

# City of St. Helens

## Consent Agenda for Approval

### CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Presented for approval on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 are the following Council minutes:

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- Work Session and Regular Session Minutes dated June 1, 2022

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# COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Wednesday, June 01, 2022

## DRAFT MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl  
Council President Doug Morten  
Councilor Patrick Birkle – 1:06 p.m.  
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz  
Councilor Jessica Chilton

### STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder  
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder  
Jacob Graichen, City Planner  
Matt Brown, Finance Director  
Rachael Barry, Government Affairs Specialist

Suzanne Bishop, Incoming Library Director  
Brenda Herren-Kenaga, Interim Library Director  
Crystal King, Communications Officer  
Bill Monahan, City Attorney  
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

### OTHERS

Lynne Pettit                      Miriam  
Dan Davis                         Jeremy  
Richard Mason

### CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER – 1 p.m.

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

- ◆ Rich Mason, member of Responsible Boating Committee. The Code amendments will be reviewed later during the meeting. All the work done, will be for nothing if the Codes are not enforced. The existing ordinances were fine, but there was no enforcement by police due to lack of resources.

Mayor Scholl talked about having a Harbor Master to write tickets. Only some enforcement will need to be conducted by the police. The City's prosecutor helped write the Code amendments.

Rich thought there was discussion with the County about contract services with the Sheriff's Office. Councilor Chilton pointed out that it is on the agenda for discussion.

### DISCUSSION TOPICS

#### 1. **Annual Report from Library Board - Dan Davis, Chair**

Library Board Chair Dan Davis reviewed the Library Board report. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting. New Library Director Suzanne Bishop joined via Zoom.

Suzanne thanked Dan for the presentation. She is looking forward to starting on June 15. She thanked the Council and Budget Committee for supporting the Youth Librarian position. She looks forward to getting to know the community and staff.

Mayor Scholl invited Suzanne to attend the July 20 Council meeting for introductions.

Mayor Scholl thanked Dan for his service.

**2. Annual Report from Planning Commission - *Jacob***

City Planner Jacob Graichen reviewed the Planning Commission report. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting.

Councilor Chilton talked about the denial letter for structures on Industrial Way. Graichen said that is informational for the Council. It was a compliance issue and does not require action from Council. The denial is an important tool. Any further development can be tied with the denial and make sure any issues are resolved. It is not major, unless DEQ has a problem building on the landfill.

**3. Discussion regarding Central Waterfront Resiliency - *Rachael***

Government Affairs Manager Rachael Barry reported that they have been funded by FEMA under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to continue investigating the Central Waterfront site. There will be investigation of the containment berm, hazard analysis of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and sampling lagoon contents. It will be about an 18-month process. They have been working with Maul Foster and experts to determine the scope. There will also be conversations with DEQ and the Regional Solutions Team.

Councilor Topaz asked if any other agencies, other than Maul Foster, will look at it. They have been so involved in it that they may miss things. Barry said DEQ will review and provide reports. She can include Council in correspondence. City Administrator Walsh added that the work order is on tonight's agenda.

**4. Discussion regarding Sand Island Policing/Security - *John***

City Administrator John Walsh talked about the need for enforcement. It is a challenge for officers to get to the island. The enforcement approach proposed has a civil and criminal tract. The civil will be the camp host on site. The Harbor Master will be able to issue tickets and citations. They have had discussions with the Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol and our Police Department about providing necessary training and equipment. Corporal King will work with the Marine Patrol to create a training program.

Councilor Topaz said someone mentioned the City allowing the police to use the tourism boat. Walsh will leave that up to them. They do have an IGA with the County now to use their boat for arrests. Council President Morten talked about adding a cage to the boat to prevent people from attempting to go overboard. Mayor Scholl suggested putting a life jacket on them. Council President Morten agreed that life jackets make more sense. If people fall over or jump, they will float in a life jacket.

Councilor Chilton asked when trainings are expected to begin. Walsh said they are working on that right now. Sand Island is popular and needs to remain safe.

Councilor Topaz talked about legally arresting people. What happens to their boat left behind? Walsh responded that is part of the Code amendments being discussed next.

**5. Review Changes to the St. Helens Municipal Code regarding City Dock Use Regulations - *John***

Mayor Scholl reported that the proposed amendments have been vetted by the Responsible Boating Committee, Prosecutor Erskine, and Corporal King.

