

City Council Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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

CONVENED:

Mayor Cheryl Young called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Cheryl Young
Councilor Sally Ann Marson
Councilor Karli Ebert
Councilor Gordon Thistle
Councilor Nell Harrison

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator
Mike McGlothlin, City Administrator (Transition)
Sergeant Jerry Bartolomucci, Police Operations Sergeant
Stacey Goldstein, City Planner
Casey Wheeler, Mayor-elect
Sue Ziglinski, Councilor-elect

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

None

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

AGENDA ITEM 3 **CITIZEN INPUT:**

Several community members expressed concerns to the Council about the Port of St. Helens' proposed actions about a lease amendment request from Global Partners that would expand the types of materials that could be transported by train, impact the amount of train traffic, and effect the speed of train traffic to and from the Port Westward facility.

Annie Christiansen of St. Helens said the recent Port meeting was attended by many people who expressed concerns about jobs, the environment, and traffic. She distributed written information to the City Council about the different types of oil, how it can be diluted, and how the oils react in the event of a spill onto the ground and/or into water, which was added to the record. She said the Mayors of the cities of St. Helens and Scappoose were concerned about the impact of train traffic on vehicular traffic within the County and asked for a rail impact study. She said the trains would travel at 10 mph and the length of the trains will increase from 1-mile to 1-1/2-miles, which will increase the time in which

intersections are blocked. She noted the Port Commissioners are set to meet again on December 12, 2018 at 8:30 am about this issue.

Carol Sweet of Scappoose explained to the City Council that the Port of St. Helens acts independently and the Port's decisions affect all of us. She said there is a large effort within the County to bring good jobs and make this a good place to live and work. She said during the last Port meeting, this contract amendment was presented with "no particular plans" to make any operational changes, but union members had been asked to show up to support this amendment and encourage immediate approval of the change. She said if there are no immediate plans, then there should be time for further study about an important issue that will impact all of us.

Paulette Lichatowich of Columbia City said Global's DEQ permit is expiring in August 2019 and they will need to get their packet submitted in advance. They are asking to amend their lease to expand the type of oil they can transport. She distributed information about their DEQ permit, their lease, and the resolution the Port is considering to the Council. She said Joe Lewis of Scappoose recently voiced concerns specific to water source protection and the loss of local control and asked Port personnel to delay any decisions until all of the potential impacts can be studied. She said the Port has not consulted with the cities, and additional control will be lost if this amendment is approved. She encouraged the Council to ask the Port to delay any action about this request until time has been taken to properly study the impacts of this lease amendment. She said what happens at Port Westward affects all of us.

Joe Turner of Columbia City, Oregon, informed City Council of his past experience while living in Pendleton, Oregon specific to train traffic impacts. He said that there was a "train cutting" requirement that was undertaken when the number of train cars imposed a delay on vehicular traffic that exceeded a 20-minute time frame.

After having heard the above concerns, Mayor Young and the City Council agreed to have City Staff generate a letter to the Port of St. Helens requesting a delay in any deciding vote until such time that the Port of St. Helens presents further clarifying information.

AGENDA ITEM 4

COUNCIL REPORTS:

4.1 Parks Committee: Chair Marson said that the minutes from their last meeting were included in the Council Meeting packet.

4.2 Water and Sewer Committee: No report.

4.3 Street Committee: Chair Marson commented that the streets have been wet and frosty.

4.4 Audit Committee: Chair Harrison said the Committee will meet in January, 2019.

4.5 Hazard Mitigation Planning Group: Member Ebert said the Planning Group will meet at the end of January, 2019. She also informed the City Council of Columbia County Emergency Management's upcoming social get-together, hosted by Running Dogs Brewery in St. Helens, Oregon, called "Pints and Preparedness". Columbia County Emergency Management Director, Steve Pegram, has initiated the program to facilitate preparedness conversations within the local community.

4.6 Other Reports: City Administrator Leahnette Rivers reminded all that the Michael Allen Harrison Concert will take place on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEM 5

CONSENT AGENDA:

5.1 City of Columbia City Annual Accounting of System Development Charge Revenues and Expenditures for 2017-18 Fiscal Year.

5.2 Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on November 15, 2018.

5.3 Ratify OLCC Application for Temporary Use of an Annual License in regards to Michael Allen Harrison Concert on December 10, 2018.

5.4 Ratify OLCC Application for Temporary Use of an Annual License in regards to Emmert Motors Employee Christmas Party on December 15, 2018.

5.5 Activities Report from the Public Works Superintendent.

5.6 Activities Report from the Police Operations Sergeant.

Item 5.5 was not available and was removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (HARRISON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED.

AGENDA ITEM 6

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1 Economic Opportunities Analysis Draft Report: Further discussion of Economic Opportunities Analysis draft report dated October, 2018.

After further discussion between City Council and City Planner Goldstein, an amendment to the Economic Opportunities Analysis Draft Report was suggested and agreed upon. The amendment was specific to page 26 of the report, where the words "as appropriate" were added to the document content related to Objective 1.2.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (THISTLE) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ANALYSIS REPORT, AS AMENDED.

6.2 Short-term vacation rentals: Further discussion of short-term vacation rentals within the City of Columbia City.

City Planner Goldstein led the discussion regarding short-term vacation rentals within the City. It was discussed that they could impact the local rental market and that steps should be considered to limit the number that could be conducted within the City limits, in comparison with a "whole house" rental and owner occupied rental property. City Planner Goldstein will research further and address this issue at the Planning Commission level.

AGENDA ITEM 7

NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 First reading of Council Bill No. 18-876: An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Public and Private Sewers and Drains, Private Sewage Disposal, the Installation and Connection of Building Sewers, and the Discharge of Waters and Wastes into the Public Sewer System(s); and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof in the City of Columbia City, Columbia County, Oregon; Repealing Ordinance Nos. 470, 02-577-O, 02-579-O-A, 02-580-O, and 04-594-O.

The City Council completed the first reading of Council Bill No. 18-876.

7.2 Council Bill No. 18-877; Resolution No. 18-1238-R: A Resolution adopting amendments to the Columbia City Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated 2014.

MOVED (THISTLE), SECONDED (HARRISON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL NO. 18-877.

7.3 Council Bill No. 18-878; Resolution No. 18-1239-R: A Resolution adopting Public Works Design Standards for Submersible Wastewater Pump Stations within the City of Columbia City, Oregon.

MOVED (EBERT), SECONDED (THISTLE) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL 18-878.

7.4 Consideration of Bids: Review bid received for 3rd and I Street Drywell Abandonment Project.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (HARRISON) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO REJECT BID FOR BEING TOO COSTLY, AND DIRECT STAFF TO AMEND AND RE-BID THE PROJECT.

7.5 Canvass of Votes: Official canvass of votes cast at the General Election within the City of Columbia City on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

MOVED (MARSON), SECONDED (THISTLE) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF VOTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION.

AGENDA ITEM 8 OTHER BUSINESS:

8.1 Police Department update. Retired Chief McGlothlin said Sergeant Bartolomucci is transitioning very well into the Department and the community and is doing a great job.

AGENDA ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

APPROVED:

Cheryl A. Young
Mayor

ATTEST:

Leahnette Rivers
City Administrator/Recorder