

**MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021
CITY COUNCIL MEETING,
Regular meeting, 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056**

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	Dave Sukau	Public Works Director
Brandon Lesowske	Councilor	Chris Negelspace	City Engineer
Pete McHugh	Councilor	Laurie Oliver Joseph	City Planner
		Huell Whitehaus	Assistant to Public Works Director
		Isaac Butman	Program Analyst Intern
Peter Watts	Legal Counsel		

Excused: Councilor Tyler Miller

Remote: Branda Jurasek; Paul Fidrych; Robby Backus; Michelle; and one unknown caller.

Approval of the Agenda

Councilor Poling moved, and Council President Greisen 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 Comment

Betsy Johnson stated she is honored to be your State Senator. She explained she came here tonight for one purpose and that was to publicly thank Interim City Manager Alex Rains for her invaluable assistance to her and her office in securing nearly 14 million dollars for Scappoose water projects. She explained Alex could tell you that there were some challenges. She called Alex after hours and on weekends and Alex was unfailingly cheerful, helpful and exceedingly

competent and thorough, her whole team was, and she especially wants to point out Laurie and Chris because she knows they got pulled into some of those meetings as well. She stated the City should be extremely proud of your staff because that money would not have happened without your staff. She stated the result of their work is obvious. She stated this is a lot of new money and a clear path to completing some essential projects as Scappoose continues to grow. She explained some of this money has expenditure time limits with prescribed deadlines as dictated by the US Department of the Treasury and the City should start soon with Alex as your full-time City Manager. She stated, in her opinion, it would be catastrophic if you had to break in a new manager who didn't know the projects or understand the Oregon Political process. She stated the City doesn't have the luxury of time. You are so lucky to have the staff; Alex, Laurie, Chris, the whole staff in this City ready to go and ready to go now. She thanked Council for permission to make the comments and handed Alex a bouquet of flowers.

Peggy Shoemaker LeBlanc, Scappoose, read her letter to Council.

My name is Peggy Shoemaker-LeBlanc. I have written previously about my concerns as we own the property along the full length of the Grabhorn/future park land.

First, I would like to thank the Ad Hoc committee for the event they held on July 10th. However, I am confused on the survey that was offered. It was confusing and once opened was closed before much allowance for circulation. The questions were understandable but leading. Especially the road and sport field questions.

Also, we had tree work done on July 9th. We used a very well-known arborist to do it and he also is the arborist that has maintained the Cedar Trees along the property line. He is often called in by the City of Portland when sensitive issues for development arise where the city wishes to preserve the trees. He has informed me that should excavation to the degree required for road development and utility placement at the proximity to the trees as shown in the plan occur, the root structure of the trees would be damaged to the point of causing their destruction.

As both the City Council, the interim City Manager and the Ad Hoc committee have promised to protect the trees I am extremely interested to see the revised plans for this property.

As there is now a lot of conversation about Heat Islands especially in park development it is very important that we are environmentally vigilant in moving forward. Heat islands are the result of gas emissions and paving over land. The more asphalt and cement that is laid down the hotter it becomes. This is very noticeable in the Pacific Northwest with the death of trees. Cedar trees are very vulnerable to these Heat Islands. KGW has been doing reports on this for a short while and have aired their show Straight Talk regarding this topic. I ask you to please consider this when addressing the park and road development.

I would hope that Arborists, Environmentalist and Hydrologist are all brought in for official surveys before anything is finalized.

I know the Ad Hoc Committee is working very diligently to try and accommodate the needs of the City. They do seem to be aware this property is not a good fit for some of the suggestions and other areas should be considered to fill those needs. I was pleased to hear that they very much varied a more natural design moving forward.

Regards,

Peggy Shoemaker-LeBlanc

end of letter

Marissa Jacobs, Scappoose, read her letter to Council.