City Administrator Walsh reviewed the proposed amendments. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting.

Councilor Topaz asked what happens to abandoned vessels after someone is arrested. Mayor Scholl explained the process. Once a permit is invalid or it is abandoned boat, they would mark it, and then could move it after nine days. Councilor Chilton asked where the seized vessels will be placed. Walsh said they will go to a marine salvage location in Scappoose.

Mayor Scholl talked about the boat on Milton Way needing to be removed. Council concurred. Walsh said it is \$500 to be removed. He and Chief Greenway talked about creating a fund to cover future boat

towing. Councilor Topaz asked if the City is liable if anything is missing on the boat after they tow it. Mayor Scholl said no since it is in the right-of-way.

Discussion about fishing in designated areas on the docks. Mayor Scholl has fished on those docks since he was six. Now it is only allowed in designated areas per the State Marine Board.

Mayor Scholl talked about the Code amendments allowing the enforcement of disruptive or offensive behavior on the docks.

Councilor Chilton discussed enforcement. Officers will be trained to respond to Sand Island. Will that include the docks? Are they going to wait until they have a Harbor Master plan in place? What is the status of the kiosk? Walsh responded that the kiosk is fully functional. The signs need to be put up. The Harbor Master is planned to be a personal services agreement. Mayor Scholl suggested the Harbor Master wear official-looking clothing to show authority. Walsh anticipates that beginning within a month. Mayor Scholl...tie down

Councilor Topaz asked if fish stunners are used on the river. Mayor Scholl said they use bats. Councilor Topaz asked if that is considered a weapon. Scholl said no.

#### **6. Review Amended Finance Director Job Description - *John***

City Administrator Walsh reviewed the proposed amendments. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting.

Councilor Birkle asked how long the amendments have been under consideration. Walsh explained that the Assistant City Administrator position job description was updated, but not the Finance Director position. Councilor Birkle would like more time to review these things in advance. Packets are distributed late on Friday, which does not give a lot of time for review. He suggested making items available before they are added to the packet. Council President Morten said they could request additional time to review these things when it is time to vote on it at the regular session. It is important to be thorough. Mayor Scholl concurred with requesting more time to review items. Councilor Topaz agreed with the need for more time to review the packets in case you need to check with other agencies or businesses. Councilor Chilton talked about everything being very condensed on one day. Some of the things they are expected to read are very long.

Mayor Scholl requested packets be sent out by 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays. That would give them an extra business day to review and research the materials.

Councilor Chilton agreed with Councilor Birkle and wondered why they are changing the job description now. Walsh said it is normally reviewed for updates when people leave. City Recorder Payne added that the Finance Director job description updates did not come to Council when Brown transitioned from Assistant City Administrator to Finance Director.

#### **7. Discussion regarding Utility Rates - *Matt***

Finance Director Matt Brown reported that this is on tonight's agenda for a decision. A copy is included in the archive packet for this meeting. The utility rate increase is effective July 16. The average user increase is about seven dollars.

Councilor Birkle asked if that rate reflects the proposed percent increase. Brown confirmed that it does. He asked if there would be an impact to the effective date if they postpone a decision until June 15. Brown said no, the rate is effective July 16 per the resolution. Councilor Birkle is in favor of making the adjustments. However, he knows there will be pushback from community members. He just wants to make sure it has been clearly communicated with the public.

Mayor Scholl acknowledged the recent updates to master plans. It has brought needed improvements to their attention. The rate increase is vital to upgrade and maintain infrastructure.

Brown talked about the Budget Committee meeting on July 13, where they can dive deeper into budget and rate discussions. The public will be welcome to attend that meeting. Councilor Birkle is in favor of that.

Councilor Topaz pointed out that they could have been charging more in the past. Residents were given a favor by not increasing them sooner.

Councilor Chilton asked what they are voting on tonight. Brown explained that there are resolutions for amending utility rates, charges, and administrative rules, as well as amendments to SDCs. Councilor Chilton did not think they had come to a conclusion on the SDCs. Council President Morten suggested they deliberate on that tonight. Mayor Scholl talked about Steve Donovan's SDC presentation. Brown explained that the rates are based on improvement projects listed in the master plans. Councilor Chilton said they also talked about increasing rates for the Engineering Division. Payne clarified that their rates are not for infrastructure, but for administrative services.

