

**PHILOMATH CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
June 22, 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, June 22, 2015,
8 at 7:02 p.m. in the Philomath City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Rocky Sloan.
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10 **2. ROLL CALL**

11 Present:

12 Mayor Rocky Sloan
13 Councilor Angie Baca
14 Councilor Jason Leonard
15 Councilor Sean Manning
16 Councilor Eric Niemann
17 Councilor Charla Koeppel
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Excused:

Councilor Doug Edmonds

19 Staff Present:

20 City Manager Chris Workman
21 Finance Director Joan Swanson
22 City Recorder Ruth Post
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City Attorney Jim Brewer
Police Chief Ken Elwer
Public Works Director Kevin Fear

24 **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

25 **3.1 City Council Minutes – June 8, 2015**

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27 **MOTION:** Councilor Niemann moved, Councilor Manning second, to approve the
28 consent agenda and the council agenda for June 22, 2015, as presented. Motion
29 APPROVED 6-0 (Yes: Baca, Koeppel, Leonard, Manning, Niemann and Sloan;
30 No: None.)
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32 **4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

33 **4.1** None.
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35 **5. PROCLAMATION**

36 **5.1 Recognizing the retirement of Marcia Gilson from Philomath Fire & Rescue**
37 – Mayor Sloan read the proclamation congratulating Marcia Gilson from her
38 retirement at Philomath Fire & Rescue. Councilor Baca complimented Marcia
39 Gilson’s contributions to the community. Mayor Sloan announced there is an
40 open house this Friday from 3-5 p.m. at the Fire Hall in honor of Marcia.
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42 **6. VISITORS/PETITIONS**

43 **6.1 Kevin Sullivan, Philomath, OR** – Mr. Sullivan explained he owns Alyrica, a
44 business in close proximity to the proposed new jail site. He stated his opposition
45 to locating the Benton County Jail in Philomath. He stated safety concerns for his
46 family and the proximity of a school in the neighborhood. Mayor Sloan
47 encouraged Mr. Sullivan to take a tour of the current jail. Mr. Sullivan stated that
48 Corvallis is the county seat and the appropriate place for the jail. He stated if he
49 didn’t have a business right next to the proposed location, he might not be as
50 opposed to it. Mayor Sloan stated that there will be no more visibility of prisoners
51 at the proposed jail than there is at the current one in downtown Corvallis.

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2 **6.2** Joe Sullivan, Philomath, OR – Mr. Sullivan stated that he has a business in
3 proximity to the proposed jail location. He stated that what Philomath really
4 needs is a grocery store, not a jail. He stated concerns for his family and the
5 reputation of the community.
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7 **7. STAFF REPORTS**

8 **7.1 City Manager** – No report.
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10 **7.2 Public Works Director** – Excused.

11 **7.3 City Recorder** – Ms. Post reminded the Council that there will be no meeting on
12 July 13, but there will be a meeting on July 27. There will be two public hearings
13 at that meeting, one on proposed zoning code amendments and a
14 comprehensive plan/zoning map amendment with a subdivision application.
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17 Ms. Post reported on activities by the Philomath Public Art Council, including
18 oversized banners planned for the City Hall complex parking lot and new banners
19 of the historic college museum. She requested Council consensus regarding
20 three potential sites for the Art Council's first sculpture placement. The Council
21 gave consensus for sculpture art to be placed at either the Hunsaker Bikeway
22 Park, Readerboard Park, or in front of the City Hall complex.
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24 **7.4 Finance Director** – Ms. Swanson directed the Council's attention to the letter
25 from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (Information & Correspondence Item
26 #10.1). She provided an overview of the rating and its effect on the City's general
27 obligation bonds. There was brief discussion about the benefits of the rating.
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29 **7.5 Police Chief** – Excused.
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31 **7.6 City Attorney** – Excused.
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33 **8. COUNCIL REPORTS**

34 **8.1** None.
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36 **9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

37 **9.1 Resolution 15-05 Transferring appropriations in FY 2014-2015 budget** – Ms.
38 Swanson explained that there are always unanticipated expenses by the end of
39 the fiscal year and noted that the City's budget is very tightly appropriated. She
40 explained the effect of higher building permit revenues resulting in higher
41 corresponding expenses for inspection services. She also explained the need for
42 a transfer in the Park department to cover Kugler Hall expenses.
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44 **MOTION:** Councilor Niemann moved, Councilor Leonard second the City Council
45 approve Resolution 15-05 authorizing the transfer of appropriations. Motion
46 APPROVED 6-0 (Yes: Baca, Koeppe, Leonard, Manning, Niemann and Sloan;
47 No: None.)

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2 **9.2 Resolution 15-06 Adopting 2015-2016 City budget –**
3 **9.3 Resolution 15-07 Appropriating 2015-2016 City budget –**
4 **9.4 Resolution 15-08 Imposing & categorizing taxes –**
5 **9.5 Resolution 15-09 Electing to receive State Revenue Sharing funds – Ms.**
6 Swanson explained these are the resolutions to approve the budget as was
7 recommended by the Budget Committee and the resolution to accept state
8 revenue sharing.
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10 **MOTION:** Councilor Manning moved, Councilor Baca second the City Council
11 approve Resolutions 15-06, 15-07, and 15-08 adopting the 2015-2016 budget,
12 making appropriations and imposing and categorizing taxes. She further moved
13 the City Council approve Resolution 15-09 declaring the City's election to receive
14 state revenue. Motion APPROVED 6-0 (Yes: Baca, Koepp, Leonard, Manning,
15 Niemann and Sloan; No: None.)
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17 **10. INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE**

- 18 **10.1 Letter dated May 18, 2015 from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services**
19 **regarding Full Faith and Credit General Obligation Bonds –** Was discussed
20 under Agenda Item #7.4.
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22 Mayor Sloan encouraged the Council to take a tour of the current jail. Councilor
23 Baca described her last tour of the jail. There was discussion about the need for
24 the jail and tours of the jail being available to the public. Mr. Workman described
25 efforts for community outreach that County officials are attempting to schedule.
26 Mayor Sloan received Council approval to re-open Visitors Petitions for additional
27 comment.
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29 **6. VISITORS PETITIONS (Continued)**

- 30 **6.3 Robert Bueche, Philomath, OR** – Mr. Bueche stated he wanted to know how to
31 gather a petition in opposition to the jail. He stated he believes a majority of the
32 community would oppose the jail being located in Philomath. Mr. Workman
33 explained that Benton County will make a location decision regarding what
34 property to purchase and will then put the package forward to the voters of
35 Benton County. Mr. Bueche stated this will be an eyesore in Philomath and
36 putting a jail here will make Philomath a less favorable place to live. He stated it
37 will negatively affect the school right next to the proposed site.
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39 Mayor Sloan stated that he is pushing for the County to get the design out that
40 shows it will look like a normal building. There was additional discussion about
41 positive and negative aspects of the project and about public perception.
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43 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- 44 **11.1 Adjournment** – Seeing no further business, Mayor Sloan adjourned the meeting
45 at 7:46 p.m.
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47 SIGNED:
48 Rocky Sloan, Mayor

ATTEST:
Ruth Post, MMC, City Recorder