

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.
Scappoose Council Chambers
33568 East Columbia Avenue

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Scott Burge	Mayor	Alexandra Rains	Interim City Manager
Megan Greisen	Council President	Norm Miller	Police Chief
Joel Haugen	Councilor	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Josh Poling	Councilor		
Brandon Lesowske	Councilor		
Pete McHugh	Councilor		

Legal Counsel Peter Watts

Press: none

Approval of the Agenda

Councilor Haugen moved, and Councilor Poling seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; and Councilor McHugh, aye.

Public Comments

Mayor Burge stated there was one received regarding the work session.

Consent Agenda ~ October 5, 2020 City Council work session minutes, October 5, 2020 City Council meeting minutes and appointment of Tina Amela to the Economic Development Committee

Councilor Poling moved, and Councilor McHugh seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ October 5, 2020 City Council work session minutes, October 5, 2020 City Council meeting minutes and appointment of Tina Amela to the Economic Development Committee. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; and Councilor McHugh, aye.

New Business

City and Police Department App

Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains explained to Council, as you will see in your packet, staff has a proposal before you to develop a City and Police Department app. She explained the app developer will be on the line and show Council some details and walk Council through how this process will work. She explained Jeff Pricher with the Fire District contacted staff last week after the staff report came out and he had a request to join in the City's app, but they would have their own page.

Chief Norm Miller explained the Sheriff's Department in Columbia County went to this app and they put us in touch with the developer. He explained the developer came by with a lot of great information and they moved forward with looking into it more. They provided a demonstration as to what the City/Police app would look like. He explained he didn't just want a police app, he wanted a City-wide app, as this is the time for that as we move forward. He explained the Fire District wants to be apart of this also. He explained the front face would be the Police Department, the City, then Scappoose Fire. He went over all the potential options.

Storey Sherouse went over the proposed app.


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Councilor Lesowske asked Chief Miller who would be populating the information as it needs to be updated?

Chief Miller replied the Lieutenant, Timmi Sue and himself would be the ones in the beginning on the Police Department side to do updates, notices, etc. to the app, then they would train the Sergeants. He explained when updates occur, they can send them out to all social media accounts, so this gives them the opportunity to hit one button and send it out to multiple sites. He explained Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains has already been talking with Huell, who is

working with IT, and he is sure Jeff Pricher has people to do updates. He stated I think we already have a plan in place.

Councilor Lesowske talked about the PEG funds going towards this app and he asked about the Fire District's funding?

Chief Miller replied the Fire District will be putting in their portion, which is a 1/3 of the cost.

Councilor Lesowske talked about this being a resiliency app where the City would be able to push out the information to our citizens on how to respond in a certain situation. He thanked everyone for hearing him out.

Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains stated while she is aware that the funding threshold in here is something that is within the realm of the City Managers prevue to approve, this seemed like such a significant undertaking that we really didn't want to move forward with anything like this without the blessing of Council and we are really excited about all the potentials that this particular app brought for us, so we were excited to share it with you and we really wanted to get your input before we moved forward.

Councilor Haugen asked staff how confident they are with the app?

Chief Miller replied he is very happy with the app and they have stepped up to the plate over and over again. He stated he is impressed with the time they gave us.

Councilor Poling stated he does think the app is the right direction to go. He asked if we have the option to do community surveys on this app as well?

Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains replied it is her understanding that we can set up a survey and link to it.

Councilor McHugh stated this is a great idea and he feels we are moving in the right direction. He asked are there any jurisdictions that have had to add staff to keep this going?

Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains explained she messaged Storey, and it is very rare that he has seen jurisdictions add staff just because of the app.

Councilor Haugen moved and Council President Greisen seconded the motion that Council authorize the Interim City Manager to pursue development of a City, Police Department and Scappoose Fire District App. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; and Councilor McHugh, aye.

Select Location for Public Art

Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains explained a couple weeks ago she spoke with Council and you all said that you wanted to go ahead and participate in an auction that was brought to our attention by Lindsey Goodwick, a member of the Parks and Rec Committee and this auction did support the non-profit she works for, which is Harpers Playground, which helps build playgrounds that are accessible for all people. She explained we won the auction, it was a good deal, the piece was valued at \$5,000 and we were able to purchase it for \$2,500, which is great. She explained staff took the images to the Park and Rec Committee and they submitted a letter for Council this evening with recommendations on where to place the piece of art.