Council President Morten was opposed to SDCs when he first began, but now sees the relevancy. It is an impact fee for new development and would not be fair to put the full burden on current users. Councilor Chilton agreed. She is just concerned about all the increases at once. Mayor Scholl said they must provide water and reliable sewer. Councilor Chilton expressed her concerns that the Police Station could be cut with all the increases happening at once. Brown said the \$3 fee is already added on there. Discussion ensued about fees.

Mayor Scholl is not opposed to postponing a decision but would prefer to move forward. Councilor Birkle is ready to make a decision tonight. However, waiting two weeks to provide an opportunity for residents to express concerns is his preference. Mayor Scholl is concerned about slowing down the process.

Walsh talked about the last time they significantly increased rates after Boise left. The room was full of public attendees, but they knew it had to be done to maintain sustainability.

Councilor Chilton is not opposed to this but wants to make sure they do not regret decisions being made. Council President Morten referred to the Mission Statement and providing a safe environment. Mayor Scholl apologized to former administrations for placing the blame on what might have not been the best decision in the past. They did the best they could at the time. Moving forward, it is the right thing to do.

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

- Rates are difficult to talk about. They are important to the health of utilities and long-term sustainability. They measure themselves against their peers, but it is really not about that. It needs to be what is best for their City.
- Update on the recruitment for the Waterfront Master Developer. Roy Kim has withdrawn. Walsh suggested that developing the entire site may be too much. They could consider taking a step back and work on the hotel first to get the anchor tenant. Ownership was never addressed with the framework plan. Council President Morten agreed. It is going to take quite a while to develop the entire area. Dividing it into smaller lots makes it more appealing. Councilor Birkle agreed with scaling the project back to a phased approach. A nice hotel, and associated businesses would be a good anchor. Mayor Scholl acknowledged that there are enough funds to put in the infrastructure, based on the designs already done. He suggested they work with a developer with a history of housing developments. Councilor Chilton asked why they want to change what they are looking for now? Walsh explained that this is their second attempt to get a master developer. He suggests attracting an anchor tenant. A master developer could still come and take over after that point. Mayor Scholl asked if they are going to move forward with the infrastructure. Walsh confirmed that it will be ready for bid next month. Discussion of the Riverfront Developer RFQ Committee. Council President Morten asked if that Committee is really needed. Roy Kim saw the Committee's response on video and withdrew. He suggested reducing the size of the Committee.

Mayor Scholl did not agree with Roy Kim taking the whole piece of property. There needs to be a mix. Councilor Chilton talked about the significance of the project. She appreciates that everyone came together to work, but the size of the group made it unproductive. Mayor Scholl agreed. He suggested they re-group, advertise for one parcel to be developed, and put the infrastructure in at the same time. Councilor Topaz said they need a big master plan before they can do anything. Mayor Scholl said they have it and pointed out the drawings. Councilor Topaz argued that it is not enough, it is only a piece. The City does not have the brain power to do that big of a project. Mayor Scholl expressed his disappointment with how Councilor Topaz talked about staff and Council. He does not appreciate him saying they do not have the brain power. He went on to talk about all the work that has been done by staff and consultants.

- 13 Nights on the River begins tomorrow. They have a record number of vendors this year.
- St. Helens and three other communities are working with Growing Rural Oregon. It provides resources to the community by working with local entrepreneurs.
- They seem to be headed into a recessionary phase. In the past, they used a lot of contingencies and reserves to keep the City going. They have already lowered contingencies from 30% to 20%. One way to work around that is connecting fees to a price index, based on inflation. Everything is going up. Hudson Garbage is going to come back with a rate increase. They are almost doubling their dump fees.

Mayor Scholl stated that he respects staff, Council, and anyone who helped draft the Waterfront Development drawings. He apologized for his behavior but got passionate when he heard that they are not smart enough to do this. They could do it but are required by State law to put it out to a contractor. He apologized for Councilor Topaz's comments. That is not the comments of the entire Council. He thanked staff and engineers for the wonderful plan.

