

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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
Patrick Kessi	Council President	Norm Miller	Police Chief
Megan Greisen	Councilor	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Joel Haugen	Councilor	Laurie Oliver Joseph	City Planner
Josh Poling	Councilor	Chris Negelspach	City Engineer
Brandon Lesowske	Councilor	Dave Sukau	Public Works Director (remote)
Pete McHugh	Councilor		

Legal Counsel Peter Watts

Press: none

**Approval of the Agenda**

Councilor Haugen moved, and Councilor Greisen seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; and Councilor McHugh, aye.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments received.

**Consent Agenda ~ September 21, 2020 City Council Work Session and September 21, 2020 City Council meeting minutes**

Councilor Poling moved, and Councilor Lesowske seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ September 21, 2020 City Council Work Session and September 21, 2020 City Council meeting minutes. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; and Councilor McHugh, aye.

**New Business**

**Resolution No. 20-20: A Resolution Declaring a Vacant Position on the City Council for the City of Scappoose**

Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains explained this resolution accepts Council President Kessi's recognition and also declares his position vacant.

Councilor Haugen moved, and Councilor McHugh seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-20: A Resolution Declaring a Vacant Position on the City Council for the City of Scappoose. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; and Councilor McHugh, aye.

### **Elect Council President**

Mayor Burge explained after tonight's meeting we will need a Council President for the remainder of the year. He explained Council will elect another at the first meeting in January.

Mayor Burge asked for nominations for Council President.

Councilor Haugen stated before the nominations take place, he would make a suggestion that Council nominate someone who is willing to serve.

Councilor McHugh nominated Councilor Greisen.

Councilor Greisen nominated Councilor Poling.

Mayor Burge closed nominations and said there are two nominees.

Councilor Greisen was voted in as Council President.

Congratulations Council President Greisen.

### **Private Access to City Properties**

Public Works Director Dave Sukau went over the staff report. He explained as a Policy, should the City allow exclusive access points (i.e. gates) from private property onto City owned properties, including recreational amenities such as trails and parks? City Staff is currently working on the development of the Trtek Trailhead amenities. A component of these improvements is the construction of a new 6' cedar fence. This fence will act as a buffer between the trailhead and the properties abutting the Southern border of the facility. The purpose is to provide the neighboring properties along Mobile Lane privacy from trail users and to enhance the facility by creating a consistent appearance. This proposed fence would replace multiple types of fences that exist or, in some instances, establish new fencing where none existed previously. Public Works recently sent letters to the neighboring property owners asking them to contact the City to discuss the construction of the fence. From this outreach, the question has been posed "can we have a gate through the new fence"? Upon research of this question, it has been noted that some of the properties currently have gates. The City has also had the property line surveyed and noticed that a couple of the properties have their existing fence constructed on

and we just don't want to encourage people to start going into other people's property from our parks and the City be liable for that. He stated he backs Dave on this.

Councilor Lesowske asked Legal Counsel Peter Watts what the liabilities are if the gates were there and if a person was burglarized or there was property damage?

Legal Counsel Peter Watts replied he doesn't know if there would be a strong case for liability particularly in the instance where the owner themselves has asked for the gate and paid for the gate. He stated access to trails, whether it is from people's backyards or something like that, the main concern is just the precedence of this. He explained he has worked with the City long enough to know that they want to treat everyone fairly and that if there is one set of issues that come up and a decision is made, the City follows their precedence pretty uniformly. He stated it is a lot more outreach for City staff if gates are allowed.

Councilor Greisen stated she is not in favor of having private access into parks and wants to make sure we set that precedence now.

Councilor McHugh explained he walked the area being discussed and Mrs. Brown is actually pretty close to the eastern entrance to Crown Zellerbach.

Councilor Poling stated the biggest thing for him is setting a precedence and he feels we just need to make it a standard where we don't allow gates.

Councilor Haugen moved, and Councilor McHugh seconded the motion that City Council as a policy, not allow private access to City owned property, including parks and trails. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; and Councilor McHugh, aye.

### **Announcements ~ information only**

### **Calendar ~ Discuss December meetings**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

### **City Manager, Police Chief, Councilors, and Mayor**

Interim City Manager Alexandra Rains explained the City has extended the Hardship Program for Utility Bills through the end of the year. She explained she is working on setting up an orientation for Council in January. She explained all of the devices ordered for Council have arrived, but they are not ready to be distributed yet. She explained we are wrapping up the AV upgrades to the Council Chambers. She explained we have on order the items needed to do virtual arraignments, so pretty soon we will be up and running with that. She explained the Small Business Grant Program is now open and applications are available online. She talked about the December Council meetings and possibly having them on December 7 and December 14 and possibly start them at 6pm.