Good evening Mayor Burge, City Council and City Staff:

My name is Marisa Jacobs, speaking as a citizen & resident of Scappoose. I have been watching the public videos of the Grabhorn Ad Hoc Committee's sessions, whose work and intensions have been much appreciated and needed. This past Thursday's ad hoc meeting was insightful. The meeting number barely reached quorum. As the Chair presented the presentation you will see this evening, it quickly became clear this was the first time the committee members saw the presentation, and as the dialogue and questions continued, it was evident there was zero committee collaboration on the presentation. The chair commented that it might be too late to make changes to the presentation, even after varying viewpoints on the validity of the content presented. As a result of last week's meeting, it's become clear the timeline council set out for this group to complete the body of work is too tight. Simply, the committee needs more time to finalize their research and move to the design phase. The City has 5 years to apply for a grant to develop the property. Given this property represents an amazing development opportunity for the city, it's critical council enable this committee the additional time to bring you a fully vetted plan inclusive of why elements were included and excluded. Another observation of the committee's work was the release of a survey. In tonight's presentation from the committee, they are highlighting responses from a survey. I'm formally challenging this survey as it did not meet established survey administration and developmental guideline standards. *

1. The survey was not clear on purpose
2. The survey did not include how the results would be utilized prior to taking the survey
3. Questions were leading
4. No published timeframe the survey would be open
5. The survey was not made available in multiple modes for participants to take the survey
6. The technology used to administer the survey had no controls in place to manage multiple entries or identifiers to confirm single submission.

For these reasons, council cannot accept the data and the results should not be presented as a fair and equitable representation of what the citizens are seeking. Should the committee find a survey necessary to refine their understanding of the community needs, council should extend the committees timeline to include a survey. I continue to praise the good work the committee is mining for our city to utilize holistically. First, our town lacks an emergency response plan. A

plan that is required for all cities. Council should prioritize the creation of this plan which would be beneficial to finally answer the question, "what is the need for expanding a road through a park?" Second, the committee has thoroughly investigated alternative locations for the dog park without success. The dog park is a top amenity of the park. As there is no inventory available for the park to be relocated, it should stay at the same size and location it sits currently. Thirdly, the committee aligned to preserving the trees along the Shoemaker-LeBlanc property. When applying the critical root zone calculation to determine feasibility of developing near these trees, the results indicate the following:

Excavation would need to be at a minimum 50 feet from the trees which puts any potential road or access point in the middle of the Grabhorn floodplain rendering the space useless.

Based upon these 3 key discoveries, the options are becoming clear; the property can be developed for a road, or a park, not both.

In closing, I'm asking council for the following:

1. Move grant application to the following year, extend the timeline for the ad hoc committee to thoroughly represent the needs of the citizens of Scappoose.
2. Develop and present the town Emergency Response Plan.
3. Disregard survey responses as they are invalid and commission a 3rd party to create and manage a valid survey that would assure accuracy and represent the true needs of the citizens of Scappoose, at the park & recs request.

Thank you,

Marisa Jacobs

Scappoose, OR

*Reference Pew Research Center as a source for survey administration and development.

end of letter

Jim Lykins, Scappoose, read his letter to Council.

I'm representing the Dog Park in the Ad Hoc Committee's deliberations. I decided to write out my comment to Council in order to be clear and relatively concise, so please forgive me for reading. As things stand at the moment, the Dog Park is in just as much danger of disappearing as it was when the initial plans for the Grabhorn addition were presented to Council. The current proposal includes a fish-friendly culvert and tons of fill that haven't even been discussed with the appropriate state agencies, as far as I can tell, and certainly haven't been approved. And, the proposed placement of the park's equipment shed would cut down the size of our existing large enclosure by approximately 42% ... to almost half the size it has now, when we actually need twice the size we now have. And the smaller enclosure for small or less-socialized dogs, which also sees daily use, remains unaddressed. Needless to say, though I will ... That is not encouraging. The "Cathead" property near the airport has been considered as a possible site for a new dog park. I have been there twice to survey the area, the second time to confirm the actual boundaries of that site with someone familiar with it and to reexamine my first opinion. I recall the city's promise not to endanger the wetlands habitat when they annexed the property in that area. That alone would make putting a dog park on the Cathead site impossible; but the cost of providing access, parking, landscaping, water, shelter, and other

simple amenities on that site make it simply ridiculous to consider. And, it would undoubtedly be unusable for a substantial part of the year.