**ADJOURN – 3:11 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - CANCELLED**

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, June 01, 2022

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## DRAFT MINUTES

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Councilor Patrick Birkle  
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz  
Councilor Jessica Chilton

### STAFF PRESENT

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Kathy Payne, City Recorder  
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder  
Crystal King, Communications Officer  
Tina Curry, Event Coordinator

### OTHERS

Brady Preheim  
Jim Coleman

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- ◆ Tina Curry.
  - 13 Nights on the River begins tomorrow
    - Curtis Delgado performs tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.
    - There are a lot of vendors
    - St. Helens High School Jazz Band performs next week, the same night as Gabriel Cox
  - The vending machine by the Dark Market is installed and operational
  - Boat update
    - Made seat selections
    - Will add the City logo
    - Lake Oswego has purchased three boats from them
    - Confident that he is on track and will be on time with the modifications
  
- ◆ Jim Coleman. He is here to comment on the boat purchase. He has been in the commercial fishing business his whole life and has spent a lot of time testifying in front of Oregon Fish & Wildlife and Washington Fish & Wildlife. On May 18, he attended a meeting to provide public input on the boat purchase. A friend of his encouraged him to testify about the need for a survey. He believes every Councilor agreed that a survey would be done before purchase. He did not know there was going to be another meeting about the boat purchase. That evening, Council opened boat

purchase discussions again. At that time, Tina explained how the boat purchase would go. The survey has to be done before the purchase. He understands repairs need to be done. He went back and watched the meeting on YouTube. Council President Morten made a motion for the boat purchase but there was no mention of the survey. There was a lot of discussion about the survey and COI. Tina kept referring to the COI, saying they were good. He read a paragraph from the seller's paperwork..."this is consideration of a firm outline of known work and cost, which I will supply for \$235,000 US fee, and is to include a full inspection for practical reinstatement of the COI, as performed by US Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville. To achieve the restoration of existing restrictions found in the previous COI. Understanding that a final inspection for actual reinstatement must be done locally in Oregon by owner after receiving the vessel. Total lead time for work to be performed is estimated at 10-12 weeks..." The COI that was performed on that boat by Sector Jacksonville failed. It will not pass to haul passengers until you pay the \$250,000 and the US Coast Guard Portland does the inspection. Coast Guard might say it is great, but they might say you have troubles. Congratulations on buying a boat unseen.

Council President Morten asked if the survey is done in Oregon. Jim said no, the inspection will be done in Portland. Council President Morten said they still have time for the survey here for insurance purposes.

Councilor Birkle reviewed the draft minutes. His understanding is that a survey would be done before it is purchased and before it arrives.

Jim asked City Administrator Walsh if he had a survey done before buying his personal boat. Walsh said yes, it was part of the insurance and financing. Jim said the tourism director was in a rush to get this done. Council President Morten asked if he had any surveyors in mind. Jim said he could find one by noon tomorrow.

Mayor Scholl asked if it is typical to get a boat reinspected when it comes from a different state. Jim responded that the boat does not have a past inspection on it. It has a failed inspection on it right now. It gave a list of things that were wrong, and the seller says he is going to fix them. The boat qualifies as a 30-passenger boat to be inspected annually. Jacksonville cannot say it is good in Oregon. He would hire a surveyor today if it were him.

Mayor Scholl explained the public hearing process.

- ◆ Brady Preheim. Jim has a lot to learn about public process and how Council operates. They did everything proper, and he is glad to see the boat is coming. He is more concerned about the Waterfront discussion today. Hopefully, the Waterfront and Public Safety Facility funds are accruing interest. The City budget is not in good shape. They need to pay the money back and delay the Public Safety Facility. They could get by with a lot less for the police station. It does not make sense to accrue more debt. In addition, they no longer have a developer for the Waterfront property. He is not in agreement with spending over \$14 million on road improvements for a road that will go nowhere. He is in favor of the Waterfront, but they need to have a developer. He does not blame them for the one that did not work out. They have an \$800,000 hole in the budget from cannabis money that is being used for the Public Safety Facility. Usually when people accuse someone of taking money, they may have done something shady themselves. He would like to have an outside audit to verify that money is there.

Mayor Scholl said the Waterfront is .6%. Walsh added that the Waterfront funds are at the State. They are not in the City's accounts. It is .6% interest on funds used. Mayor Scholl said the Public Safety Facility is invested in secure investments. The recession is at the forefront of their mind. They are doing an RFP for a new auditor. Councilor Birkle added that an audit is done annually.

Council President Morten clarified the public hearing process.

**ORDINANCES – Final Reading**

- 1. Ordinance No. 3283:** An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of the 7th Street and South 16th Street Rights of Way

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3283 by title. **Motion:** Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Chilton to adopt Ordinance No. 3283. **Vote:** Yea: Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton; Abstaining: Mayor Scholl

- 2. Ordinance No. 3284:** An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Code Title 13 Relating to Definitions of Equivalent Dwelling Units for Wastewater and Water Utilities Services

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3284 by title. **Motion:** Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Chilton to adopt Ordinance No. 3284. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton

**ORDINANCES - First Reading**

- 3. Ordinance No. 3285:** An Ordinance Amending St. Helens Municipal Code Section 8.28 regarding Use of the City Docks

Mayor Scholl read Ordinance No. 3285 by title. The final reading will be at the next meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 4. Resolution No. 1956:** A Resolution Amending the City of St. Helens' System Development Charges for Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Transportation

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1956 by title. **Motion:** Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Chilton to adopt Resolution No. 1956.

Discussion.

Councilor Birkle will vote for it. He would have preferred that they had a public comment opportunity.

Mayor Scholl apologized for his response earlier. He agreed with Councilor Birkle.

Councilor Chilton wants to be sure they are thinking it through clearly. However, it does need to happen.

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

- 5. Resolution No. 1957:** A Resolution to Establish Water, Sewer, and Storm Drainage Utility Rates, Charges, and Administrative Rules

Mayor Scholl read Resolution No. 1957 by title. **Motion:** Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Birkle to adopt Resolution No. 1957.

Discussion.

Councilor Birkle echoed his comment from the prior resolution.

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

**APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE**

6. Extension of Contract with CBM Systems, LLC for Janitorial Services
7. Amendment to Agreement with More Power Technology Group for IT Services
8. Maul Foster & Alongi Inc. Work Order Authorization for Central Waterfront Scope 1B
9. Agreement with Keller Associates, Inc. for Engineering Consulting Services as it pertains to Sanitary Sewer, Water, and Stormwater Systems

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

Discussion.

Councilor Topaz referred to the Maul Foster contract. They have a number of tests included but have forgotten to include tests they have done before. They forgot the really nasty compounds that will probably be in there. The Fire Department had foam chemicals that could have been dumped in the sewer system and may be there. Field tests were done on the last group, which included temperature, PH, gas concentration, turbidity, conductivity of the fluid, and bacterial screening. They did not record what time the tests were done or what the river levels were. Half of the levy was covered with a membrane when they built the lagoon. The membrane had to be breached, so there is gas being generated underneath. Since they are cutting a hole in the bottom, they should be able to get a sample of the plastic membrane. That should be analyzed to provide history of the ground and how the material has changed. They need to check on methane, sulfur dioxide, and radon, which all has to be done in the field. That is not included in the contract.

Council President Morten asked what he is suggesting. Councilor Topaz suggests those tests be done. It could have some very upsetting gasses, one of which could be cyanide.

Mayor Scholl is familiar with the old pulping process. He has not heard about the liner floating in years. Councilor Topaz should check his information and where it is coming from. The pulping process and breaking down of wood products lifts off gas. Councilor Topaz said it did float once. Mayor Scholl pointed out that Maul Foster is an expert. They are a reputable company. Councilor Topaz argued that he has written papers about this and knows it well.

Council President Morten pointed out that that this has to be done. This will give Councilor Topaz enough time to request additional information. Councilor Topaz wants to hold it up because the test must be done at the same time. They have evidence that there is gas in there and it is coming out. If cyanide and sulfur dioxide come into buildings after it has been filled in, they have buildings that are no longer any good. Maul Foster suddenly deleted tests that he requested. The temperature is important. They need to find out if it matches the last test.

Council Chilton suggested someone from staff who is working with Maul Foster communicate with Councilor Topaz.

Walsh explained that the Scope of Work, which is one part of transitioning the lagoon into a facility that can receive material, must be approved by DEQ. DEQ has been part of the discussion and tasks needing to be done to get to this point. Councilor Topaz repeated the need to do tests at the same time to get the same data. He has not seen the final DEQ report. He has been doing some of this since 1960 and knows what he is talking about.

