

**COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022  
6:00 PM**

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present  
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present  
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present

**Council Members**

Walter Crowder – Present  
Jennifer Middleton – Present  
Jennifer Romano – Present  
Tad Varga – Present virtually  
Daniel Weigold – Present

The Columbia City Common Council met in regular session with all members present, Mayor Daniel presiding.

**MINUTES** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to approve an overview of the December 14, 2021, meeting minutes as presented, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, Jennifer Romano, Tad Varga and Dan Weigold voted aye, Jennifer Middleton and Walt Crowder abstained.

Mayor Daniel noted a couple small changes in the December 28, 2021, meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to approve an overview of the December 28, 2021, meeting minutes as presented, Jennifer Middleton, Walt Crowder and Dan Weigold voted aye, Jennifer Romano and Tad Varga abstained.

**2021 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AWARDS** Jennifer Romano presented Christmas lighting awards to 232 Bay Bridge Court as the overall winner, 331 N. Weston as the northwest district winner, 343 W. Weston Drive as the southwest district winner, 307 N. Main as the northeast district winner and 1368 E. Hanna Street as the southeast district winner.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT** Dan Weigold nominated Walt Crowder to continue as the Common Council president, Jennifer Romano seconded the nomination.

Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to close nominations, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Upon the nomination of Walt Crowder to remain as Common Council President, Jennifer Middleton, Jennifer Romano, Dan Weigold and Tad Varga voted aye, Walt Crowder abstained.

**TAX ABATEMENT: TITUS PRECISION, LLC** Dale Buuck with the EDC was present to discuss the tax abatement request from Titus Precision.

Ron Richey with Precision Plastics recapped their time here in Columbia City. He shared this would not be the end but the next chapter for the company. He advised they have a great partner

in Titus and look forward to a long and successful history. He thanked the Board, City Council and Shawn Lickey for helping Precision get through this.

Matthew Hurley with Titus was present to talk about the history of his company, the partnership with Precision Plastics and their plans to expand the company.

Mayor Daniel felt this was a huge win and was very excited for both companies. He felt it shows that Columbia City is a community people want to be in as well as a place where businesses can grow. He shared it was great that we can compete but also that we can be a partner.

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-2: DEDUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY – TITUS**

**PRECISION, LLC** Motion was made by Jennifer Romano to read Resolution 2022-2 by title only, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, all voted aye. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2022-2 a resolution of the Columbia City Common Council approving the deduction of assessed valuation for personal property improvements.

Mayor Daniel confirmed this was for a 3-year abatement. Dale Buuck advised that was correct.

Motion was made by Walt Crowder to approve Resolution 2022-2 and grant a 3-year personal property abatement to Titus Precision, LLC, Dan Weigold seconded the motion, all voted aye.

**RESOLUTION 2022-1: ARP FUNDING** Mayor Daniel explained this would be to appropriate the remainder of the ARP funds received. He shared there should be another distribution in early spring or summer. He discussed proposed changes they would like to make and advised he would send out an email with a comprehensive breakdown.

Motion was made by Jennifer Middleton to read Resolution 2022-1 by title only, Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, Jennifer Romano, Jennifer Middleton, Dan Weigold and Walt Crowder voted aye, Tad Varga abstained. Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle read Resolution 2022-1 Additional Appropriation Resolution.

Motion was made by Dan Weigold to approve Resolution 2022-1 on first and final reading, Jennifer Middleton seconded the motion, Jennifer Romano, Jennifer Middleton, Dan Weigold and Walt Crowder voted aye, Tad Varga abstained.

**APPOINTMENT TO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** Walt Crowder advised current members Tad Varga and Scott Gates have both said they would be more than willing to stay on.

Upon the call of the vote to reappoint Tad Varga and Scott Gates to the Redevelopment Commission, all voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** **Tom LaRue** – ordered generator, first training in new training facility. **Kelly Cearbaugh** – training on jet machine, taking care of snow and ice as it comes along. **Mike Shoda** – Vac truck in, main break on Hill Dr. **Terry Wherry** – update on free Wi-Fi project, continue with Duo Mobile installations for secondary authentications. **Shawn Lickey** – working on establishing a large industrial rate, update on the north Main Street lighting project,

Board of Works approved the north substation upgrade project. **Chip Hill** – Westgate meeting on January 24 with the residents, Redevelopment Commission drafting RFP for property at West Jackson and Line, update on fiber project.

**YOUTH COUNCIL** Karmen Brown with the Youth Council was present to report on their last meeting.

**MAYOR REPORT** Mayor Daniel gave reports for Chief Parrett, Mark Green and Mike Cook.

Mayor Daniel shared he had conversations with Commissioner Schrumpf to try and understand where the County wants to go and how we are a part of it. He advised he had a meeting with Baker Tilly on the business personal property and how it affects the City. He shared we would be hosting Baker Tilly to come in and talk about this to the schools, trustee's, etc. He advised a meeting was held with Waste Management to talk about the city-wide trash pickup.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle