

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 16, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M.  
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Burge called the Community Forum to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Flag Salute**

**Attendance:**

**City Council Members:**

Scott Burge	Mayor
Jeff Bernhard	Council President
Donna Gedlich	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Art Heerwagen	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor

**Staff:**

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Doug Greisen	Police Chief
Susan Reeves	City Recorder

Cindy Phillips	Legal Counsel
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**Press:**

Amber Nobe	The Chronicle
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**Excused:** Councilor Judie Ingham

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Burge added agenda item 9.4 Resolution 10-17: A Resolution of the City of Scappoose Approving the Purchase of Real Property and Approving the Financing for the Purchase of Real Property under New Business to the agenda.

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

**Public Comments**

Rob Cornilles, Tualatin, explained he is here tonight to introduce himself simply because he is the Republican nominee for the U.S. Congressional Seat in the 1<sup>st</sup> District in Oregon, which Scappoose is a part of. The reason he is here is not only to introduce himself but he recognizes that all politics is local and he appreciates the work that City Council's all over the Districts do for the local communities and in order for him to be a proper representative some day, hopefully beginning of next year, he thinks he needs to know a little bit more about the issues that people in this District are facing and so one way that he is doing this is visit every City Council in the District as much as he can. He thanked Council for their service. He explained he will be sitting in the back listening and

hopefully learning quite a bit about the issues that Scappoose faces and to see if there is some where down the road an opportunity for a Federal Candidate to be of some assistance for Scappoose. Council thanked him for being present.

## **Consent Agenda**

### **July 19, 2010 City Council Meeting minutes, August 2, 2010 City Council Community Forum minutes and Appointment of Rick Weber to the Public Works Advisory Committee**

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented ~ July 19, 2010 City Council Meeting minutes, August 2, 2010 City Council Community Forum minutes and Appointment of Rick Weber to the Public Works Advisory Committee. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

### **Scappoose Boosters Event July 2011**

City Manager Hanken explained at the last City Council meeting there was a community forum regarding the Scappoose Boosters proposed community celebration in Veterans Park in July of 2011. City Council wanted to bring this back to do a formal motion to approve the location of the community event.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion that the Scappoose City Council approve the Scappoose Boosters request to hold a community event in Veterans Park in July of 2011.

Council President Bernhard stated he looks forward to the Scappoose Booster hosting this event in a positive way that it is good for the whole community. He thanked the Boosters for bringing this to the City Council.

Councilor Gedlich thanked the Scappoose Boosters for all their work.

Councilor Heerwagen asked if there has been any progress on changing the name.

Michael Klobes, Scappoose Boosters, replied they have had some discussion but no decisions have been made.

Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

### **Presentation on Columbia County Rider**

Janet Wright and Henry Heimuller are here this evening to give an overview and an update on the Columbia County Rider public transportation in Columbia County. They showed Council and staff some drawings on the proposed transit center. Janet Wright explained the funding for the transit

center has come from Connect 2 (2 million dollars) and the rest of it is State dollars. She explained there is no County dollars being put in to this; this is all grant funded monies.

Councilor Gedlich asked Janet Wright why Columbia County Rider requests \$20,000.00 from the City of Scappoose.

Janet Wright replied the reason she sends out her yearly letter looking for contributions is because the money that they get for operating the system is used to leverage State and Federal dollars and the more they can get the more dollars they can leverage.

Councilor Gedlich asked if part of the \$20,000.00 is for bus stops and or shelters.

Janet Wright replied it is used for a combination of things; the routes, the stops, the clean up and maintenance, the buses, the maintenances of the buses, the drivers, it goes for a multitude of types of transit services for people in the Scappoose School District (area they provide services to).

Henry Heimuller explained their park and ride at Grocery Outlet is private property and the owners of Grocery Outlet haven't wanted Columbia County Rider to have bus shelters on their lot. He stated it is the same thing on the ODOT property. He explained they are about ready to lose their park and ride at Grocery Outlet and their long term goal is to create a park and ride that belongs to Columbia County.

Janet Wright explained one of the things Columbia County Rider needs to do is actually find a site in Scappoose so what she is looking to do is write a grant or find some money to actually do a public process for sighting a park and ride in Scappoose. The City of Scappoose is last one who doesn't have an actual park and ride or transit center in their community that people can actually find and not have a problem using and parking.

Council President Bernhard asked about the percentage of riders in Scappoose.

Henry Heimuller replied they don't have those numbers with them. He explained there are anywhere from 50 to 70 cars a day parked at the two park and rides.

Council President Bernhard replied the reason he asked that question was because there was a comment made before the meeting on how a well thought out transit plan will also enhance or contribute dramatically to economic development and he totally agrees with that statement 100%. He stated as we continue to move forward, especially when it comes to transit portion of this, he thinks it is imperative that we have that type of data and that information so when we look at these things as a budgetary standpoint we have that information available and we can start looking at this, instead of it being a nonprofit type funding piece, we actually look at this as maybe we can start looking at from an annual reoccurring funding piece instead.

City Manager Hanken explained one of the things he wants everybody to consider is as we move forward with the Urban Growth Boundary expansion one of the things that we are going to need to do is a transportation plan update and part as our transportation master plan update we need to take in to consideration public transportation. He explained there is an opportunity here that he thinks

that is starting to immerse where in our process related to doing the transportation plan update and the public input process working with the transit to combine that effort.

Council President Bernhard stated he would like to request at this time that City Manager Hanken have conversation with Columbia County in terms of the amount of rides that are coming out of this area and that he come back to Council with some type of dollar figure that we need to be considering to help enhance the transportation issue that we have here in Scappoose. He stated not based on contributions made by other cities in the County but based on the needs on the riders in our community and based on the needs of our citizenship.

## **New Business**

### **Resolution No. 10-16: A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget, Establishing Appropriations within the 2010-2011 Budget. (Foot Path & Bicycle Trails)**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained as stated at our July 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, engineering and construction costs for the High School Way sidewalk project was higher than expected. Council approved the contract with R & R General Contractors, Inc. (\$18,780) for the City's portion of construction. ODOT Rail Division has agreed to pay up to \$15,000 for the new railroad crossing panels to be installed by Portland & Western Railroad. Staff is asking Council to transfer \$20,000 from the fund's contingency line item to Council approved projects.

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 10-16: A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget, Establishing Appropriations within the 2010-2011 Budget. (Foot Path & Bicycle Trails). Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

### **IGA with ODOT Rail for High School Way Sidewalk Project**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained ODOT Rail Division has agreed to pay up to \$15,000 for the Portland & Western Railroad work to install the crossing panels. Total cost of the rail panel project is \$39,000. The City is responsible to pay P & W Railroad \$24,000. Staff asked for permission to enter into this IGA so the City could execute the agreement as soon as possible. Staff's goal is to have the crossing work completed by Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> so as not to have any conflicts when school starts on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion that City Council approve an IGA with ODOT Rail for High School Way Sidewalk Project. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

### **Ordinance No. 812: An Ordinance Modifying Scappoose Municipal Code Chapter 12.16 Municipal Parks**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained Council has committed to allowing an off-leash area in Veterans Park (north of the intermittent stream). However to formally allow this, Council needs to modify their ordinance related to dogs in the City parks. Currently the code states that dogs have to be on leashes at all times. Staff is proposing that the code state: "No animals are permitted in municipal park unless they are on a leash, **except in designated off leash areas...**" This proposed change, along with signage in the park, would clearly mark where it is acceptable to have a dog off-leash.

Mayor Burge opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

City Recorder Susan Reeves explained Jill Schull wanted to be here tonight but couldn't.

City Manager Hanken replied Jill Schull would have spoke in favor of it.

Mayor Burge closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that City Council approve Ordinance No. 812: An Ordinance Modifying Scappoose Municipal Code Chapter 12.16 Municipal Parks as presented.

Mayor Burge read the title for the first time.

**Resolution No. 10-17: A Resolution of the City of Scappoose Approving the Purchase of Real Property and Approving the Financing for the Purchase of Real Property**

City Manager Hanken went over Resolution No. 10-17 Approving the Purchase of Real Property and Approving the Financing for the Purchase of Real Property. He explained this is the 2.5 areas approximately that will be at the SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street where Havlik will connect.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Meres seconded the motion that Council approve Resolution No. 10-17: A Resolution of the City of Scappoose Approving the Purchase of Real Property and Approving the Financing for the Purchase of Real Property. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Council President Bernhard stated he thinks this is a fantastic site and this is exciting.

**Announcements**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

**City Manager Hanken**

City Manager Hanken explained staff is working with Gary Liao relating to the fountain project. He was hoping that he would have the engineered plans in his possession but he doesn't. He was also hoping the fountain would be done by the Sauerkraut Festival but he is not sure it will be done by

then, but progress is moving forward on that. The other thing he is happy to say that progress is moving forward on SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

### **Police Chief Greisen**

Police Chief Greisen explained last week was graduation for the Citizens Academy.

### **Council**

Councilor Gedlich thanked staff for their hard work and dedication. She explained she had a good time on Saturday and she thanked Councilor Ingham for all of her hard work and efforts to organize the opening of Scappoose Veterans Park. She asked if anyone had seen the article in the newspaper about Ashley Jobin winning the Olympic Trials. She would like to invite her (and others in the group) to a City Council meeting and give them a nice plaque from the City. She stated now that we are all through the Budget process and we are not really busy she would like at the next Council meeting to have staff invite Judge Taylor and the City Prosecutor and have them sit down and talk to Council about the municipal court process and the \$600,000.00 worth of fines that haven't been paid. She thinks it is something that we have neglected to do, we talk about it every year at budget and it is stated lets discuss this later and we don't do it. She explained this has been one of her biggest pet peeves since 1984 because the City deserves that money.

Mayor Burge stated we will put that on the agenda.

Councilor Meres had a great time on Saturday at the opening of Scappoose Veterans Park. He thanked everybody for their hard work and he thanks Councilor Ingham for putting this event together.

Council President Bernhard thanked Rob Cornilles for attending tonight.

Councilor Erickson asked City Manager Hanken when do he anticipate Havlik Drive being open.

City Manager Hanken explained he is looking at November.

Councilor Heerwagen thanked Councilor Ingham for her work; it was a lot of organization. He also thanked Rob Cornilles for being here tonight. He recommended those who haven't walked through the new school to take the time to do that. He explained he really wanted to express his displeasure with the minimal coverage the Spotlight gave of the Veterans Park opening. The article was buried in the back with 2" of copy, he was very disappointed, and it is a community newspaper.

Mayor Burge explained the Chronicle did a big article on the opening of Veterans Park.

City Manager Hanken replied it was on the front page.

Mayor Burge thanked Councilor Ingham for putting on the event and also for dumping the ice water on his head.

Mayor Burge talked about the Mayors conference that he recently attended.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan M Reeves, CMC, City Recorder