

City Council Special Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY November 4, 2021 – 6:30 pm

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE MEETING

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Meeting ID: 842 6442 2894 Passcode: 238158 Phone access: +1 669 900 6833

CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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

CONVENED:

Mayor Wheeler called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Public access and comment was available via published Zoom conference meeting access information.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Casey Wheeler
Councilor Gordon Thistle
Councilor Sue Ziglinski
Councilor Jeff Reinan

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilor Katrina Claridge

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike McGlothlin, City Administrator/Recorder
Paul Vogel, Executive Director of Columbia Economic Team

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

None

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **NEW BUSINESS:**

2.1 Council Bill 21-934: A Resolution of the City of Columbia City Waiving Standard Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement's Employee Requirements under Section 3, HB 2343 (2021) for Cascades Tissue Group-Oregon Converting, a Division of Cascades Holding U.S. Inc. (Cascades), Located in the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone.

DURING COUNCIL DISCUSSION COUNCILOR REINAN ASKED ABOUT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT THAT CASCADES HAS UNDERGONE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND IF THE IMPACT HAS BEEN ADEQUATELY DOCUMENTED. PAUL VOGEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLUMBIA ECONOMIC TEAM VERIFIED THAT CASCADES HAD DOCUMENTED \$19 MILLION IN SALES LOSSES AS WELL AS A 22% DECREASE IN PRODUCTION LEVELS DUE TO A LACK IN WORKFORCE AS WELL AS DECREASED DEMAND FOR OUT-OF-HOME PRODUCT LINES. NO OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS WERE MADE BY COUNCIL REGARDING COUNCIL BILL 21-934. MOVED (THISTLE), SECONDED (ZIGLINSKI), AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE COUNCIL BILL 21-934.

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AGENDA ITEM 3 ADJOURNMENT

3.1 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

APPROVED:

Casey Wheeler
Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael S. McGlothlin
City Administrator/Recorder