It's not near wetland habitat: it IS wetland habitat. The Cathead idea is neither reasonable nor feasible. It could become a great area for a non-invasive nature trail, but not for a dog park.

City government makes very public statements of regard for the livability of our town.

Regarding Grabhorn again, the plan for a road through the park-to-be seems both short-sighted, unnecessary, and very detrimental to the notion of livability. The new businesses and organizations moving into Scappoose need a park that is a park for the people that will come here with them to work and live, not another thoroughfare. It certainly won't help the Dog Park and is not favored by a large portion of people who have responded to plans for it. It is also the most inconvenient and unwanted route for additional city utilities. When the new bridge on JP West was built, it included the addition of city utilities. If the Smith Road bridge were replaced to current standards, it would not only provide the same ability to route and upgrade city utilities and would also solve the issue of emergency access to that portion of town. The fire department, for example, could just make a right turn coming out of their facility. And I imagine it could cost less than the unfavored road that would take up a large portion of park property, divide it into sections, destroy a needed stand of heritage cedars, and create even more of a traffic hazard than already exists. I've seen no real consideration for that or other option and fail to see why that is the case. If the unclear real need for that unwanted road is future development, allow me to suggest that the city remind developers that taxpayers don't pay for necessities for their projects or their profit, they do! Beyond that, there are simply other choices that City Council needs to consider much more seriously. Thank you for your time.

****end of letter****

John Riutta, Scappoose, explained he is going to bring you something just a tad different. He has been told in the past that there have occasionally been fireworks at these meetings. He is not going to bring them, but he is going to talk about them. He stated he and his wife were married on July 2nd and for many years they took vacations around this particular time taking advantage of the 4th of July but for the past decade or so they have not left their home over the 4th of July because they live in reasonable proximity to a number of amateur explosive enthusiasts and these folks go to great lengths possibly and go to other States in order to obtain the source of their amusement. He explained for most of the 4th of July they are treated to explosions that go on well into the night, sometimes into the following morning next morning, and they awake to find bits of exploded fireworks in their front lawns, on their vehicles, their back porch, roofs, gardens. He stated when he's talking about fireworks, he's not talking about just the annoying little ones, maybe they're a bit loud and maybe they're a bit bigger than somebody would want, but they're not maybe excessively beyond the Oregon limitation of a firework that doesn't rise more than 12 inches in the air or expanding a circle circumference more than six feet. No, he is talking about large professional aerial shells that rise higher than rooftops, that rise higher than treetops, that explode with vast spreads of 25 yards and more. He and his neighbors have found debris as far as 75 yards away from where they know they were launched. He stated for years they've put up with this, it's the 4th of July after all. They

