

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.  
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Burge called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Flag Salute**

**Roll Call**

The meeting of the City of Scappoose City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; 33568 East Columbia Avenue; Scappoose, Oregon with the following present:

**City Council Members:**

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

**Staff:**

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

**Press:**

none present

Andy Jordan	Legal Counsel
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**Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Ingham moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

**Public Comments**

Jill Schull, Scappoose, is here this evening to propose getting a community group together to support the implementation of an off leash dog park at the Veterans Park. She does understand that there have been previous discussions on this. She handed out an agenda for a meeting regarding an off leash dog park. The meeting will be at the High School this Thursday, January 21, 2010. She explained she put together a general strategy to define what could be involved with development of such an area. She wanted to put this meeting together to see what kind community support she can get. She explained she is also meeting with City Manager Hanken this week so she can see what the processes are for the City.

Mayor Burge thanked Jill Schull and stated he will see her at the meeting this Thursday.

Councilor Gedlich asked if there is going to be one area just for large dogs or will there be a couple of separate areas for different sized dogs? Jill Schull replied she is thinking that they need

to plan for two separate areas, but there are lots of things to discuss and that is defiantly one of them.

Councilor Gedlich thanked Jill Schull for attending this evening.

Councilor Ingham complimented Jull Schull on a great agenda she put together for the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Councilor Heerwagen explained he would really like to see a local dog park.

Jill Schull thanked Council for allowing her to talk to them this evening.

Lisa Smith, Scappoose, wanted to say first that Jill Schull did a really good job on her presentation. She thinks it is neat idea. She explained she is here this evening to talk to Council regarding economic development on a smaller scale in one respect and maybe traditional economic development in another. She explained her remarks and her concerns are the East side of Scappoose. She explained we have done some amazing work in this community and she thinks she can say we since she was on Council when a lot of the planning for a lot the really great things that have happened recently took place. She is thrilled to see Havlik Drive and thrilled to see the park on JP West completed and know she feels it is time to take a look down here in the downtown overlay and in the old town area of Scappoose. She explained the traditional project that has come up in the some of the research and some of the conversation she has had with various business owners and people in her neighborhood is storm drainage particularly Columbia Avenue. She explained its seems when we talk about economic development projects infrastructure improvement projects come up. We don't as a political body really tend to think of how that benefits businesses but when people go to build structures storm water is often one of the major expenses. In this area we don't have any kind of system. She explained there is an issue here particularly along Columbia Avenue that could be cost prohibitive to anyone doing to anything to continuing improving the way this area looks. She stated it is something to put on your wish list when you start talking about goals and prioritizing projects. She stated please keep that in mind. She explained the other piece of economic development, a piece that is not traditionally thought of by political bodies as being economic development are the barriers that are within ordinances related to economic development. She explained when you get in to times like we are in right now where the numbers are really tight, anything that adds to the expense of construction becomes a barrier to economic development. Sometimes ordinances can be well meaning and yet not have been structured perhaps from the perspective to actual things that are on the ground simply because it is not possible to do that when you are crafting an ordinance. She explained there are something's in the downtown overlay that are barriers to the development. She stated that is unfortunate because the downtown overlay was adopted to support development. She thought maybe the first step in making any proposal, having any conversation about making changes to it would be simply to come to the Council and let you know she has something identified and then go speak to with the Planning Commission and get their perspective, thoughts and ideas. She wanted to give Council a heads up that those kinds of activities are going on.

Mayor Burge explained he supports Lisa Smiths efforts. He feels Council will be very interested in looking at ways to address possible barriers.

Lisa Smith explained her thought at this point is to identify the barriers with the Planning Commission and then to return to the Council and layout what the situation is and suggest things that Council can do as a body to get the process started.

