



SCAPPOOSE *Oregon*

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022
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

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| Scott Burge | Mayor | Alexandra Rains | City Manager |
| Megan Greisen | Council President | Brian Jensen | Interim Public Safety Director |
| Brandon Lesowske | Councilor | Dave Sukau | Public Works Director |
| Peter McHugh | Councilor | Huell Whitehaus | Assistant to Public Works Director |
| Tyler Miller | Councilor | Isaac Butman | Assistant to the City Manager |
| | | Susan M. Reeves | City Recorder |

Peter Watts Legal Counsel

Remote: Councilor Josh Poling; Councilor Jeannet Santiago; and Kimberly Holmes Kantrowitz

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Comment

Paul Fidrych, Scappoose, read his public comment to Council.

S0yr Plan & Master Plans

Like many other citizens, I spent last Saturday at the Town Meeting and 50-Year Plan work sessions. Firstly, I want to say that it was a fantastic event and great to meet citizens, come together, and participate in teams during the work sessions. Great job. I have been watching the 50-year plan meetings and have read the packet information along with the Scappoose Housing Needs Analysis created by Eco Northwest. For background, I also read the 2017 Housing Needs Analysis also created by Eco Northwest. Interestingly, both plans are very similar and even come up with roughly the same conclusions on growth and land use. Of course, this makes sense, we are a small town with a limited amount of land, we would not expect wide, ultra varying changes in just 4 ½ years. Still, it is important to relook at these plans and I commend the city in doing so. At the same time, we are continuing to build houses and approve structures during the process of updating the plan, which makes sense. Work does not stop simply because the plan is being updated. As a member of the Parks and Rec Committee, we are charged with improving the city's park system for the good of the citizens. We use the 2017 Parks Master Plan as a guide to our work, it was extremely well written, outlining citizen feedback, possible amenities and potential land use that falls in line with the 2017 Housing Needs Analysis. As with the city plan, we are excited about the possibility of updating our Parks Master Plan as well. We do not expect large changes to the plan, but as with the Housing Needs Analysis, it is always a good to revisit these plans. During our last meeting Parks Meeting, it was surprising to be told by the Assistant to the City Manager that no new capital expenditures would be allowed until a Parks Master Plan is created. Basically this means no significant improvements at all to any recreational amenity. When asked the timeline of a new plan, we were told approximately 2 ½ years. Given that, if the plan outlined any improvements to be made, it would take time to work it into the budget, secure funding, create RFPs, permits, construction etc. Conservatively this means it will be over 4 years of literally no significant upgrades to Parks for our community. To put that into perspective, a freshman today would see no changes to our public spaces before they leave the community. As stated by the Assistant to the City Manager: the only changes that can be made currently are repairs and minor changes such as signage & trash cans. Needless to say, it is troubling that the city has taken this route. While the 50-year plan has not stopped city growth, permits, building etc; the potential for a new Parks Master Plan has completely stopped us in our tracks. I watched the city council meeting where halting development of parks was discussed, with one board member suggesting we do nothing and wait, stating "Failure to Plan is Planning to Fail". Well, we have a plan, the current Parks Master Plan. And we ask that we be allowed to continue to work as a group, with the city, to increase opportunities for our citizens. AKA not just "Signage & Trash Cans". When the Updated Parks Master Plan is completed, we will work to integrate it seamlessly with our efforts. As with the 50-year plan, progress must continue. I ask the Mayor and the City Council to please reconsider their proclamation of no capital expenditures for parks so that we can continue to improve recreational opportunities for all our citizens. Thank you. (End of comment)

Consent Agenda ~ April 18, 2022 Council Work Session minutes; April 18, 2022 City Council meeting minutes; Appointment of Monica Ahlers and Ty Bailey to the Planning Commission as full members and Harlow Vernwald as Planning Commission Alternate

Council President Greisen moved, and Councilor McHugh seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ April 18, 2022 Council Work Session minutes; April 18, 2022 City Council meeting minutes; Appointment of Monica Ahlers and Ty Bailey to the Planning Commission as full members and Harlow Vernwald as Planning Commission Alternate. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

Proclamations

VFW Buddy Poppies

Mayor Burge read the VFW Buddy Poppies Proclamation.

Thank you to the VFW Post 4362 for handing out Buddy Poppies and for your service!

National Small Business Month

Mayor Burge read the National Small Business Month.

National Law Enforcement Week

Mayor Burge read the National Law Enforcement Week.

Council thanked Interim Public Safety Director Brian Jensen and staff for their work.

Interim Public Safety Director Brian Jensen explained it is nice to see City Leadership recognize the VFW, which he is a member of, and National Law Enforcement Memorial Week. He explained it is a big deal to all the men and women in law enforcement, especially in days that we have seen recently. He stated to Council thank you and he knows the Scappoose Police Department will be very happy and proud to receive this.

National Public Works Week

Mayor Burge read the National Public Works Week.

Council thanked Public Works Director Dave Sukau and staff for all the work they do.

New Business

Res No. 22-08: A Resolution Declaring Two Vehicles as Surplus Property

Interim Public Safety Director Brian Jensen explained staff is requesting that Resolution No. 22-08 be passed and adopted. He explained we are requesting that three of the police vehicles be disposed of as they are no longer of use to the agency.

Councilor Lesowske stated hopefully we are able to pull some of the parts off the cars that will be reusable for potential future use to be a good steward of our dollars.

Interim Public Safety Director Brian Jensen replied yes, all the usable equipment has been removed from the vehicles and will be recycled into vehicles that we currently have or are getting outfitted.

Councilor Miller moved, and Councilor McHugh seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 22-08: A Resolution Declaring Two Vehicles as Surplus Property. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye and Councilor Santiago, aye.

Res No. 22-07: A Resolution of the City of Scappoose Authorizing Extended Enterprise Zone Benefits for a Fourth and Fifth Year to Control Solutions, Inc., Located in the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone

Paul Vogel, Executive Director of Columbia Economic Team, thanked Council for placing this on the agenda. He stated in light of small business week and small business month, he brought with him tonight a small business owner from Saint Helens, Mr. Kevin Wick. He has requested an extension to enterprise Zone benefits three and enterprise zone benefits that he's qualified for, the three-year standard exemption. He filed in timely manner, all the pre authorizations and the review by the State of Oregon, he's paying at 150% of annual covered wage, he's increased his employment by a minimum of 10%. He's actually increased it by 30%, 50% of which of whom are women and 30% are historically underrepresented employees. He completed the construction in 2021, investing \$1.18 million and he's requested the extension based upon the expansion and the need to diversify the business, invest in capital and diversifying into additional market channels. He's actually in the data logger business, his principal area is in monitoring and protecting the quality of vaccines. He explained Mr. Wick had the same supply chain problems that everybody else did, including microchips. He explained the pandemic invited an awful lot of competition into the industry, into the sector. He explained what he's done is reworked his business plan to move into other market channels to maintain his current level of employment and expand into other sections and so that would be the nature of his request to extend this to allow them time to capitalize and move into these diversified sectors.

Mayor Burge asked if St. Helens has already approved this?

Paul Vogel replied yes, all of the other five sponsors have authorized this.

Mayor Burge replied his opinion is if the home sponsor, which in this case is St. Helens, has already approved it that we should really support their decision on this and support it.

Councilor Lesowske stated to Mr. Wick he appreciates him coming and presenting with us tonight and looking at the extension of the enterprise zone. He stated in the resolution, he noticed that it indicates the control solution is required to pay employees wages and benefits at the average annual covered payroll. He asked could you explain why it is a requirement rather than a practice or something that the business does to meet those for their employees on their own.

Paul Vogel replied it is in the resolution because its Statute.

Councilor Lesowske replied thank you for the clarification, he appreciates that.

Councilor McHugh moved, and Council President Greisen seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 22-07: A Resolution of the City of Scappoose Authorizing Extended Enterprise Zone Benefits for a Fourth and Fifth Year to Control Solutions, Inc., Located in the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

Follow up on ARPA Funds ~ Habitat for Humanity

Jim Horn explained when we last met, Council wanted them to look into other various municipalities and city councils and whatnot that had made decisions to grant ARPA funds to local Habitat for Humanity. He explained Jennifer from Habitat has looked into some of those, and some certain other minutes like from Lake Oswego and some agreements with Forest Grove and all, and he thinks she has submitted those as exhibits.