don't want to be killjoys and they don't want to get in anyone's fun. They've put up with their daughter being terrified as she grew up and they put up with their dog being traumatized and having to be sedated and having to sit with her in the central bathroom of our home because it's the only room that doesn't have an external wall and doesn't therefore get the full force of the concussion of each explosion. But, this past 4th of July as he sat out on his back porch watching the explosions from the street adjacent to them and listening as the bits of flaming debris rained down on the trees behind their house and wondering which one of them was actually going to catch fire, he finally decided he'd had enough. He comes to Council tonight to bring to you the fact that we have a problem in Scappoose. If you go up on the hill on the 4th of July night, and sometimes if the weather is fair on New Year's Eve, you will see something that looks akin to a small professional pyrotechnics display. Now these fireworks are not available in Oregon, they are being brought in either from native land, or possibly from adjacent states. He's spoken with the local officers, they've been very professional and very friendly, and they've said that the problem they have is that it's difficult to catch the culprits in the act because they have to catch them actually igniting these fireworks and even if they did catch them, the penalty is not particularly onerous. However, in conversation, we realized that there are other things that can be levied. For instance, creating a nuisance and disturbing the peace. He explained that he formally worked in the firearms industry, so he is very familiar with the ATF and bringing these across State lines into a federal offense. It's an offense in the US Code punishable by up to a year in prison. He doesn't think that people fully understand the full ramifications of this and he's not bringing this to Council because it's simply annoying or because he's personally troubled. He would venture to say that probably more than one person in this room lives with a dog. He can't speak for cats because he's never lived with one, but he does know that fireworks absolutely terrify dogs, and the reason is because they're hearing is so much better than ours. They're not just terrified of the sound, it's the actual physical concussion through the air. They can hear fireworks going off long before we notice them. He stated the other group that's in the community, and he thinks we all wish to honor them as often as we possibly can, are Veterans. He stated we have many veterans in the community, and many are combat veterans. He stated, some are unfortunate enough to have been burdened with PTSD. He knows from many of his friends too that our veterans say that this is a very real problem and that Veterans all across the country are annually traumatized by being subjected to these amateur high explosive displays. He explained they can avoid public displays of fireworks such as the ones set off in Saint Helens, but they can't avoid having their neighbors suddenly set off Roman candles above their own homes. This is something that we need to respect. He stated he doesn't have an actual solution, but he would advise that perhaps at least an information campaign to let people know what the possible penalties of this could be, and what the possible dangers are, because we are in a drought situation again this year and any small spark could very easily trip large conflagration that could destroy a sizable portion of this town, including putting hard working people and their families out of their homes for an extended period of time. He asked Council to please consider this matter seriously and consider

trying to find a solution to it. It's gone on long enough and it does need to stop. He thanked Council very much for their time this evening.

Consent Agenda ~ May 17, 2021 City Council meeting minutes, June 7, 2021 City Council meeting Minutes, June 21, 2021 City Council meeting minutes and appointment of Robert Backus as alternate member on the Economic Development Committee

Councilor Poling moved, and Councilor McHugh seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ May 17, 2021 City Council meeting minutes, June 7, 2021 City Council meeting Minutes, June 21, 2021 City Council meeting minutes and appointment of Robert Backus as alternate member on 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

Grabhorn Park ad hoc Committee Progress Report 2 GPAHC Committee Chair Cara Heinze & Co-Chair Kim Holmes-Kantrowitz

Cara Heinze thanked Council for having her this evening to present on their findings so far. She explained everything that was discussed on Thursday night at the meeting which included some of the changes that committee members wanted to make, they were able to make them. She explained they had a public forum on July 10th and one of the committee members had suggested that they have a survey for people who attended the forum so that they can get a good idea of how they felt after they were presented with new information. They were able to add new questions, they were able to streamline some of our questions, and then several of the committee members wanted specific questions added to the survey that were not present in the fall survey. She explained it was also suggested that they allow the survey to circulate on social media for a couple days just to gain more feedback and she would say that the data that we collected was pretty consistent with the original questions. She went over her presentation.

City Council

GPAHC Progress Report 2
July 19th, 2021
Revised at GPAHC 7/15/2021

Public Forum

- 30-40 people in attendance
- 36 who were attending took a post attendance survey
- Survey opened up to general public after forum
- 157 total respondents for the survey

Survey Responses - Highlights

- 55% would like dog park to stay at Veteran's
- 30% would support a dog park at the edge of town
- 29.9% support a through road through Grabhorn
- 42% support emergency access through Grabhorn
- 40% support a 6-lane pool at Grabhorn
- 18.7% would like to work with other agencies to help support the pool
- 59.5% support a splash pad at Grabhorn

Survey Responses Continued

- 52.3% support a softball field at Grabhorn
- 58.3% support a soccer field at Grabhorn
- 56.4% support fields with turf and lighting
- 47% feel that they would use walking trails as a regular means of connection
- 42.9% feel that trail connections would be helpful but they wouldn't necessarily use them to get from one road to another

