

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

Call to Order

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

Flag Salute

Attendance:

City Council Members:

Scott Burge	Mayor
Larry P. Meres	Council President
Donna Gedlich	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor
Jason Meshell	Councilor
Barbara Hayden	Councilor

Staff:

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Doug Greisen	Police Chief
Susan Reeves	City Recorder
Nicholas Wood	Municipal Court Judge

Press:

Jeff Bennett	Legal Counsel	Katie Wilson	South County Spotlight
Ron Guerra	Legal Counsel		

Excused: Councilor Mark Reed

Approval of the Agenda

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Meres, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye; Councilor Meshell, aye and Councilor Hayden, aye.

Public Comments

Jean Lewis, St. Helens, explained she is the person that runs the Teen Court and she is here to introduce Dorinda Howden to Council. She explained Dorinda will be taking her place due to health issues.

Dorinda Howden, Washougal, Washington, explained she has dealt with Teen Court for about four and half years in the State of Texas and she is here to assist Jean.

Jean Lewis gave an overview of how well Teen Court is working and how they are saving lives. She explained they worked with City Manager Hanken, which he helped them immensely and they will be here in Scappoose the first and third Thursday of each month.

Dorinda Howden explained she will be emailing Council the Teen Court dates so everyone can plan.

Councilor Gedlich explained she went to several of the Teen Courts and she has to say they were very nice young polite people. She would really like the other Councilmember's to please help.

Council Report/Committee Reports

Mayor Burge explained this section is so Council can stay up to date on what is happening with City committees and also other functions the Councilors are involved in.

Councilor Hayden explained the Scappoose Historical Society has embarked on a program called "Raise the roof" and what they are doing is going out to the community via donation letters and grants to raise money to put a new roof on the Watts House.

Consent Agenda ~ January 22, 2013 City Council meeting minutes and Appointment of Erik Dietz to the Scappoose Budget Committee

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ January 22, 2013 City Council meeting minutes and Appointment of Erik Dietz to the Scappoose Budget Committee. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Meres, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye; Councilor Meshell, aye and Councilor Hayden, aye.

Proclamation ~ Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week

Mayor Burge read the Proclamation.

Councilor Meshell and Mayor Burge shared their personal stories regarding family members that have had heart defects.

Councilor Meshell explained a lot of the work that has been done in the past 30 years has actually allowed his son to continue to live a very healthy life. He thanked Mayor Burge for bringing this up.

New Business

ORD No. 825: An Ordinance Creating a "Crime Property Nuisance" and Establishing a "Vacant Building Ordinance" and Amending the Scappoose Municipal Code and Declaring an Emergency

Police Chief Greisen went over the staff report. He explained this is a two part ordinance written by Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett. He explained we are having issues in the City of Scappoose due to the Police Department going to the same residence time after time when crimes are being committed. He explained the first ordinance would allow the Police Department to identify these homes and if they go there three times in 90 days the City has different actions they can take against the property owner. He explained the other ordinance is going to be what they call a vacant building ordinance. He explained they are also finding homes that are vacant, people have walked away or foreclosed or they just don't want to take care of the property anymore. He explained so you have individuals going into these homes and doing drug actives, tearing the places apart and the homes are becoming a nuisance and this ordinance would help the City of Scappoose board up these homes when we can't get the property owners to do that. He explained

