the September 15th meeting. After that meeting, Walsh consulted with legal counsel and was presented with a solution to move forward. Public notice was given, and they are holding a public hearing now.

No public comments received.

Councilor Topaz does not want it on the market until they complete the process.

Mayor Scholl explained that the property has not been sold. The resolution on September 15th authorized the sale of the property. A mistake was made, and they are moving forward with the correct process.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

Rick Scholl, Mayor



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, October 06, 2021

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Councilor Patrick Birkle
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz
Councilor Jessica Chilton

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Mouhamad Zaher, Public Works Director
Joe Hogue, Police Lieutenant
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

OTHERS

Brady Preheim	Claire Catt
Jane Garcia	Caroline Skinner
Howard Blumenthal	Lynne Pettit
Art Leskovich	

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Scholl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Chilton read the Council's mantra.

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

- ◆ Howard Blumenthal. He apologized to City staff for getting upset about the Spirit of Halloweentown event at Nob Hill Nature Park. He quoted excerpts from the Parks & Trails Master Plan. A copy of his submittal is included in the archive packet for this meeting. [A copy of the Master Plan can also be found by going to <https://www.sthelensoregon.gov/parksrec> and then click on the link under Supporting Documents at the bottom of the page.]
 - Definition of nature parks – page 41
 - Nob Hill Nature Park Kiosk – page 26
 - Friends of Nob Hill Nature Park – page 86
 - Local involvement – page 146

He and Caroline have been park stewards for over 15 years. He never expected the City to use one of the best nature parks for a large event without consulting the 'Friends of' group first. It is being used over 45 days, seven weekends, with 50-100 people per hour, which is over 750 people per weekend. Around 5,000 people will go through the park over the course of the event. It is creating years of wear and tear on the park. Plants are trampled, screws are in the trees, and

there is fake sound and fake ivy. It has driven away all the locals during a beautiful time of year. He thanked the Council for allowing his group to help manage the park maintenance over the years to make it such a special nature park.

- ◆ Brady Preheim. The same subjects seem to come up at every meeting, such as tourism, and not much is done to stop it from happening. How many times will the Council allow Councilor Topaz to talk about the supposed illegal grow operation? He has already cost the City over \$1 million in revenue lost from the property sale and legal fees. Is there nothing they can do to keep him from making false verbal statements? Why is he allowed to operate a business without a business license? Why has his property not been cited as a public nuisance? Why is he allowed to live in a commercial building? Unfortunately, he is not the only violator. The Council at least censored Councilor Topaz for lying and creating disorder. What have they done to Councilor Chilton for lying to the Council and creating a hostile work environment for City contractors? They should hold each other to a higher standard. They are constantly violating their mantra. Councilor Chilton has been very disrespectful to Mayor Scholl and Council President Morten, and then complains when they same things are done to her. Around six weeks ago, Councilor Chilton said something was being done about the boats on the waterfront. Since that time, another boat and a motorhome have shown up. On a positive note, Spirit of Halloweentown has been very successful over the last two weekends. He attended two pizza parties with Sophie. People attended from the United Kingdom, Arizona, Pennsylvania, and other various states. Besides himself, everyone was out of town, which is what tourism is all about. The Plaza was full of happy people and happy children. Many of the vendors sold out of their product on Saturday and couldn't return on Sunday. Tourism does not use any taxpayer revenue, generates millions in revenue for the City and businesses, but it's what the City focuses on. He would like to know about the money spent by Public Works to remodel the Recreation Center that didn't need anything done. Why is it that Councilor Topaz is worried about tourism but not that money?
- ◆ Tina Curry. Spirit of Halloweentown update:
 - Bringing in a bigger boat to accommodate the number of people wanting to go to Sand Island for the events. The Reliant is a 60-foot boat that will be parked on the outer dock.
 - Received a 4.5 out 5 rating for the new online content management cards.
 - Vendors and merchants are reporting record sales.
 - The Dark Market is doing really well. They are able to stay in the black with their costs versus expenses.
 - The Haunted Hot Road and Rally is taking place two weeks from now. Does the City want to bring the old green truck down to participate? Mayor Scholl volunteered to drive it down and then return it. He just needs to verify with the mechanics that it's running.
 - Everything seems to be going really well.
 - Volunteers are proactive.
 - The Police Department has been helpful.
- ◆ Art Leskowich. He listened to the previous session. He has concerns about process and communication. There should have been communication with the Parks & Trails Commission and the Friends of Nob Hill Nature Park prior to using the park for Spirit of Halloweentown activities. He referenced a newspaper editorial about the water storage tank. It was alleged that the City was unable to fix the tank after numerous attempts. He recalls hearing about this over a year ago and assumed the contractor was held liable for making the repairs. Hopefully, someone can give an update about that project. He reviewed the RFQ for the industrial property. Wetlands and a former landfill were identified. It included an environmental indemnity from Boise. It did not

mention the contamination in the river. It is not always open and transparent. Contracts need to be enforceable and protect the City. Referring to the Business License Report in today's work session packet, Ison Transportation, Inc. was issued a Business License in September. They are the company that illegally moored the dredge tugboats. There is a sunken sailboat in front of the Boise terminal dock. The City says they cannot do anything about it but has paid him \$3,700 to perform dock work. It does not seem like a good way to do business.

