

# City Council Meeting Minutes

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017

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 Karli Ebert  
Councilor Nell Harrison  
Councilor Sally Ann Marson (by phone)  
Councilor Gordon Thistle

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent  
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder  
Bob Johnston, Building Official (departed at 6:17 p.m.)

**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**      **Chuck Daughtry, Executive Director of the Columbia County Economic Team:** Chuck spoke to the Council about the Cascades Tissue request to extend Enterprise Zone Benefits for a fourth and fifth year. He explained that Cascades has committed to an eligible investment of \$53,640,000 in facilities located in Scappoose and St. Helens, has agreed to create 71 new jobs paying an average wage and benefits package of no less than \$55,346 per year during the five year period, and will contribute \$87,751.25 per year to the Columbia County Economic Team (CCET) beginning on April 1, 2017. He said CCET will share those contributions with the cities of Scappoose and St. Helens and Columbia County in accordance with the CCET bylaws. The Mayor and Council discussed specifics about the request with Chuck at length.

**AGENDA ITEM 7**      **NEW BUSINESS:**

**7.1**      **Council Bill No. 17-803; Resolution No. 17-1180-R: A Resolution of the City**

**of Columbia City authorizing extended Enterprise Zone Benefits for a fourth and fifth year to Cascades Tissue Group-Oregon Converting, a Division of Cascades Holding U.S. Inc. (Cascades), located in the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone.**

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (THISTLE) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 17-803.

**7.2 Council Bill No. 17-804; Resolution No. 17-1181-R: A Resolution of the City of Columbia City setting Building Department Fees.**

Leahnette explained that the majority of the fees proposed for adoption tonight are actually lower than the proposed fees presented during the January 5, 2017 public hearing due to an error in the previous presentation. Leahnette distributed an accounting of actual Building Department revenues and expenditures from fiscal year 1999-2000 to date, noting that the City's expenditures have exceeded revenues by a total of \$160,069.78 during the period. She recommended the City Council move forward with approving the fee adjustments proposed by Council Bill No. 17-804.

MOVED (HARRISON), SECONDED (EBERT) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 17-804.

**AGENDA ITEM 4**

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**4.1 Parks Committee:** Chair Marson said the Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 24 at 5 p.m.

**4.2 Water and Sewer Committee:** Chair Thistle said a Committee Meeting is in the process of being scheduled.

**4.3 Street Committee:** Chair Marson said the snow and ice is off of the streets, and the maintenance crew did a great job. Micah said they spread 20 tons of gravel on the streets during the past month. He said they plan to sweep and collect some of the gravel for reuse.

**4.4 Audit Committee:** Secretary Harrison said the Audit Committee will meet on Monday, January 23 at 10 am.

**4.5 Hazard Mitigation Planning Group:** Member Ebert said the Group will meet on Monday, January 23 at 6 pm

**4.6 Other Reports:** Community Hall Committee Member Marson said the Committee has been busy scheduling upcoming Michael Allen Harrison benefit concerts during the months of March and November 2017, and preparing for the 91st Birthday Benefit Dance for the Community Hall which will be held in May 2017.

Mayor Young said Senator Wyden recently held a Town Hall Meeting at the St. Helens Senior Center.

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**5.1 Financial Reports for the month ending December 31, 2016.**

**5.2 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on January 5, 2017.**

**5.3 Activities Report from the Chief of Police.**

**5.4 Activities Report from the Public Works Superintendent.**

**5.5 Activities Report from the City Administrator.**

**5.6 Application for an Exception Permit for Recreational Vehicle Storage in the Right-of-Way as applied for by Donald Pence, 2605 Sixth Street, Columbia City.**

Leahnette asked that no action be taken on Item 5.6 because the application is not yet complete.

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

**AGENDA ITEM 6**      **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 7**      **NEW BUSINESS (continued):**

**7.2**      **2016-17 Policy Goals and Objectives: Review of six-month progress report.**

The Mayor and Council reviewed the progress report.

**AGENDA ITEM 8**      **OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 9**      **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Cheryl A. Young  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Leahnette Rivers  
City Administrator/Recorder