Councilor Birkle believes that the authorization was developed by staff. Walsh added that this work plan has been in place for many years. DEQ and consultants have been involved in it and understand it well. They have helped develop a roadmap. Councilor Birkle said staff is aware of this and if they had any concerns, they would have brought it to their attention. Councilor Topaz asked if staff has done research on this or written papers on it. Councilor Birkle does not know. Councilor Chilton pointed out that DEQ has. Councilor Topaz has, which is why he questions it. Councilor Birkle appreciates his expertise, but it is not a sufficient reason to not move forward.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

#### 10. City Council Minutes

- Work Session, Executive Session, Public Hearing, Public Forum, and Regular Session Minutes dated May 4, 2022
- Special Session Minutes dated May 11, 2022
- Work Session, Public Hearing, Special Session, and Regular Session Minutes dated May 18, 2022

11. Amended Finance Director Job Description
12. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

**Motion:** Motion made by Council President Morten and seconded by Councilor Topaz to approve '10' through '12' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Morten, Councilor Birkle, Councilor Topaz, Councilor Chilton

### WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS

None

### COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Morten reported...

- Parks & Recreation Commission will have a work party at the Botanical Gardens on Saturday. He and Jerry Belcher will provide pizza.
- In response to Jim Coleman's testimony, when the boat gets here, there are very confident surveyors in the area that will give them a value on the boat and list any needed repair items. That is necessary for insurance purposes. He hopes Tina takes care of that with Tourism funds.

Councilor Topaz reported...

- They had a funny hiccup in the Waterfront Development. He agreed with a comment made that they do not have their act together. They need to look hard at the master plan. There are a number of things that need to be done together and not piece meal. Council President Morten often talks about needing to get rid of the switching yard. It is definitely in the wrong place but is vital to have in the area. How do they plan to move it? Materials come here by truck, train, boat, and car. The boat shipping business says they need a Waterfront area to use, which is contaminated underwater right now. How do they make sure it gets to be useful? DEQ has called that project cleaning up/double-checking. The ground for the mill also must be cleaned up. Transportation and the Connector Plan, from Gable Road to the Waterfront, should be re-examined. They had several different suggestions than what was in the framework plan. It was more in line with what the architects said eight years ago. It is time for an overall Master Plan – what are they going to do with the lagoon, what has to be done to make the lagoon something, what are they going to do with the Waterfront, what are they doing to with the switchyard, what are they going to do with the Connector Plan? All of those things make St. Helens. They know the sewer plant will not meet specifications and cannot be re-permitted under the new rules. It is time for a concerted effort into looking at all the problems at once. Doing a piece here in there will end in disaster. Council President Morten said that the switching yard came up several years ago. Senator Betsy Johnson was an advocate for moving it closer to Scappoose. She oversaw State spending as Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. He does not know the status at this point. It is not going to happen overnight.

Councilor Chilton reported...

- Applauded the hard work and attention given to efforts to get law enforcement to Sand Island and keep the docks safe and clean. St. Helens Police Department will be trained in partnership with the Sheriff's Office. They have made a lot of headway towards getting a Harbor Master at the docks.
- Memorial Day was a good opportunity to reflect on all of those who have served and sacrificed their lives for this country.
- 13 Nights on the River begins tomorrow.
- She is excited to see the Kiwanis Parade is coming back.

Councilor Birkle reported...

- April was Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. He is glad that the community is accepting and welcoming of all individuals.

- June 1 begins Pride Month. They recognize the contributions and struggles of LGBTQ individuals. They are very important members of the community, and he is glad they have made the statement as a City affirming the rights and welcomeness of all. They do not always live up to their beliefs, but as a Council and professional staff, they always try to honor and respect all people.
- Since being hired at Columbia City School, he has been bound and determined to take his students on a walking field trip to Dalton Lake Nature Preserve. It looks like it will happen the last week of school. They are trying to make an effort for students to learn more about environmental protection. He invites Council to join them on the field trip after completing a background check release form.

Council President Morten reported...

- A survey is important to put a value on the boat. It is also a stamp that the repair work was done in Florida. A survey here is important. Councilor Topaz asked what happens if the survey fails. Council President Morten said there is no such thing as failing a survey. It will list what needs to be done to fix any problems.

### **MAYOR SCHOLL REPORTS**

- It was a good Main Street meeting last night. They are in the process of hiring an administrator. The theater did a great job with the improvements. They expressed their thankfulness for Building Official Mike De Roia.
- He thanked the Council for approving resolutions 1956 and 1957. There is a lot of work that needs to be done.
- 13 Nights on the River begins tomorrow.
- The Kiwanis Community Parade is on June 18. He will check with Public Works about driving the old truck.
- Citizens Day in the Park is June 25. Let him or Deputy City Recorder Scholl know if they are having any problems getting donations. All the donors from past years are participating again. Public Works will be helping with road closures. There are about 50 vendors.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURN – 8:06 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