- ◆ Caroline Skinner. Thanked the Council for the opportunity to participate via Zoom. She and Howard have lead volunteer work parties twice a year at Nob Hill Nature Park since 2004. As park stewards, she and Howard do not think they have a special claim to the park. But as park founders and active volunteers, they care about it and appreciate the opportunity to comment. They want the City to be able to honestly say that no trees were harmed for the event. Using Nob Hill Nature Park during Spirit of Halloweentown for the first time could have been handled with more sensitivity, such as presenting the proposal to the Parks & Trails Commission. The City could have something really special if they would consult their stakeholders and use a green ethic in their plans. They are asking for the use of only biodegradable materials to hang the decorations, and to not use metal, screws, nails, wires, etc. on the trees. She asked the Council to help protect the City's native oak trees in a nature park. Green tourism and eco-tourism are very real.

PROCLAMATION

1. National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month 2021

Mayor Scholl read the proclamation into the record.

National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month October 2021

WHEREAS, there are 1.3 million individuals living in 15,600 nursing homes; and over 800,000 individuals living in 28,900 assisted living/residential care facilities in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 90 individuals living in one (1) nursing home and approximately 150 individuals living in four (4) assisted living/residential care facilities in St. Helens; and

WHEREAS, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and

WHEREAS, all residents should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, we wish to honor and celebrate these citizens, to recognize their rich individuality, and to affirm their right to vote and participate politically, including the right to have a say in their care; and

WHEREAS, individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme – "Reclaiming My Rights, My Home, My Life" – to highlight the need for residents' rights to be recognized, recovered, and reasserted. The theme emphasizes the recognition of the long-term care facility as the residents' home, and the importance of residents reclaiming their own lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scholl, Mayor of the City of St. Helens, do recognize the month of **October 2021** as **National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month** in the City of St. Helens, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Chilton and seconded by Council President Morten to amend the agenda to include Resolution Nos. 1934 and 1935. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton

Mayor Scholl clarified that this corrects the order per Councilor Topaz's research.

Resolution No. 1934: A Resolution of the City Council of St. Helens, Oregon Declaring City Owned Property at S. 12th Street, Tax ID 28892, as Surplus and Authorizing Sale of the Property

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1934 by title. **Motion:** Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Chilton to adopt Resolution No. 1934. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton

Resolution No. 1935: A Resolution of the City Council of St. Helens, Oregon Declaring City Owned Property at S. 10th Street, Tax ID 28878, Lot 5, Block 83 as Surplus and Authorizing Sale of the Property

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1935 by title. **Motion:** Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Chilton to adopt Resolution No. 1935. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton

2. **Resolution No. 1936:** A Resolution Authorizing Application and a Designated Agent for the Application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1936 by title. **Motion:** Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Topaz to adopt Resolution No. 1936. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, and Councilor Chilton

3. **Resolution No. 1937:** A Resolution Adopting a Universal Fee Schedule, and Superseding Resolution No. 1903

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1937 by title. **Motion:** Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Topaz to adopt Resolution No. 1937. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton

AWARD BID/CONTRACT

4. Mackenzie for Public Safety Facility Design-Build-Bid for \$1,798,795
5. 2021 Asphalt Patching Project to S-2 Contractors, Inc. for \$68,302.50

Motion: Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Chilton to approve '4' and '5' above.

Discussion.

Councilor Topaz reminded the Council about the earlier discussion to have a Council liaison for this project. Councilor Chilton clarified that it's for the Public Safety Facility. Mayor Scholl said that Councilor Chilton is the liaison to the Police Department. Walsh added that there will be frequent updates for the entire Council.

Vote: Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton

APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE

6. Amendment to Contract with CBM Systems, LLC for Janitorial Services
7. Agreement with Advantage JC Excavating LLC for Clean-up of Various Properties Inside City Limits
8. Agreement with Cozy Lawn Maintenance for Clean-up of Various Properties Inside City Limits
9. Contract Payments

Motion: Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Topaz to approve '6' through '9' above.

Discussion.

Councilor Chilton asked about the contracts for clean-up. Walsh explained that they are personal service agreements to use when Council authorizes a property to be cleaned up when the owner does not do it. Councilor Chilton requested a presentation about the process. Mayor Scholl said he would explain the process in more depth to her.