Chief Miller explained usually the Police Department does the Hot Chocolate on Halloween night. He stated this year has been challenging for them to do community outreach. He explained he spoke with Alex and they have made a decision that they are going to do a drive through and hand out premade bags on Halloween night from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. He explained there will be a flyer out in the next week. He thanked Council President Kessi for his hard work with the Council, and with the City, he really appreciates it. He stated it has been an honor working with him and he appreciates that he was always there to ask the why questions and he thinks that has helped us as a City to grow. He stated please don't be a stranger around here because he feels Patrick can do a lot more for the City.

Councilor Haugen thanked Patrick for all that he has done, and he is sure there is more to come. He asked where are we in terms of the City Manager recruitment?

Mayor Burge replied we probably need to get that started.

Councilor McHugh explained recently he attended the CZ Trail Ruley Trailhead dedication and it was very well attended and he was really impressed with what he saw. He explained there is a lot of talk about connecting to Banks and then going with the Salmonberry Trail all the way to Tillamook. He also thanked Patrick for all that he has done for the City. He stated if we were to make a prototype of what a councilor should be it would be pretty close to what he is. He stated he appreciates his work and we will find something for you to do here before long.

Council President Kessi stated with regard to the long-term vision, if you needed any outside community member to be apart of that, he would be willing to help with that, in addition to the School District if they want to have community members on their long-term vision planning. He stated also if the City would like any help from a community member with the City Manager recruitment, he is more than willing to help with that. He stated he really appreciates everyone on this Council. He stated he appreciates how Councilor Haugen is well read coming into the meetings and all of his input. He really appreciates that he recruited Councilor McHugh to be appointed and how he brings comments from various people in the community, he does an excellent job. He stated he appreciates how Councilor Greisen is very involved in the educational side, the energy she brings trying to make sure what the City is doing is good for education of the community and the School District. He stated one of the things he really likes about Councilor Poling is the destination downtown, wanting Scappoose to have a downtown area where people can shop, work and play and that is super important. He stated Councilor Lesowske you are very well read coming into the meetings and ask really good questions, and you are pragmatic in how you ask things. He stated Mayor Burge, one of the things that has been awesome for him the last four years is that he ran really efficient meetings, you are very consistent, and since he has been Council President for two years, he only had to run one meeting, which means Mayor Burge has really great attendance and impeccable commitment to the community. He stated those are the things he really appreciates about this Council. He stated, thank you!

Council President Greisen stated one of the coolest things is her mom is on this kick about finding out about their family heritage and they knew they had some Native American in them. She explained her mom has been in touch with the Chinook Indian Nation and their Counsel and

it turns out that Chief Concomly is a direct relative of hers and one of his many wives is her great, great, great, great grandmother. She thinks it is so cool that one of the parks right down from where she lives, we decided to name this park Chief Concomly, and it happens to be her great, great, great, great grandfather. She agrees, Council President Kessi was just made for this, and we want every Councilor to be just like him, so respectful and engaging with the community. She really has valued his perspective in terms of long-term planning and development, and she feels like if there are any sort of tricky questions, Pat will know the answer. She stated Patrick just has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to cities and planning. She stated thank you for your service. She stated to Patrick, don't worry, your name will probably be called on quite often, because you are very valued.

Councilor Poling stated he can echo everybody and say it has been great having you on Council Pat, and he looks up to him for a lot of direction when it comes to things and you may get a few phone calls from him to bounce ideas off of him. He stated he wishes the best of luck to him but hopes he can find some ways to stay involved. He stated, thank you, Patrick!

Councilor Lesowske stated he is happy to announce that the Scappoose Soccer Club was able to launch their fall season. He stated it is a great opportunity for the youth in the community to get back out and do some things. He stated there are some protocols that all the players have to meet, but just to know there is an opportunity for a little bit of normalcy for the youth is very positive. He appreciates all the hard work that the Soccer Club has done to provide to our community. He stated the Farmers Market ended at the end of September. He stated it was a different year for them, but he is looking forward to seeing them hopefully start again fresh next year. He would also echo everyone's sentiments, Pat, thank you for your service to our community, the residents and our citizens. He stated it has been an honor and a pleasure to be able to work with him and he hopes he gets to spend some quality time with his family.

Mayor Burge stated to Patrick, thank you! He stated to Patrick, you were one of the people we needed on Council at the right time. He stated with your knowledge you helped us move forward, in addition to being a great team member. He presented a plaque to Patrick. Mayor Burge stated to Patrick, thank you very much for your service.

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

  
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Mayor Scott Burge

Attest:

  
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City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC