

**PHILOMATH CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 9, 2015**

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6 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

7 The city council of the City of Philomath was called to order on Monday, February 9,
8 2015, at 7:01 p.m. in the Philomath City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rocky Sloan.
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10 **2. ROLL CALL**

11 Present: Excused:

12 Mayor Rocky Sloan
13 Councilor Angie Baca
14 Councilor Doug Edmonds
15 Councilor Tamera Hull
16 Councilor Jason Leonard
17 Councilor Sean Manning
18 Councilor Eric Niemann
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20 Staff Present:

21 City Manager Chris Workman
22 City Attorney Jim Brewer
23 Chief of Police Ken Elwer
24 City Recorder Ruth Post
25 Finance Director Joan Swanson
26 Public Works Director Kevin Fear
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28 **3. OATH OF OFFICE**

29 **3.1 Councilor Sean Manning** – Ms. Post swore City Councilor Manning into office.
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31 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 32 **4.1 City Council Minutes** – January 12, 2015
33 **4.2 Park Advisory Board Minutes** – January 6, 2015
34 **4.3 Finance/Administration Committee Minutes** – January 21, 2015
35 **4.4 City Council Goal Setting Notes** – January 24, 2015
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37 **MOTION:** Councilor Baca moved, Councilor Manning second, to approve the
38 consent agenda and the council agenda for February 9, 2015, as presented.
39 Motion APPROVED 7-0 (Yes: Baca, Edmonds, Hull, Leonard, Manning, Niemann
40 and Sloan; No: None.)
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42 **5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

43 **5.1** None.
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45 **6. VISITORS/PETITIONS**

46 **6.1 Jeff Lamb, Blodgett, OR** – Mr. Lamb read a statement regarding issues with
47 Philomath Community Services two years ago. He requested that the City
48 Council review the documents submitted with and referenced in the statement
49 and requested the Council discuss the documents. (Supplemental Agenda Item
50 #6.1)

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2 **7. STAFF REPORTS**

3 **7.1 City Manager** – Mr. Workman reported on progress on the park shelter,
4 including completion of the roof and decking on the open area and plumbing in
5 the interior this week. He stated a tentative date has been set for a ribbon cutting
6 celebration on March 14.
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8 **7.2 Public Works Director** – Mr. Fear reported that over the past month a contractor
9 has repaired five sewer manhole covers to reduce intake and infiltration. He
10 stated that the utility maintenance worker position closed today and 63
11 applications were received. He stated interviews should be scheduled for next
12 week. He reported on hydrants that are being installed on Benton View Drive to
13 close up a gap on that street and improve fire safety. He reported that last week
14 a contractor repaired a section of the 1952 sewer line and discovered a missing
15 section of pipe. This is an example of the issues with the 1952 sewer pipe that
16 was discussed in Council goal setting. Mayor Sloan questioned how many
17 interviews are expected. Mr. Fear stated they anticipate interviewing about six
18 people.
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20 **7.3 City Recorder** – No report.
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22 **7.4 Finance Director** – No report.
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24 **7.5 Police Chief** – Chief Elwer thanked Brad Fuqua of the Philomath Express for the
25 articles on the new police officers. He also reported on participation in the
26 nationwide seatbelt enforcement campaign this month that provides for more
27 overtime and will also coincide with Newport's Seafood and Wine Festival.
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29 **7.6 City Attorney** – No report.
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31 **8. COUNCIL REPORTS**

32 **8.1 Councilor Edmonds** – Councilor Edmonds reported there will be a robotics
33 district qualifier competition March 26-28 at Philomath High School that will
34 showcase local teams.
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36 **9. NEW BUSINESS**

37 **9.1 Planning Commission appointment** – Patrick McDonald, Philomath, OR – Mr.
38 McDonald stated he wants to get more involved in the community.
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40 **MOTION:** Councilor Baca moved, Councilor Edmonds second, the City Council
41 waive the two week waiting period and appoint Patrick McDonald to the City
42 Planning Commission for the remainder of the current four-year term set to
43 expire December 31, 2016. Motion APPROVED 7-0 (Yes: Baca, Edmonds, Hull,
44 Leonard, Manning, Niemann and Sloan; No: None.)
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46 **9.2 Appointment of Budget Officer** – Mayor Sloan stated this is the appointment of
47 the Finance Director for the city budget.
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49 **MOTION:** Councilor Baca moved, Councilor Hull second, the City Council
50 appoint Finance Director Joan Swanson as the 2015-2016 Budget Officer under
51 the supervision of the City Manager. Motion APPROVED 7-0 (Yes: Baca,
52 Edmonds, Hull, Leonard, Manning, Niemann and Sloan; No: None.)
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1 **9.3 Review and Adoption of 2015-2016 Council Goals** – Councilor Edmonds
2 stated there seems to be a significant number of goals and questioned if there
3 was any discussion about reducing the number. Councilor Baca stated that some
4 of these goals will extend over the two year term and will roll over to the next
5 term. Mayor Sloan indicated that some of the goals are already in the works,
6 such as the Transportation System Plan update.
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8 Mr. Workman stated he appreciated Councilor Edmonds concerns and wouldn't
9 want to see 9 to 10 goals every term but these all seem to be appropriate goals.
10 Mayor Sloan stated he also had initial concerns about staff being taken away
11 from other work; but after discussions with the city manager, he is satisfied.
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13 **MOTION:** Councilor Edmonds moved, Councilor Leonard second, the City
14 Council adopt the 2015-2016 Council Goals as presented. Motion APPROVED 7-
15 0 (Yes: Baca, Edmonds, Hull, Leonard, Manning, Niemann and Sloan; No:
16 None.)
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18 **10. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

19 **10.1 Website Report for January 2015** – Councilor Edmonds questioned if the data
20 provided on unique IP addresses screens out spambots. Ms. Post stated the
21 report from GovOffice doesn't provide that level of information. There was
22 discussion about providing the website information in a format that compares
23 year-to-year numbers. Ms. Post stated she would be happy to provide a report
24 with that information.

25 **10.2 Philomath Connection Monthly Ridership for January 2015** – No comments.

26 **10.3 2015-2016 Budget Calendar** – No comments.

27 **10.4 Memo from City Recorder regarding Annual Verified Statement of
28 Economic Interest** – No comment.

29 **10.5 CWACT notes from January 22, 2015, meeting** – No comment.

30 **10.6 ODOT 2015-2017 budget highlights** – No comment.
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32 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

33 **11.1 Adjournment** – Seeing no further business, Mayor Sloan adjourned the meeting
34 at 7:34 p.m.
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36 SIGNED:
37 Rocky Sloan, Mayor

 ATTEST:
Ruth Post, MMC, City Recorder