Vote: Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton

CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACCEPTANCE

10. Parks & Trails Commission Minutes dated August 9, 2021
11. Library Board Minutes dated August 9, 2021

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Topaz and seconded by Councilor Chilton to approve '10' and '11' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton

CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

12. Council Minutes dated September 1 and 15, 2021
13. Declare Surplus Property - Public Works Vehicle
14. Library Technician (Makerspace Specialist) Job Description
15. New Library Makerspace Policy
16. New Library Makerspace Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Waiver
17. Proposal from Wetland Solutions Northwest, LLC for Wetland Services at Future Public Safety Facility Property
18. Proposal from AKS for Surveying Services at Future Public Safety Facility Property
19. Proposal from Hart Crowser for Geotechnical Services at Future Public Safety Facility Property
20. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Topaz to approve '12' through '20' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton

WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS

Dock Ad-Hoc Committee

Mayor Scholl referred to the discussion during the work session. The ad-hoc committee will include the Marine Board, City staff, Council liaisons, and interested citizens. Walsh added that the Marine Board also advised them to include a member of the Columbia River Yachting Association.

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Chilton and seconded by Councilor Topaz to form an ad-hoc committee to oversee the docks and come to a resolution as discussed. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton

MAYOR SCHOLL REPORTS

- Met with Senator Merkley's new representative, Betsy Emery. He and Government Affairs Specialist Rachael Barry discussed current projects with Betsy and took her on a tour of the area. She represents six counties.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Morten reported...

- He appreciates the public comments made earlier. He did hear from others who were really concerned about what's going on in Nob Hill Nature Park. The Kiwanis volunteered to regulate

the groups going through the park. They informed him that people are being very respectful and staying on the trails. The Parks and Recreation Manager is aware and will report to the Parks and Trails Commission with concerns. He appreciates Howard bringing his concerns.

- They are getting a lot of comments about the docks. It was timely to get that moving today.

Councilor Topaz reported...

- Following up with Art's comments, there was an article in the Spotlight regarding the reservoir. It pointed out that the problems began in 2016. There were problems with the installation and groundwater infusion. It indicates that there is contamination in the drinking water. There were no responses from staff when they were asked. The EPA has a criminal investigation ongoing in response to water being dumped into the stream. An inspector was not on site the entire time work was being done. They don't know what kind of work was being done when he was not present.

Council President Morten asked who wrote the article. Councilor Topaz responded that it was Ron Trommlitz. He was in the water system business in the past. The water is leaking 80,000 gallons a day and there is no visible water coming out around the facility. They don't know where the water is going. A huge amount of chlorinated water is being dumped into the stream, which is upsetting the EPA. The epoxy and concrete are also being washed down the stream. This has been ongoing and ignored.

Mayor Scholl reminded Councilor Topaz that he has brought this up in the past. Mayor Scholl checked on it and EPA has never investigated it.

Councilor Chilton reported...

- Attended the Centennial Celebration for the Chamber building a few weeks ago. Had a really good time celebrating the history. Had a great conversation with Senator Betsy Johnson there.
- Had a good time visiting Spirit of Halloweentown with her kids a couple weeks ago.
- Moving forward with the plans for the docks and Sand Island to make sure they are safe.
- Shout out to the Police Department. She has received a lot of good feedback from the community about them.
- Parks and Recreation Manager Shanna Duggan was a great help to the softball teams.

Councilor Birkle reported...

- The 100-year celebration for the depot anniversary was exciting. It showed a potential for having more celebrations uptown. There was good feedback from the business owners.
- Attended the last Main Street meeting. He was very impressed by the enthusiasm shown by all the members.
- He also visited Spirit of Halloweentown. He enjoyed talking with and meeting folks. It's been interesting to hear where people are visiting from. He has also met people preparing to open new businesses in town.
- Exciting to see the Klondike open again.
- He appreciates the comments about Nob Hill Nature Park. The Whispers in the Woods attraction has been very successful. He encouraged communication in the future to include all groups. Howard cleared the leaves from the trails to make them more visible.

Council President Morten appreciated Councilor Birkle's report. When Boise closed, tourism rose to help build the economy. He acknowledged Tina Curry for her hard work. She is doing it for the community and not herself.

Mayor Scholl thanked Tina Curry for taking Spirit of Halloweentown to the next level. The Waterfront is a huge project for all citizens. He requested staff give an update about the Riverfront Corridor project, Gateway Corridor project, and Urban Renewal.

Councilor Topaz asked if there is a timeline for the Highway 30 construction. Mayor Scholl responded that he is not aware of one. That is a State project.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN – 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

Rick Scholl, Mayor