the crimes property nuisance would be repeated criminal activity; the City would obtain a court order closing these premises to use until owners clean up their premises. He explained this would also be when people manufacture drugs, individuals getting arrested there more than once, and serious offenses. He explained under vacant building they have several homes where people think someone is committing a burglary, they police officers go there and the people have already left but they have broken into the home, kicked down the doors, kicking in the windows, and these homes do not have any utilities, so when you go in the home there are rats, etc. and it is not fair to the other neighbors. He stated you have some property owners who don't really care and they allow their empty buildings to have activities occur on a daily basis. He explained the home in photo listed as photo series A is only 20 feet from an apartment complex and approximately 100 feet from a City park. So there are kids that are able to walk in there and that home there is so dangerous that he doesn't even like going in there. So this ordinance would allow them to take appropriate action. He explained he is also requesting an emergency clause for this ordinance. He explained this also requires property owners to have building registered with the City, so if someone is going to go into a foreclosure they will have to register that building with the City Recorder plus there has to be notice on the building itself.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett explained this is kind of an interesting ordinance; it is basically a significant departure from a typical nuisance ordinance. He explained one of the primary purposes of this ordinance is to be very precise about these two specific types of nuisances to make sure that when the City has to deal with them there is a lot of specificity in two areas; one is process and the other substance. He explained the reason process is so important is that you are dealing the property rights of the property owners here and a lot of times these properties, especially in the specified crime property ordinance are not occupied by the owner, yet the owner is the one who will probably take the brunt of the activity here that occurs on a regulatory bases so it is very important for us to establish a careful process that needs to be followed in order to implement the remedy here. He explained on the specified crime property ordinance it does require what is called a 10 day preliminary notice. He explained if the Chief determines that the specific property falls within the definition of a specified crime property then a notice needs to be sent to the owner and the occupant of the property and that notice needs to be sent out 10 days before the City can then go and proceed to file a complaint either in the municipal court or in the circuit court to have that nuisance abated. He explained the purpose of that 10 day time period is to allow the owner or the occupancy of the property to have a dialog with the City to see if that problem can get resolved and he knows that Chief is committed to work with the property owners to get those kinds of things resolved in a way that doesn't involve the courts. He explained the challenge is that we haven't really had enough teeth in our nuisance ordinance to give Chief Greisen the comfort that he can do that and that is the purpose of this ordinance.

Council President Meres asked how do you get a hold of this owner, do you serve them the papers, or do you tack it up on the door or do you mail it to the last known address.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett replied first of all you need to look at the assessors records to find who the owner is. He explained once you have that reliable information you have to in essence serve much as if you were giving a formal legal notice, you can do that personally, you can do that through certified mail, you can do it by posting at the property. He explained once the complaint is filed then you have statutory service that is required, you are going to file a complaint either in Scappoose Municipal Court or in the Circuit Court and Oregon Rules of Civil Procedural layout the requirements for serving that notice on any defendant. He stated there is a second layer of notice also that is required.

Councilor Gedlich asked how is the building owner going to know they are supposed to register the property with the City after he gets the notice?

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett replied that is under the vacant building ordinance; there is a provision in that ordinance. He explained this is really aimed at two situations; one is where you have a lender that is foreclosing properties and the property is sitting there with no one in it and it's deteriorating or the other issue is you just have an absentee landlord and the property looks bad. He explained the ordinance requires the City Manager to do a press release to make sure that in addition to the normal that notice that goes out for the adopting of the ordinance that notifies the community that this ordinance has been adopted.

Councilor Gedlich explained when she worked for the City she did the nuisances for 12 years and the biggest problem they had and this was before Chief Greisen, was there were procedures in the police department to keep the case moving and staff wasn't following them so a lot of the cases got thrown out because staff policies weren't being followed. She asked Mr. Hanken what his position is on this issue.

City Manager Hanken replied he is one of those who very much supportive of this ordinance in terms of moving it forward. He stated here is the problem that we are dealing with from his perspective; he gets the neighbors who calls and says we have people breaking in all the time. He had one neighbor ask why can't the City just board it up. He explained to the neighbor in order to do something we have to follow the proper legal process in order to make sure that we can do this and it sticks if it ever gets challenged in court.

Councilor Gedlich asked if these two home owners from the photos are absent landlords or do they live in the area.

Chief Greisen replied there are actually five right now and about three are known people around the community.

Councilor Gedlich stated that was a lot of the problem that they ran into before was that they were out of town or out of state landlords and that was also an issue.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett replied one of the things that we have done to try to address that situation is to include a provision in the vacant abandon part of the ordinance that requires a non local property owner to have a local property management company so that we have the ability to contact someone who can actually do something. He explained the challenge will be this and it comes back to your former question, how do these absentee landlords out of Scappoose know that they have to have a local property manager and that gets back to the City's ability to get the word out about what this ordinance requires.

Councilor Gedlich stated don't the rental owners have to have a business license, so could we send a notice or a letter to each of the property owners. She doesn't care if it is sent out registered, just so they get it, so they are aware that this is a very important issue that could entail them to have a lien put on their property.