Survey Responses - Top Amenities

- Playground 63.8%
- Basketball Courts 54.3%
- Tennis Courts 37%
- Pickleball 23.9%

Survey Responses - Use of Open Space/Trail

- 65.1% would enjoy seeing some portions left for wetlands/open space
- Top amenities among the trail
 - Benches/viewpoints 28.9%
 - Mini/natural play areas 21.5%
 - Picnic Tables 20.7%
- 40.6% of people would also use exercise equipment if it was there

Survey Responses - Signage

- 57.9% of people would like signage discussing the role of Scappoose Creek within the watershed
- 54.4% would like to know more about the wildlife they see at the park
- 50.9% would like to have signs that discuss the importance of wetlands
- 49.1% would like signs that show how to identify local plants in the area

Highlights of Forum From Attendees

- Strong need shared by softball team for a softball field that can be managed by City to avoid access issues
- Would like fields to have turf and lights for longer play times/seasons
- Citizens are concerned about noise/traffic from potential fields
- Citizens would like to have bridge on EJ Smith fixed and brought up to code prior to a road
- Citizens are concerned regarding safety issues of a road
- Two citizens expressed concern that not having a road and having fields on Grabhorn would create logistical issues for caregivers (i.e. parking), moving back and forth between field with multiple children playing

Highlights of Forum Continued

- Citizens are concerned that road will damage incense cedars. (It has been noted by SBWC rep that cedars do provide a wind break which would be helpful for park goers)
- Citizens would like us to work with Harpers Playground for an ADA and inclusive play area
- Citizens are concerned with taxes, cost and funds for maintenance and development of this area
- Citizens would like foot bridges for access
- Citizens would like the road to be multimodal
- Citizens would like a larger dog park

Dog Park Updates

- Fish friendly culvert is a potential mitigation option but ODFW seeks most minimal impact possible
- Concerns from City staff regarding large geese/duck population that lives on the "Cathead" parcel at the eastern City limits
- Planning for multiple smaller dog parks would not allow for ample space for dogs to run, the same size or larger dog park is needed
- GPAHC reps are working to set up a time to walk Cathead to review potential for a dog park at this location
- Comments suggest that Dog Park is a top amenity of the park, but no feasible alternative has been identified

GPAHC Suggestions/Action Items

- Jim Lykins would like to tour Cathead with a member from the city to see feasibility of this area as a dog park
- GPAHC would like to have pool/splash pad discussion with School District, PCC and other entities interested in a pool/splash pad
- GPAHC would like to meet with School District regarding shared field options to increase access for our athletes, however, we are aware that the sports teams need of more fields, not just increased utilization of existing fields
- Review options for dual-purpose fields (i.e. pickleball/tennis court)
- Protection of Westerly tree line - Critical Root Zone concerns, ~40-60ft buffer

Councilor Lesowske wants to make sure that we don't build out on individual needs, but what our true needs are so it can be more inclusive, so it opens up the park use to a wider variety of our community members, and we don't have too many reoccurring themes in our parks, so it creates diversity. He would like to remind the committee that as the City seeks to incorporate this land as part of a grant, that what amenities that we are proposing in the plan will also help us in potentially receiving those grant dollars. He thanked the committee and City staff for supporting the Grabhorn ad hoc committee.

Council President Greisen stated they greatly appreciate all the work that the Grabhorn Park ad hoc Committee has done.

Councilor Poling stated he appreciates everything the committee has done, along with those speaking up.

Mayor Burge thanked Cara for her work and all she has done. He thanked everyone who keeps bringing information back because it opens our eyes, and it is actually making the committee do better work.

Cara Heinze asked, if they as a committee wanted to take more time for this process, what is everybody's thoughts on that, if they wanted to wait until one next year to make that happen.

Mayor Burge replied the first thing is to make sure everyone on the committee is willing to continue and then just let the City know.

Councilor Lesowske asked, when is the grant cycle?

