

# City Council Meeting Minutes

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

**AGENDA ITEM 1**      **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

**CONVENED:**

Mayor Young called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Young delivered the invocation and led the flag salute.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Cheryl A. Young  
Councilor Shannon Fitzgibbons  
Councilor Sally Ann Marson  
Councilor Casey Wheeler

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilor Josh Fromm

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent  
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

None.

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

**AGENDA ITEM 2**      **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 3**      **CITIZEN INPUT:**

**3.1      Request for Community Hall rent discount:** Molly Hruska, representing the South County Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit organization, said the Chamber would like to hold their annual banquet in the Community Hall again this year. She said they are seeking a discount in the rental fees similar to the one they received last year.

Tricia Stockwell said last year's event generated additional rentals because of the amount of exposure it provides.

MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (MARSON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE A FEE DISCOUNT FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S ANNUAL BANQUET IN THE SAME MANNER AS LAST YEAR.

**3.2      St. Helens Police Levy:** Diane Dillard of St. Helens and Detective Jose Castilleja of the St. Helens Police Department spoke to the Council about the proposed St. Helens Police Levy.

Detective Castilleja explained that in 2008, the St. Helens Police Department had a staff of 20. In 2012, he said they are down to just 16, and there are not enough officers to cover the road during absences. He said as a result, criminal detectives are being put on the road, which cuts into their ability to focus on and investigate major crimes, such as sex crimes and drug interdiction on the highway. He said the City has prepared a proposed levy for \$1.00 per \$1,000 in assessed value, which would provide the department with the opportunity to hire 4 patrol officers and 2 non-sworn officers.

Diane said the proposed levy would cost the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$150,000 about \$0.47 per day. Diane asked the City Council if they would endorse and support the St. Helens Police Levy.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT THE CITY OF ST. HELENS POLICE LEVY.

**AGENDA ITEM 4**

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

4.1 **Parks Committee:** No report.

4.2 **Water Source and Development Committee:** No report.

4.3 **Street Committee:** Micah said he has a "Children at Play" sign already available in his inventory, and he recommended the Council permit him to install it at no charge in the River Club Estates Subdivision as recently requested by a resident. No objections were heard from the Council.

4.4 **Sewer Committee:** No report.

4.5 **Audit Committee:** Secretary Wheeler said the Audit Committee is scheduled to meet on October 19, and he will be meeting with the City's auditors when they are here conducting their site work on October 22.

4.6 **Hazard Mitigation Planning Group:** No report.

4.7 **Other Reports:** Councilor Wheeler said he recently attended a number of very beneficial sessions at the League of Oregon Cities Conference. He said all of the handouts from the sessions are available on the League's website.

Mayor Young said she attended the banner dedication ceremony in Scappoose last Saturday with Leahnette.

Councilor Wheeler said he greatly appreciates the efforts of Chief McGlothlin and his team in recovering the presumed body of the missing woman and all of the work they did throughout the investigation of the Bahl case. Everyone present expressed enthusiastic agreement.

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

5.1 **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 6, 2012.**

5.2 **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 20, 2012.**

5.3 **Bills paid with check number 16844 through 16902 during the month of September 2012.**

5.4 **Monthly written report from the Public Works Superintendent.**

MOVED (WHEELER), SECONDED (FITZGIBBONS), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 7      NEW BUSINESS:**

**7.1      Council Bill No. 12-654; Resolution No. 12-1064-R: A Resolution assessing abatement costs, fees and accrued interest as a lien against property described as Tax Account No. 5121-CA-05900, located at 3325 Fifth Street, Columbia City, Oregon, currently under the ownership of Tye E. and Rebecca A. Holien.**

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (FITZGIBBONS) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 12-654.

**7.2      Council Bill No. 12-655 ; Resolution No. 12-1065-R: A Resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations within the Street Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.**

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 12-655.

**7.3      Community Corrections Work Crew Intergovernmental Agreement: Intergovernmental Agreement between Columbia County and the City of Columbia City for Community Corrections Work Crew purposes.**

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (FITZGIBBONS) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE TO THE AGREEMENT.

**7.4      Request for Payment for Additional Painting Services: Request for payment for additional painting services associated with painting the exterior of the Community Hall as submitted by Arthur B. Conner.**

The Council reviewed a request for additional labor and material costs associated with additional work on the exterior of the Community Hall in the amount of \$928.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (FITZGIBBONS) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL SERVICES AS REQUESTED BY ARTHUR B. CONNER.

**AGENDA ITEM 8      OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Promotion Recommendation:** The Council reviewed a memo dated October 3, 2012, from Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder, recommending the promotion of Andrew Nollette to the position of Utility Worker II effective September 10, 2012. In the memo, Leahnette explained that Andrew would move into the pay range at Step 6.

Micah expressed his complete support of the recommendation, saying Andrew is an awesome member of the team and has an inherent ability to stay calm, cool and collected under the most stressful circumstances.

MOVED (FITZGIBBONS), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF ANDREW NOLLETTE TO THE POSITION OF UTILITY WORKER II EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 10, 2012.

**AGENDA ITEM 9      ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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APPROVED:

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Cheryl A. Young  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Leahnette Rivers  
City Administrator/Recorder