Legal Counsel stated part of the challenge will be for City Manager Hanken to decide what exactly this public awareness program looks like, whether it is a one paragraph press release in the newspaper or whether it is something more robust than that. He stated the more people that

know about this the more effective the program will be.

Mayor Burge opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. and closed the public hearing due to no one wanting to speak on this matter.

Councilor Gedlich stated if you have landlords no matter where they are, a lot of people don't buy the local papers, she knows because she has people call her all the time about different things and she will say did you read the local paper and either they didn't see anything about it or didn't read it at all. She thinks there needs to be some other process.

Chief Greisen stated very good point. He and City Manager Hanken have talked about this before and he will let Council know they will do their very best in getting the word out from the websites, to the newspaper, but even going on to letting the realtors and the banks know. He stated we will do our very best to get it out there. He explained prior to 2003 City ordinances were handled differently and with all the help we have had with the software programs, new ordinances, we have been able to have to do our nuisances so much better.

Councilor Gedlich stated she really likes this ordinance and thinks staff did an excellent job.

Councilor Hayden asked on the pre-foreclosed property who is going to chase these pre-foreclosures and keep them active on the list. She explained they have a house in their neighborhood that is been in foreclosure for two years but it is still in the owner's name, the bank hasn't even come in after two years and taken it over yet. She doesn't understand the pre-foreclosure.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett explained pre-foreclosure. He explained there are two types of foreclosures; there are judicial foreclosures and non-judicial foreclosures. He stated the trigger here is that a property becomes a foreclosure property at such time as either the notice of default and election to sell on a non-judicial foreclosure is filed in the County Recorder's office or the lawsuit is filed in the judicial foreclosure, so it is not until one of those two things happens that this ordinance then impacts that property and names that property a foreclosure property and names that property a foreclosure property and makes it subject to registration and the security and maintenance requirements. He explained there is a current case where the City has been named in a lawsuit due to a City lien on the property. He explained the only way the City's lien is foreclosed is to add the City to the list of defendants. He stated that means the lien is foreclosed that doesn't mean that under the ordinance we can't continue to pursue the person who is obligated to pay that we just can't pursue the property as security for paying that amount of money.

Chief Greisen stated if you take a look at photo A, all it would take is plywood to keep kids and drugs out of this house and yes we might not get paid back for doing that but knowing that the kids can't go in that house, you have to think about the kids safety.

City Manager Hanken explained we do liens for utilities, some of which we have been successful on. He explained the one that he got in terms of being name in the lawsuit last week; this is the first time in terms of judicial foreclosure that we have experienced. He explained you go back to there is never any guarantee that you are going to get your money back but in terms of a process, he would rather us have us having a process to try to collect some money then just saying okay we are going to go out and clean up somebody's yard and there's no chance of us ever collecting.

Council Meshell stated we are putting together two different ordinances here and he asked how come we can't facilitate this process using the unenumerated nuisance's clause that already exist. He stated, like you said it is somewhat vague and you look like you put a lot more teeth in it, but according to this it says "any act or condition that is dangerous, detrimental, injurious, or constitutes a danger to the public health", you have the ability to basically go in and abate that property. He stated so his question is what are we limited by this current ordinance that we have here that the proposed one is going to give us, what is the difference.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett replied for him it is the ability to go in before a judge and say that we have done everything that we could possibly do to evaluate the situation, document the situation, provide notice to the owner, give the notice an opportunity to abate on its own before we've gone ahead to do something affirmative with the property as a City. He explained currently under the code we don't have to do any of that, that doesn't mean we wouldn't do any of it, but we are not required to do any of it. He explained a lot of this is intended to make sure the City has something that is very enforceable and that deals with very specific circumstances. He stated we are trying to protect the City and in a sense we are trying to protect the property owner to make sure there is an appropriate amount of process that goes on. He stated in many respect what they (Legal Counsel and Staff) have done is taken a fairly vague nuisance ordinance that doesn't have any process in it at all and hung a lot of muscle on to the skeleton to make sure that when we go forward we are not concerned about what we are doing. He explained in his opinion it's good for the City, it's good for the Chief, it's good for the people who owns these properties because it gives them some protection that the City just not going to charge in there and start boarding up their windows and it puts this into a judicial process at least adds to the specified properties crime section of the ordinance that we think is necessary in order to satisfy due process requirements.

Councilor Meres asked we do this already don't we, go onto people's property, because he thought we had this issue about mowing peoples grass.

City Manager Hanken replied you have to go through the nuisance process and the court order, the court say mow the grass, he is not sure the judge is going to say board up the house.

Judge Wood explained he hasn't been involved in this process to date. He explained he talked to Chief Greisen about this. He explained what he thinks we need to start with, from his perspective is this is about fundamental due process. He explained in talking with Chief Greisen and now understanding what is out there and what is effecting not only the law enforcement in the community, but the children in the community and other people he thinks we should applaud everyone for begin proactive in thinking about how can this community safeguard its citizens but also think about as a community what we can do to inform and to protect its land owner's from abuse. He stated this is a guide for everyone. He feels this is a proactive tool that will benefit everyone in the long run. He said the one thing that kind of bothers him a little bit; it was the part about getting a property manager. He doesn't think you necessarily need a property manager, designate an agent.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett replied the reason we designated a property manager was really not for solely purposes of the contact but for purposes of looking at the maintenance and security components.

Councilor Meshell asked Chief Greisen if there was a property today that if this ordinance was enacted that we would immediately use the provisions within it to do some sort of action.

Police Chief Greisen replied there are five homes.

Councilor Meshell stated what we feel today is that we don't feel comfortable under the current nuisance ordinance moving ahead with those five homes because the process isn't because the process isn't properly identified, doesn't have enough muscle on the skeleton, that is really what we are doing, we are arming our City to move ahead to abate some properties we don't feel comfortable doing with the current nuisance.

Councilor Gedlich replied that's right.

Chief Greisen replied yes. He explained the home in photo series A the police department continues to go to that property and the property owner doesn't care.

Council President Meres stated at this point he has really no problems with the vacant building ordinance but he will not vote for the crime property nuisance at all, that should have been a separate thing and we should discuss that. He stated if we have vacant houses and they are being broken into and they need to be boarded up he is okay with that but he is not with three incidents in 90 days. He stated he knows of three houses in the neighborhood that actually get three incidents in 90 days and he doesn't think they should be lumped into this process, it's a law enforcement issue and they can deal with it.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett replied as you say there might be situations where it is appropriate situations, situations where it's not. He explained one thing you could do is look at the list of crimes that's in 8.22.010 and decided whether those are the kinds of crimes you're looking at or whether that list should be longer or shorter, there might be certain crimes on that list where you feel that the nature of those crimes doesn't fall within something that would require this kind of action or not. He went over the list and mentioned the ones that are a lesser offense.

Chief Greisen explained if there are some crimes from the list that Council would like to remove that's fine. He explained the ones that concern him is illegal drugs, the theft charges, etc. He cares more about the very serious ones.

Councilor Meres explained disorderly conduct, MIP, criminal mischief, a parent could have a kid that is a little trouble and we are going to start this process on them, he's not comfortable with that. He stated he just wishes you could just break it apart.

Chief Greisen asked Councilor Meres about deleting definitions 6, 8, 9 and 12 under crime property.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett explained you can make modifications in this ordinance so if there are some of these items that you don't want on the list you can modify the ordinance by deleting them from it.

Mayor Burge stated what about Council President Meres question about separating the ordinances.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett stated if you wish you can adopt all of this except for Section 1 and then if you wanted Section 1 to come back to you at a later time as a separate ordinance you could do that.

Councilor Gedlich stated she really thinks Council President Meres is making more of this than it really should be and she thinks she would go along with eliminating 5,6,8,9,12 and keeping all the rest of it so we can move forward with the five properties that we are having troubles with right now. She stated the rest of it is very important.

Councilor Meshell stated if we did implement the vacant building part of this ordinance, Section 2, would there be any of the five properties that we would be taking off of our list. He asked would Section 2 allow us to move ahead with those five homes.

Police Chief Greisen replied yes.

Councilor Meshell stated so we would give our Police Department enough teeth at this point and our legal team enough teeth to move ahead and feel comfortable without putting any criminal issues on the table today.

Mayor Burge stated he thinks what he is saying is if we passed just the vacant building ordinance and not the crime property ordinance tonight you would be able to move forward on the five properties.

Councilor Gedlich asked Councilor Meshell why he wants to eliminate the crime property portion. She wants to know what he feels about control substances, gambling, prostitution; she wants to know what he feels about those issues.

Councilor Meshell replied those particular issues are already as defined by ORS already crimes so they are provisions process that can be followed according to the laws of the State of Oregon and Scappoose where we.....

Councilor Gedlich replied but the only thing is thou is you're talking about getting on someone's property that is vacant that someone is in or breaking in.

Councilor Meshell replied so once we have listed a property as vacant and it's on this particular list we now have teeth to deal with vacant and or foreclosed properties in our community which we have five that we need to deal with today. He really wants to arm the police and the proper officials to be able to do this with the proper process however he wants to do it with the minimal amount of law and administration that the City has to keep up with and maintain moving forward. He stated one thing he would like to do on Council is look through these ordinances and figure out which ones we can actually remove so it's simpler because one of the things even with the vacant building ordinance he is having to weigh it in his mind tonight this could create if we wanted it to, hopefully we don't want it to, a huge bureaucracy trying to contact the mortgage company in the Country who has a loan in the City, who's going to do that. He stated when we don't fulfill it and we see that well we contacted 15% then we have an unenforced ordinance on the books which weekends our entire ordinance process.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett replied but there is nothing in this ordinance that requires the City to contact anyone other than to inform the public about the existence of the ordinance.

Councilor Gedlich moved and the motion that the Scappoose City Council adopt ORD No. 825: An Ordinance Creating a “Crime Property Nuisance” and Establishing a “Vacant Building Ordinance” and amending the Scappoose Municipal Code and Declaring an Emergency.

No second, motion dies.

Councilor Meres stated it is our responsibility to represent the City and the citizens. He explained he got this on his desk on Friday and he is just supposed to sign it off and he is not comfortable with all that.

Mayor Burge stated it sounds like Council is comfortable with the vacant building part of the ordinance. He thinks where it sounds like Council is having issues is that they want more debate and discussion and to look at the crime property nuisance part of the ordinance. He stated it sounds like Council would like to re-do that one as a separate ordinance public hearing process. He stated why don't we just kind of focus on the vacant building ordinance side of it and we'll put the crime property one off for a future meeting.

Councilor Meshell stated if there is a public safety emergency issue where there are things that are going on in our community that are hurting families or hurting children and we don't have the proper laws on our books to go take care of that, that is an issue and he will spend the time discussing this until we figure it out and give Chief Greisen what he needs. He stated at the same time what he doesn't want to do is put a bunch of ordinances on the books which are very hard to maintain later on down the road and create a lot of government process that is hard to maintain and very costly and expensive. So with that he still is missing how our Chief of Police in Scappoose isn't equipped with the proper ordinances to deal with crimes in our City where there are things going on in particular dwellings that we know of, that we have evidence of, that we can't deal with. He stated that is his question. He stated if the vacant property gives us as a City what we need to go clean up the City then let's do it and let's figure out what we need to do and what process we need to do and maybe there are some changes we need to make because he still has an issue with people not registering. He wants to arm our Police Chief, the City Judge, the City Attorney's to go deal with these issues.

Police Chief Greisen stated he really believes this ordinance gives us enough to do what we need to so we don't have homes going into shambles. He stated we can only do so much with the banks. He explained as far as the property management firm, we could add something called agent. He explained as long as there is a sticker or a sign on the door so when the police are coming by on they know who to contact.

Councilor Meshell ask is this ordinance optional and if so at whose discretion.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett replied it is optional with the Chiefs discretion.

Judge Wood stated you will always have discretion and that is why it is good to have the specific guide to give clear guidance as possible.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett explained the first part of the ordinance, crime property deals with the house, so it gives the Police Department the mechanism to shut that down so that the likelihood that the criminal behavior that the people are engaged in town moves out. He stated

that section of the ordinance is dealing with an effort on the police part to stop the place where these things happen, as opposed to the people who are doing them.

Council President Meres stated can we change the language that you have to have a property manager to say that they need a principal contact.