Interim City Manager Rains replied to meet the next grant cycle you would probably need to be wrapped up and prepared by January. She stated if the committee wanted more time we would just push it out a year.

Purchase of Wide Area Mower

Public Works Director Dave Sukau explained tonight we are seeking Council approval for a new mower. He explained with the addition of new City Parks and Greenspace Facilities, the workload of Scappoose Public Works has increased. To meet these new demands and provide the highest level of service and efficiency, Public Works is seeking the purchase of a wide area mower. These mowers cut an 11' width and can reduce labor and equipment hours by half versus traditional mowers. Public Works has researched available wide area mowers and their pricing. Please see the following results: 1) John Deere 1600 Turbo III \$60,092.20 2) Jacobsen HR-600 \$64,128.00 3) Toro Groundsmaster 4000-D \$73,066.57 FISCAL IMPACT: This purchase

was budgeted for in the approved 2021-2022 Parks Department Budget. He explained staff recommends Council authorize Interim City Manager Rains to purchase the John Deere 1600 mower from Pape' Machinery in the amount of \$60,092.20.

Councilor Lesowske moved, and Councilor Haugen seconded the motion that Council authorize Interim City Manager Rains to purchase the John Deere 1600 mower from Pape' Machinery in the amount of \$60,092.20. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye and Councilor McHugh, aye.

Outside Water Hookup Connection Application

City Engineer Chris Negelspach explained he is here to present an application for outside water hook up on Dutch Canyon Road. He explained the application is complete and the applicant has agreed to all of the terms.

Councilor Lesowske asked if we ever take into consideration the potential for subdividing into larger lots?

City Engineer Negelspach replied it is in the City's code that they would be locked into the single unit.

Councilor Haugen moved, and Councilor Poling seconded to the motion to approve the outside water hookup connection application from David Vanderhoof. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye and Councilor McHugh, aye.

100-Year Celebration Event

Police Chief Norm Miller thanked Councilor McHugh for all his work on this. He also thanked Isaac Butman for all the work that he has done behind the scenes, he is doing a great job. He went over the restricting parking, parking permits, street closures, parade route, and then the extended hours.

Councilor Poling asked if there will be signs up early regarding road closures?

Chief Miller replied yes, there will be signs the week of the event.

Council President Greisen stated the Council packet is the same as she received at her house. She asked if she received it because she is in the affected neighborhood?

Program Analyst Isaac Butman replied, they sent out information to approximately a third of the City who were in close proximity of the events occurring.

Chief Miller explained he received an email from someone on NE Prairie Street that wanted to have restricted parking there because they come and go. He stated that has never been one of the roads in any event that they do restrictive parking.

Councilor Haugen moved, and Councilor Lesowske seconded the motion that the Council approved the 100 year event as presented. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye and Councilor McHugh, aye.

Pool Cost Public Outreach Campaign – Survey Analysis

Program Analyst Intern Isaac Butman went over the staff report. At the March 15, 2021, City Council Meeting, Council directed City Staff to release the Pool Cost Survey, the Survey closed on June 3, 2021, and this report contains the analysis of the Pool Cost Survey responses.