Council President Bernhard thanked Lisa Smith and explained he is looking forward this process.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **December 21, 2009 City Council meeting minutes & January 4, 2010 City Council Workshop**

Councilor Ingham moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the December 21, 2009 City Council meeting minutes and January 4, 2010 City Council Workshop minutes. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

#### **Fire Service Appreciation Day Proclamation**

Mayor Burge read the Fire Service Appreciation Day Proclamation. Division Chief Lake was presented a copy of the Proclamation. Thank you Scappoose Fire District!

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution No. 10-01: A Resolution Regarding Continuing Membership in the City County Insurance Services Trust for the Purpose of Participating in the CIS Retro Liability Program**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained CIS requires Council to annually approve the enclosed resolution for participating in the CIS Retro Liability Program. Over the past five years, Scappoose has had few insurance claims through CIS Insurance Company and that has made our community eligible to participate in the Retro Liability Program. Participating in this program saves the City approximately \$20,000 in insurance premiums annually.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 10-01: A Resolution Regarding Continuing Membership in the City County Insurance Services Trust for the Purpose of Participating in the CIS Retro Liability. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

#### **Resolution No. 10-02: A Resolution Designating the City's Intention to Permit Recreational Use Of City Parks And Other Areas Of The City Generally Regarded As Outdoor Recreation Areas Under Ors 105.682**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. CIS requests Council to adopt a "Recreational Immunity" Resolution. As part of our responsibility to manage risk for the City, staff continually works with representatives of our insurance company to ensure that Council has adopted all the liability protections allowed by State Law. One area that the City hasn't addressed is the liability protections associated with ORS 105.682, commonly referred to as the "Recreation Immunity"

provision. By adopting the enclosed resolution, Council can help to keep our insurance rates manageable.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 10-02: A Resolution Designating the City's Intention to Permit Recreational Use Of City Parks And Other Areas Of The City Generally Regarded As Outdoor Recreation Areas Under Ors 105.682. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

## **Announcements**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

## **City Manager Hanken**

Election Day is on January 26, 2010 and City Hall is a ballot drop off site and will be open until 8:00 p.m.

City Manager Hanken explained the City received the go ahead from DEQ regarding the Wastewater contract.

## **Councilors**

Councilor Gedlich thanked staff for all their hard work. She would like to schedule Council to meet with Planning Commission and staff regarding the memorandum from the Planning Commission regarding the comprehensive plan and master plan update.

Councilor Meres thanked Jill Schull for working on the dog park. He feels it is a great idea and he supports her on this. He also wanted to thank the Scappoose Community Club for putting up the really nice sign at the north end of town.

Council President Bernhard asked about storm damage in the area. He noticed that part of the roof at the shop at Veterans Park was off. The roof will be getting replaced soon.

Council President Bernhard asked about a goal setting session. City Manager Hanken is still working on trying to find a facilitator. Mayor Burge asked if Lisa Smith would be interested. Lisa Smith replied she is honored to be asked. Mayor Burge thinks maybe the first weekend of March would be a good weekend for a goal setting session.

Council President Bernhard went over his concerns for the goal setting session: airport, downtown area, Havlik Crossing, how to drive economic development to where it affects primary wage earners within the area and additional industry. He agrees that Lisa Smith would be a good facilitator.

Councilor Ingham also thanked Jill Schull for her work towards getting a dog park. She asked about the Charter Review Committee ~ she would like to start it again. She will be gone in for both February Council meetings.

Councilor Heerwagen also wanted to comment on the nice sign at the north end of town.

Mayor Burge thanked Jill Schull and Lisa Smith for their comments.

Mayor Burge recessed at 7:37 p.m. and went in to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

### **Executive Session**

#### **ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Litigation Likely to Occur**

#### **ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Performance Evaluation of Public Officers and Employees**

**In attendance:** Mayor Burge, Council President Bernhard, Councilor Gedlich, Councilor Ingham, Councilor Meres, Councilor Heerwagen, Councilor Erickson, City Manager Hanken and Legal Counsel Andy Jordan.

Mayor Burge came back in to open session at 8:23 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

**City of Scappoose, Oregon**

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Scott Burge, Mayor

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