Mayor Burge stated what about the owner shall contract with a local property management company or have a principal local contact.

Councilor Meshell asked does this get kicked off once we determine a building is vacant then they are going to be required in the future to have a property manager or is this all levels.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett replied no, this only affects vacant buildings, until it is no longer vacant or abandoned.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett stated what he thinks he has heard is at the beginning you merely want the property owner to have in this registration that you see in 8.24.020 if you look at subsection B4, ~ that really ties into 8.24.060 which deals with the local property management. He thinks what he is hearing is that you would prefer that this registration just include the name of someone who can be contact about this property, whether that person is local or out of the area.

Mayor Burge replied no I think we want them to local, we do want a local contact, not necessarily a property management, but if they fail to provide a local contact then they have to hire a property manager.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett stated then if they don't register, maintain, or secure we notify them and they have "x" days to solve that problem and if they don't then they have to appoint a local property manager.

Councilor Meshell replied he likes 15 days.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett asked if they don't comply and they appoint a local property manager, how long does the property manager have to comply, how many more days are we going to add. He stated at that point they know what they have to do and what they are not doing.

City Manager Hanken and Chief Greisen feel two weeks.

Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett explained he would feel more comfortable bringing the ordinance back with the changes to the next meeting.

Mayor Burge asked Legal Counsel Jeff Bennett to bring two ordinances, with the changes discussed tonight.

Chief Greisen explained he would like to separate to the two and just bring back the vacant building ordinance with the emergency clause to the next meeting.

Update on Scappoose Municipal Court

Judge Wood stated he is happy to say that he thinks the state of the municipal court is significantly improved over the last 11 months. He thinks that is due to the hard work of the staff of the City of Scappoose, a lot of discussions and thoughts on how we can improve the process. He explained a lot of things they have done over the last 11 months that have really made a positive impact in the way this court deals with the citizens. He highlighted a few of those things to explain what he means ~ for example we have expanded services at no additional cost at this point as in we have a night court now. He explained another thing is a diversion program with guidelines and this gives people opportunities to not have traffic convictions on their records through education. He explained we also have a volunteer clerk, a college student, that works 10 hours a week and she does a variety of things for the court. He explained the goal is to have a volunteer clerk here every year and that will be a cost savings to the community. He explained when he took over there were a ton of files that needed to be closed. He explained he's been informed by the finance staff that we actually had a 24% reduction over the last year in our outstanding fines and fees. He stated in his opinion this is not about revenue generation it is about accountability. He stated he is proud of the work they are doing. He really feels that this court is doing a lot of positive things to correct behavior, to listen to the people of this community, to show them this is about fairness and justice, not about anything else. He thanked the Council for allowing him the opportunity to serve and we are still looking to improve.

Council President Meres moved and Councilor Meshell seconded the motion to extend the meeting 30 minutes. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Meres, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye; Councilor Meshell, aye and Councilor Hayden, aye.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

City Manager

City Manager Hanken explained the online payment option is now available. He explained he is working with the phone company and the cable company to get high speed internet to this building within a month or a month and half.

Council

Councilor Gedlich thanked staff and all of the people in the audience for coming.

Councilor Hayden thanked everyone for their patience, it was good work.

Council President Meres thanked everyone. He stated he is really confused when you bring two city ordinances together, it would be nice if the ordinances were separate and he thanked staff for all their hard work and we are going to get to the first section, he is sure of it.

Councilor Meshell asked if Erik Dietz is in the audience.

Erik Dietz replied yes.

Councilor Meshell stated welcome aboard to the Budget Committee and he is glad we will be serving with you, thanks for coming and thanks for being involved.

Mayor Burge also welcomed Erik Dietz and said he is glad he is interested in serving on the Budget Committee.

Mayor Burge recessed for a break at 9:04 p.m. and then went into the Executive Session.

Executive Session

ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiator Consultations


In attendance: Mayor Burge, Council President Meres, Councilor Gedlich, Councilor Erickson, Councilor Meshell, Councilor Hayden, City Manager Hanken, Legal Counsel Ron Guerra and Katie Wilson, South County Spotlight.

Mayor Burge came out of Executive Session.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.


Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: 
Susan M. Reeves, MMC, City Recorder