ANALYSIS: This report contains the analysis of the results of the Pool Cost Survey. The Survey was released electronically and in paper form, was available for over two months, and was widely distributed and advertised. • Electronic surveys were available from March 24, 2021 through June 3, 2021. The City advertised the availability of the electronic survey on Facebook through scheduled postings and a pinned post; the City Newsletter, the City Website, the City App; and a QR code. • Paper surveys were sent out in the City's June and July newsletters, and were also made available on the City Website starting March 24, 2021. • Submissions were accepted through June 3, 2021. Exhibit A – Survey Instrument Exhibit B – Quantitative Data Analysis Exhibit C – Qualitative Data Analysis Exhibit D – Survey Submission Analysis Exhibit E – Survey Data 6. 95 Exhibit F – Survey Responses Received After the Survey Closed Exhibit G – Pool Feasibility Studies Exhibit H – Qualitative Data Analysis Process Memo Grabhorn Park Ad Hoc Committee Comments Some members of the Grabhorn Park Ad Hoc Committee expressed concern pertaining to the Survey. Specifically, some members were concerned that the costs presented in the Survey (capital and operating) were too high. It is important to note that user fees and fees for programming were not included in the survey as user fee structures would require a far more detailed analysis based on the type of facility that would be desired and designed. Staff estimates of pool capital construction costs and on operation costs were based on thorough research into pool costs in Oregon. Research looked at operation costs for pools in similarly situated cities, with pools of similar size and type to the pool shown on the conceptual plan, and at professionally researched pool feasibility studies in Oregon and other states. See Exhibit G. Staff presented their research to City Council, along with their initial estimates for construction and operation costs. Based on Council and City Attorney feedback staff increased their initial estimates to reflect true construction and operations costs more accurately. Response Analysis The Pool Cost Survey garnered the largest response ever recorded for a

Cityadministered survey. Submissions: see Exhibit D A total of 655 responses to the Survey were received. 77 of these were made by nonresidents and were excluded from the data analysis as these individuals are not subject to measures placed on the ballot regarding the City of Scappoose, nor would they be affected by a tax increase, if such a measure were to be authorized by Scappoose voters. Survey Validity 578 Survey responses were made by residents within Scappoose, city limits, representing 7.9% of the population. This represents a reasonable sample size for Scappoose's population and has an acceptable margin of error of approximately $\pm 3.5\%$, with a 95% confidence level. Comparing the age ranges of survey respondents to United States Census Data for Scappoose, Oregon (controlled for age)¹ shows that survey respondents are representative of the population of Scappoose. Submission Methods (Total) 1 Two of 567 respondents were under the age of 19, totaling 0% of respondents. Staff controlled census data to remove the Under 19 age group to account for the lack of survey responses from this group. 96 193 Paper responses 457 Electronic responses 5 QR-Code responses Survey submittals, paper and electronic alike, spiked corresponding to newsletter releases. Paper surveys were more frequently received early in the week, indicating that more people may fill out paper surveys on the weekends. Quantitative Analysis: see Exhibit B 68.8% of respondents indicated they would not support additional property taxes of \$0.40 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to construct, and \$0.69 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to operate an outdoor pool. 71.5% of respondents indicated they would not support additional property taxes of \$1.34 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to construct, and \$0.69 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to operate an indoor pool. The vast majority of respondents, who are representative of the population of Scappoose, when surveyed about their willingness to support a property tax increases to pay for a pool, indicated they would not support property tax increases to pay for either an indoor or outdoor pool. Qualitative Data Analysis: see Exhibits C and H Data received from the Survey was returned in two forms, quantitative and qualitative data. The qualitative data was in the form of open-ended questions that elicited written responses of each respondents choosing. During the survey period 271 respondents submitted qualitative data. This data was analyzed based on best practices for qualitative data analysis. The quantitative data coding process was as follows: 1) Each response was read in full. 2) Major thoughts, feelings, topics areas, feedback, and suggestions were sorted and categorized, then analyzed for commonality, which resulted in "Themes" and each of these was given a reference number. 3) Each response was then coded with reference numbers which matched both the response and the "Themes" present in the response. Most responses had more than one "Coded Theme" associated with the response. 4) The number of responses for each "Theme" was counted. 5) Once a count was assigned to each "Theme", quantitative analysis could take place. 97 Please see Exhibit H for the full analysis memo, along with the data set and coded data. For reference, "negative" and "positive" feelings were ascribed to responses based on the content, context, specific wording, and general feelings exhibited in respondents' writings. Responses that were non-specific to the Pool and responses that could not be determined to be "positive" or "negative" were not ascribed a "feeling". 271 Comments were made on aggregated survey responses. 14% of commenters generally support funding a pool in the manner suggested by

the survey. 60% of commenters generally did not support funding a pool in the manner suggested by the survey. 25% of commenters did not indicate their support one way or the other through their comments. 32% of commenters indicated their taxes were too high. 24% of commenters felt negatively about a pool. 16% of commenters gave other feedback. 13% of commenters felt pools are too expensive. 11% of commenters felt positively about a pool. Findings The respondents to the Pool Cost Survey constitute a representative sample of the population of Scappoose, Oregon. The quantity of respondents is a reasonable sample size, and the margin of error for data coming from the survey is +/-3.5% with a 95% confidence level. The quantitative survey results are reasonably representative of the population of Scappoose. When asked if they support an increase in taxes to pay for a pool, 68.8% indicated they would not support a tax increase to pay for an outdoor pool, and 71.5% indicated they would not support a tax increase to pay for an indoor pool. The qualitative data analysis supports these findings.

Mayor Burge explained it falls right in line with the telephone survey's that were done in 2002-2003.

Council President Greisen asked are we at the point where we can agree that this is something that remains tabled, or funds are used for a different type of a water experience such as a splash pad and the direction of the ad-hoc committee is to no longer use the pool in the plan? She asked, what is the action?

Mayor Burge replied he thinks the direction is the data doesn't support the City building a pool.

Councilor Poling stated he suggests that we don't lead them down a path where we know what the answer will be. He would rather the committee focus their time of something that is positive and moving in the right direction.

Councilor McHugh moved, and Councilor Poling seconded the motion to direct the Grabhorn ad hoc Committee to move ahead without the pool. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye and Councilor McHugh, aye.

Announcements – information only

Calendar

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

Updates: City Manager, Police Chief, Councilors, and Mayor

Interim City Manager Rains explained the peace candle easement has been executed. She stated we have a signup sheet for the City Centennial Event. She explained there will be a joint work session with Columbia County. She explained the final hearing on the Chapman Landing rezoning is moving forward.

Mayor Burge would like to talk about EJ Smith Road at the joint work session with Columbia County.

Councilor McHugh thanked Bruce for the sponsorship of the 100-year event. He seconded what Norm said about Isaac doing a fantastic job. He said Joel is helping a lot also. He stated they are looking for volunteers. He explained the Farmers Market is a nice event, if you haven't stopped by you should. He thanked Bill and Josette for all their hard work.

Councilor Poling stated to Pete he has done a phenomenal job with the celebration. He explained staff is doing a great job and he appreciates seeing them work hard. He thanked them.

Council President Greisen stated she echoes what Councilor McHugh said about the Farmers Market. She stated a huge thank you to the Scappoose Library for all they do. She echoed some sentiments that Senator Johnson said about Interim City Manager Rains. She stated we would be in a much worse place if she were not here being our leader. She hears nothing but good things from people who work with Alex in the County and other jurisdictions across the State. She thanked Alex for all that she has done and continues to do for Council. She also thanked all those who fall under her leadership and lead their own teams as well.

Councilor Haugen stated Isaac is an absolute gold mine and very organized.

Councilor Lesowske thanked Huell Whitehaus for attending the Grabhorn ad hoc Committee event on a Saturday. He also thanked Isaac for all his hard work. He stated the 100-year celebration is going to be a monumentous and exciting opportunity for our community. He thanked Councilor McHugh for all of the dedication and support. He stated what Alex Rains has been able to do thus far through these very trying and difficult times for our community shows your leadership and dedication to the work you perform. He thanked Alex for that.


Mayor Burge thanked Council for the work that they do, in addition he thanked staff. He thanked the Grabhorn ad hoc Committee for their work. He stated technically there is no position of an Interim City Manager job in our Charter. He explained her job is city manager for the City of Scappoose, she is just on a short-term contract, that is what it is. He thinks he is going to be hard pressed having seen the work that Alex has done and sit in an interview and be more impressed than that. He stated this isn't like a three-month city manager thing, she has been pushing for a year now and we have seen the work.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.


Mayor Scott Burge

Attest:


City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC