

**PHILOMATH CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 12, 2016**

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6 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

7 The City Council of the City of Philomath was called to order on Monday, August 8,
8 2016, at 7:00 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 Doug Edmonds
14 Councilor Charla Koepp
15 Councilor Candy Koetz
16 Councilor Jason Leonard
17 Councilor Sean Manning
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Excused:

Councilor Eric Niemann

19 Staff Present:

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

25 **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

26 **3.1 City Council Minutes – August 8, 2016**

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28 **MOTION:** Councilor Koepp moved, Councilor Leonard second, to approve the consent
29 agenda and the Council agenda for September 12, 2016, as presented. Motion
30 APPROVED 6-0 (Yes: Edmonds, Koepp, Koetz, Leonard, Manning, and Sloan; No:
31 None.)
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33 **4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

34 **4.1** None.
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36 **5. VISITORS/PETITIONS**

37 **5.1 Xan Augerot, Corvallis, OR** – Ms. Augerot introduced herself to the City Council
38 as a candidate running for Benton County Commissioner. She stated her eagerness to
39 work with Philomath if elected.
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41 **6. STAFF REPORTS**

42 **6.1 City Manager** – Mr. Workman requested confirmation that no members of the
43 Council will be attending the League of Oregon Cities' Conference later this month. He
44 also requested approval to travel out of state to attend the ICMA Conference per his
45 employment contract. Council consensus was to allow him to attend the conference.
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47 **6.2 Public Works Director** – Excused.
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49 **6.3 City Recorder** – Ms. Post invited the Council to attend the dedication of the new
50 piece of artwork at Dale Collins Readerboard Park on Friday, September 16.
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1 **6.4 Finance Director** – Ms. Swanson reported the auditors were on site on
2 September 1 and were happy with their findings. They will provide their report to the
3 Council later this year. She also reported that the Urban Renewal Project slated for next
4 spring will require the issuance of bonds and the Finance/Administration Committee will
5 be meeting later this month to review the bond proposal. She also noted the Committee
6 will review a proposal to refinance the 2009 sewer bonds to reduce the interest rates and
7 save the City a substantial amount of money.

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9 **6.5 Chief of Police** – Excused.

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11 **6.6 City Attorney** – Mr. Brewer reported on the City’s motion to intervene in the
12 Corvallis case against the annexation bill has been accepted by the court.

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14 **7. COUNCIL REPORTS**

15 **7.1 Councilor Edmonds** – Councilor Edmonds commented on commemoration of
16 the September 11 attacks, the good work performed by so many, and his appreciation of
17 our own local Police Department.

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19 **7.2 Councilor Leonard** – Reported on the successful PYAC Carnival last Friday.

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21 Councilor Edmonds noted the Randy Kugler Community Hall seems to be well utilized.
22 Ms. Swanson reported on the extensive use of the hall. There was additional discussion
23 about the use of the readerboard sign. Ms. Post stated it is typically booked six weeks in
24 advance.

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26 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

27 **8.1 Planning Commission Resignation – Gabe Callaway** – Mr. Workman reported
28 on the resignation submitted by Gabe Callaway and the press release that is ready to be
29 issued tomorrow to seek applicants. Council agreed by consensus to accept applications
30 and review them at the October meeting.

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32 **9. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

33 **9.1 Resolution 16-13 Adoption of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP)** –
34 Mr. Workman summarized the planning document proposed by Benton County and the
35 Philomath addendum. Councilor Edmonds requested presentation of the materials by
36 Benton County representatives. Mayor Sloan concurred. The resolution was tabled
37 pending that presentation.

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39 **10. INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE**

40 **10.1 City Website Statistics for August 2016** – Councilor Edmonds requested the
41 top five pages on the website be charted to see whether they are being most effective.
42 Mr. Workman suggested a possible Council goal next year for a comprehensive social
43 media review to determine effectiveness of the City’s communication program.

44 **10.2 Philomath Connection ridership for August 2016** – No comments.

45 **10.3 Thank you letter from ABC House for social service funding** – No comments.

46 **10.4 Thank you letter from Philomath Community Services for social service
47 funding** – No comments.

48 **10.5 Thank you letter from Strengthening Rural Families for social service
49 funding** – No comments.

1 **11. ADJOURNMENT**
2 **11.1 Adjournment** – Seeing no further business, Mayor Sloan adjourned the meeting
3 at 7:27 p.m.

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5 **SIGNED:**
6 Rocky Sloan, Mayor

ATTEST:
Ruth Post, MMC, City Recorder