Councilor Lesowske explained the recommendation was that the piece of art be placed on some sort of base, has there been any cost associated with that and would it change depending on the site?

Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains explained she has spoken with Public Works Director Dave Sukau and he didn't say anything specifically about how much he thought it would cost, but he also didn't seem very much concerned about the base/placement.

Councilor Lesowske asked is it an interactive piece that people come and touch and feel?

Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains replied she could ask. She stated she thinks the main concern is keeping people off of it and making sure it wouldn't roll.

Council President Greisen is in favor of it being placed on a lower level versus a pedestal, so people are able to see it better.

Councilor Haugen stated there was a considerable discussion at the Parks and Rec Committee, and as you observe, it is going to be a natural attraction and it would be nice to have it in a park; however, the potential hazard would be significant there. He stated his position was it would be best to have it close to City Hall where we could monitor it and the injury issue would be far less. He stated we want interaction, but also a safe situation. He stated it is a nice focal point for the City.

Mayor Burge stated his preference is not at Chief Concomly. He feels anything placed there should be more related to the local tribes and that kind of art, just because of the name of the park.

Councilor McHugh asked about the piece of art being tied to the 100-year celebration.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts stated he has liability concerns and he would prefer it to be close to City Hall, instead of a park.

Councilor McHugh stated, he agrees with Peter.

Council President Greisen stated she would rather not have it tied to the 100-year only because if we do that, she would like to have something that pays homage to the tribes that were here

before. She stated if the piece of art does get placed at City Hall, it would be nice to have a light that shines on it.

Councilor McHugh stated the 100-year Ad-Hoc Committee has discussed the celebration and the Native American part of it is important, but it is actually a commemoration of 100 years as a City.

Mayor Burge stated he would like to think about what location would be best for the piece of art.

Chief Miller stated in the back of City Hall may potentially be a good place. He explained you could put lights on it, you could put a border around the sidewalk, plus it would be next to the Police Department, and we could also add a new camera to the security system that is directed at it.

Councilor Poling stated he would also like to have more time to think about this.

Mayor Burge stated, why don't we bring this back to the next meeting, or the meeting after.

Announcements ~ information only

Calendar

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

City Manager, Police Chief, Councilors, and Mayor

Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains stated she wanted to thank Chief Miller for all of the work he did on the app. She scheduled the Council Orientation for January 14, 2021, from 3pm to 7pm. She stated for the Council Retreat she is tentatively looking at February 6, 2021, from possibly 9am to 1pm. She explained, for the Virtual Annual Town Meeting, Mayor Burge will be filming his State of the City Address on November 9. She explained Councilor Lesowske brought up to her that PSU has a newly elected officials' leadership bootcamp Saturday, December 12, if anyone is interested in attending that. She explained there is also a LOC training that we will send out information on as well, if anyone is interested in that. She explained the Trtek Trailhead is nearly complete and it looks really nice.

Chief Norm Miller explained, Halloween night the Police Department did the drive through and they gave away 300 stuffed bags, and it worked out great. They are actually going to do Doughnut Day December 12, 2020, the same way, with the drive through. He stated it was good to see the public and be able to talk to them. He stated they had a blast. He stated he is proud to say that Alex, Lt. Mike, and he have been working hard these last couple of months staffing wise for the Police Department and they are close to being fully staffed. He explained Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains helped with an incentive program to bring laterals on and being able to offer that is huge. He thanked Alex and Lt. Mike. He stated it is going great and we are

moving forward at a great pace. He thanked Council for their support. He thinks this app is another piece to that.

Councilor Lesowske stated tomorrow is November 3, remember to vote. He stated win or lose of your candidates or measures, please remember that we are all Oregonians and he hopes we can find our commonalities especially during these divisive times. He explained he received some feedback in regard to the conceptual outline of the Grabhorn property. He stated one recommendation for future conceptual plans is to use a rendering. He stated there was a lot of concern that the "blueprint" was set in stone in their eyes, so there might be a better way for us in the future to share that information, but he also knows staff was trying to do their due diligence in that process. He stated as folks are aware, the survey is open until November 9 and that we are currently just in the brainstorming stage as we develop this and just making sure that everyone knows that nothing is set in stone. He stated as the holidays are coming around, he wants to remind everyone to be safe, especially on the streets.

Councilor McHugh stated we lost one of our bests from Scappoose, Greg Strobel, he was a wrestler and one of the best in the world at one time. He also would like to mention that he appreciates everything the Police Department is doing, and he thinks we are really on the right track. He stated with all the concerns that we are experiencing nationwide with police, and things that are happening, he would like to be more informed about what kind of training our Police Department has had. He stated you can't be totally prepared for everything all the time, but you can be reasonably prepared. He would like to see some sort of presentation from the Police Department on what kind of training they have had, and maybe more importantly what kind of training they feel they still need and the timeline for doing that, because we want to be ahead of the curve and he feels we have been in our Police Department and he appreciates that. He thanked City Planner Laurie Oliver Joseph for the very good presentation on Land Use training. He explained Les, who is on the 100-year Ad-Hoc Committee, didn't feel like he was a part of the last meeting when he attended virtually. He wants to have virtual participants feel like they really are involved. He stated good job everybody.

Council President Greisen stated she thinks it really speaks volumes to have Council so eager and willing to have the Fire District join the app and she thinks that speaks for our teamwork. She thanked Chief Miller for including the Fire District. She stated she felt like Halloween was one of the best Halloweens ever and she feels it is because everyone tried to make a horrible situation somewhat normal. She felt the Police Departments drive-thru with the bags, still making an effort to having a touch point with the community, was really important. She explained they did a drive-thru event at the school during the day. She explained the biggest thing she wanted to mention is she was invited to join an equity and social justice focus group with the Scappoose School District. She explained at this point there are just about 10-12 people involved. She explained Paul Peterson, the previous Superintendent, reached out to her and wanted to see if there was some sort of an openness or willingness from City Staff and City Council to have collaboration between the School District and City to have some sort of forum or some sort of a panel, a discussion between all of them regarding equity and social justice in Scappoose. She explained the baseline of this is that the Oregon School Board Association requires that school districts have an equity policy and Scappoose School District currently

doesn't have an equity policy. She thinks the work that the City could do with the School District ahead of time would really prep the School Board to see that the idea of equity and social justice goes beyond race, that it is equal access to everybody that we service. She wanted to make it very clear that she was the only person that had a no vote for the non-profit low income housing and it had nothing to do with the idea of non-profit low income housing, it was just the timing of it in regard to Urban Renewal and the taxing districts. She talked about City Planner Laurie Oliver Joseph speaking to the School Board last week to get their input or approval to continue the roll of this and they denied it and the thing that really got her is it had nothing to do with funds they wouldn't receive, it had everything to do with the type of people that may or may not live in this certain setting. She stated with the permission of Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains, she is presenting to us tonight that she would communicate to this equity and social justice group that we are willing and open to have these equity and social justice conversations and to speak about equal opportunities for everyone that we service here. She is asking how Council feels about having their name behind something like that. She stated the next step for her is to contact Paul Peterson.

Councilor Haugen stated the Mask in a Park contest ended on Halloween and the Parks & Rec Committee will be judging the entries at the next meeting. He explained there are some artists from Sauvie Island who have volunteered to do a mural at the skate park. He explained there is a Veterans Park clean up on November 11, 2020, from 10 am to noon and then one at Chief Concomly on November 21, 2020, from 10 am to noon. He mentioned about moving forward with filling the City Manager's position.

Councilor Poling stated he is all for collaborating in any way shape or form. He stated to Chief Miller that he has seen a lot more activity with the Police Department, it is night and day difference and it is great to see the officers out there just being a part of the community. He stated to Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains that she has been great with communicating and he appreciates that.

Mayor Burge explained he has been working on the virtual Annual Town Hall meeting with staff. He stated everyone on the ballot tomorrow, good luck.


Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.



Mayor Scott Burge

Attest:



City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC