

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
CITY COUNCIL
GOAL SETTING SESSION
MARCH 13, 2010
9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

Council members present: Mayor Scott Burge, Council President Bernhard Jeff Bernhard, Councilor Donna Gedlich, Councilor Judie Ingham and Councilor Jeff Erickson.

Staff: City Manager Jon Hanken and Police Chief Doug Greisen

Facilitator: Lisa Smith

Lisa Smith asked Council what is the one thing the City has accomplished during your term that you are most proud of:

- Development of City Parks
- Veterans Park
- Responsible fiscal management
- Havlik Highway 30 Crossing
- Rail Corridor Study
- Properties the City has purchased
- Council working together with each other and staff and State agencies
- Improvements to Police Department like 24/7 coverage, better equipment and training

Scott Burge stated when Council is setting goals we need to make sure they are measurable.

Lisa Smith explained some of what Scott Burge is talking about is the implementation piece of strategic planning: time frames, who is going to do it and specific measurable quantities.

Council and staff discussed and agreed on the following goals in no particular order:

ECONOMICS

- Complete Economic Opportunities Analysis.
- Begin the process for expanding the UGB.
- Participate in the County-wide Economic Development Effort.
- Develop a business retention program.
- Develop business recruitment tools.
 - People who make stuff
 - 200 jobs?
- Selling the City – user survey, website, county program
- Review land use ordinances related to commercial and industrial development.
- Expand PCC footprint in Scappoose.
- Explore possibility of City managing the Scappoose Industrial Airpark.
- Maintain responsible fiscal management.

(The tape was shut off and it seems like it was started again over some of what was previously recorded.)

There was discussion on continuing to work with the Port of St. Helens.

Judie Ingham feels the County Economic Opportunity Committee is going to lay that ground work with the Port and help the City communicate with them better.

City Manager Hanken stated he is seeing breaks in attitudes at the staff level. The Port is having their marketing person Paula come talk to City staff more and he is seeing some out reach.

Jeff Bernhard stated he would like just to throw this out there, what if we say if we don't continue seeing communication from the Port, he is up with cutting ties with the Port completely and actually consider brining in everything they possibly can in to the City limits. He stated what if we control our own destiny, we control everything we possible can and we actually send a message to Columbia County saying this Port has wasted our time, this Port hasn't done anything for our County and we Scappoose aren't going to take it any more.

Lisa Smith stated you have already said that. You said today starting promoting industrial development off property that the Port of St. Helens owns and activity partnering with Sierra Pacific to do your economic opportunities analysis. You took it off the table that day and you are moving it forward now.

City Manager Hanken wanted to ask Jeff Bernhard a question because he explained here how things play out: he knows for a fact that the Port is trying to market property on the east side of the airport any other developer is required to put infrastructure. He explained the Port has, in the past, gotten a little bit of a pass, the Scappoose Fire District has clearly said no more development on the east side until water gets in and you can handle fire flow. That is going to be staffs message all the way through, they are another developer, they are going to comply with all City ordinances. His question to Jeff Bernhard is when we do that the phone calls start are you going to make sure you back me up.

The reply of the general consensus was absolutely, 100%.

Jeff Bernhard stated he didn't really want to become a manager of the airport but what if we decide to go down that road and completely dissolve the Port through a County wide vote within our area here.

Lisa Smith stated maybe you do under your economic goals want to beginning exploring the requirements, the frame work, etc related to airport management.

Lisa Smith asked the Council if there goal to explore the possibility of the City managing the airport.

The general consensus was yes.

Jeff Bernhard discussed the issue of whether or not a large company could be accommodated in the City of Scappoose.

City Manager Hanken replied the normal process in a rail crossing to get through the permit process, on a regular bases, is 1 to 1 ½ years, we did it in 3 months. He stated if a large company wants to come to Scappoose, we can make it work.

Scott Burge stated businesses are going to consider pieces of land that you have within the city that are accessible so currently what Jeff Bernhard is saying with what we have we need to have a program that says yes we are open for business locate here. In the meantime while we are doing that we also really need to be doing these updates, which is what Judie Ingham also said, you can work on things while you are doing other things.

Scott Burge stated maybe we should ask people who have built here what were the positives, what were the negatives. He stated we could send a survey form out and do a review of people who have developed here.

Lisa Smith explained why they need to address the issue of prioritization and she explained there are some business reasons to do this; it doesn't have anything to do with what we are trying to push forward or not push forward. She stated if you are seeking funding, participating in a needs analysis, where the County is running everything and putting it on a list and it goes to the Legislature and they fund by theses then your staff needs to know which ones go on there in what order. She stated the process has probably changed but she has sat in a room and stated these are the priorities. She stated it is a tool for some really odd cycles that the State of Oregon has.

City Manager Hanken explained here is what he has discovered in terms of the time frame and prioritizations on the needs and issues list it doesn't matter, it just has to be on the list. He stated it is the relationships with the agencies that you have and their confidence in this community that you can deliver the project.

Judie Ingham explained when she was on the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee they sat for hours prioritizing Capital Improvement projects the next time they met they had to change the prioritization because of funding issues or what ever the issue was. They were always changing the priority list and switching it around because of outside influences.

Lisa Smith stated if you don't need for your purposes any kind of numbering then what you need to do is make sure the list of goals is complete.

City Manager Hanken explained when he put these things down there is no prioritization, this is a whole goal, a whole concept that if we are going to be involved in economic development these are all the things that we are going to need to do.

Scott Burge explained he and City Manager Hanken are working together to bring together a retention recruitment tool package to the Council.

They recessed for a break.

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Lisa Smith explained Veneta just developed 1.1 million dollar out door pool designed with the possibility for a future cover. She suggested you get in contact with them. City Manager Hanken explained he has been in touch with them.

Council and staff discussed and agreed on the following goals in no particular order:

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- Update water, sewer, transportation, and storm water master plans to identify services into the Urban Growth Boundary.
- Maintain working relations with the Scappoose School Board and Superintendent.
- Continue to explore development the Scappoose Swimming Pool.
- Explore options for a municipal park on the east side of the City.
- Work to maintain 24/7 police coverage in the community.
- Keep current on building, fire, and flood zone laws.
- Continue to work with the Scappoose School District to develop a skateboard park.
- Create profit/loss statements for public utilities.

Scott Burge addressed the issue of the pavement maintenance plan and the City is getting additional revenues via the State's gas tax and increased fees and to make sure we dedicate all that money in to that plan and start working that plan.

Jeff Bernhard addressed the issue of the people who ride the bus and park in the Chinook Plaza parking and it becoming a potential safety issue.

City Manager Hanken explained he has spoke with someone from Columbia County Rider and they had talked about possibly using the area around the Cinnamon Tree.

City Manager Hanken explained what the County is planning on doing once the weather gets better is to fortify underneath and open JP West bridge again to 2-way traffic. It is still going to be somewhat weight restricted; however they are on the stip progress for funding to replace that bridge.

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TRANSPORTATION

- Develop implementation strategy for the Community's Street Maintenance Plan.
- Ensure new street connect into the transportation system.
- Create safe transportation corridors for bicyclists and walkers.
- Work with Columbia County to develop an official transit station.
- Work with Columbia County to replace bridge on JP West.

There was a discussion on housing goals. There was a general consensus to not adopting any action items related to housing.

Scott Burge would like to develop trails on the City's 80 acres. He stated it would be nice to do benches.

Judie Ingham stated it would be fun to move forward with an idea to present this piece of property (80 acres) as community accessible land and what should we do with it.

Jeff Bernhard likes the idea of having hiking trails.

Scott Burge discussed the issue of the Farmers Market maybe relocating to the Middle School to be more visible.

Lisa Smith stated staff could make a map of what the City owns and what is needed along the Scappoose Creek.

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NATURAL FACTORS AND LOCAL RESOURCES

- Encourage the development of green ways along the Scappoose Creek by mapping what land and easements we already have and what we need to complete greenway system.

- Coordinate with the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council to develop stream bank stabilizations projects on City owned property.

- Explore possibility for access and activities in City forest and possibility of identifying as a city park.

- Explore the concept of community gardens.

- Develop pedestrian accesses across the creek.

There was another discussion on prioritizing. Lisa Smith explained something interesting is going to happen to you now she believes, she is going to make this projection that the community is going to prioritize something's for Council and they are going to get distracted badly from some of what may have been your priorities in the past because you are about to announce that you are exploring the possibility of the City managing the airport.

Lisa Smith asked Council what do they feel they did well today.

- Corroboration, collective decision making

- Good debate and positive outcomes

- Realizing we need to control our own destiny

- Respect for each other's opinions and values even when we disagreed

Jeff Bernhard stated he wants to hear what City Manager Hanken liked about today.

City Manager Hanken replied he thinks the thing he likes most about it and he is going to pay the compliment that Andy Jordan pays him all the time that is you guys are the most boring people

around, everything runs smooth, and you get things done with no drama. It is just nice to see or to experience a Council session that functions as it is suppose to.

Mayor Scott Burge

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