City Manager Rains stated those documents are in the packets.

Jennifer Anderson explained also in the packet is a graph of their income limits that she didn't include last time. She explained she knows that Councilor Miller may have been interested in deliberations, which she did have a difficult time finding the deliberations. She doesn't know if he was looking for a discussion qualified census track. She stated as she explained the last time, they met this doesn't seem to have come up as an issue with other municipalities. She explained what she has included here is actually most of the information from two projects. One is for Lake Oswego and the other is for Forest Grove. She explained the last page submitted is just a list of other cities and counties that have given money for Habitat for Humanity projects.

Jim Horn stated when you look in that packet at the American Rescue plan funding agreement between the City of Forest Grove and West Tuality Habitat for Humanity, the opening verbiage is this agreement is made and entered into between the City of Forest Grove and the West Tuality Habitat for Humanity, funding is being awarded under the ARPA category "To address negative impacts caused by the health emergency". He stated the purpose of this award is to provide funding to assist the grantee to make critical home repairs and other home repairs for low-income elderly disabled and Veteran families in Forest Grove that have been affected by COVID. He explained that kind of dovetails into the present request before the Council because obviously it's for development for low-income families in the Scappoose area. He stated if you look at some of the language in the Lake Oswego minutes it states that the ad-hoc committee appointed by the Council had met twice and determined four primary priorities and determined the grant eligibility requirements which meant considering the structure outreach and application so that tourism and hospitality nonprofits and those who help all residents receive funding regardless of their grant management capacity. It also states consideration would be given to non-profit outreach to those in Lake Oswego that were well known but also doing outreach to others that could use additional funding. He stated in looking through these materials he really didn't see any mention of the QCT's, which has come up in some of our meetings. He stated again he thinks that's an example why in the final rule the QCT's were not meant to be the be-all and end-all criteria for determining eligibility. It said it was a factor you could look at but there are other factors you can look at in determining need in a community.

Councilor Lesowske asked Legal Counsel Peter Watts with this information provided does it change any of his interpretation that was shared with Council in the past.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts replied no. He explained unfortunately this doesn't come up that infrequently that he goes through various Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules and Federal Guidance and pull-out criteria and present them to you as a Council so you can weigh legal risk and then when he looks at other jurisdictions their record is completely devoid of any findings that would explain why they're eligible so why did Lake Oswego think they were eligible. He looked to see if Lake Oswego had a qualified census tract (QCT) thinking that they probably might not and they don't and they didn't make any findings to explain why the area that was getting the grant dollars was substantially similar to a qualifying census tract. He explained he found the same minutes that Habitat for Humanity found, which didn't illustrate that it was considered. He can't explain why other lawyers do what they do, he can only speak for himself.

Council President Greisen stated to Jennifer Anderson that at the last meeting she mentioned there was some leeway with the amount they were originally asking. She asked Jennifer to remind Council of those numbers.

Jennifer Anderson replied the original ask was for \$282,000 and that would cover the off-site improvements, but it would not cover things like the system development charges (sdc's) or the building permits. She explained at the last meeting she said \$100,000 and she thinks it would

show a substantial investment by the community and she could use that to write other grants and fill in the gap.

Councilor McHugh stated he would like to point out one of the main things they are concerned about as a Council is affordable low-income housing. He stated it is really a hard thing to accommodate and if there is one entity or organization in this community that actually does provide affordable to people who need it is Habitat for Humanity and so whatever risks we might be taking he feels is probably minimal. He knows Legal Counsel Peter Watts is an outstanding attorney and he appreciates the input but he's putting it on us if they are willing to take, what he would consider pretty minimal risk, but as far as providing some support for Habitat for Humanity he thinks we should make every effort to do that, because affordable low-income housing is a big deal.

Councilor Miller asked what would be the next steps on this? Would it be to see if we first want to do it, then decide the actual amount that we are willing to give?

Councilor McHugh asked should we include the Budget Committee in this?

Mayor Burge stated we could bring them back.

City Manager Rains explained anytime we have had these items, even on a regular agenda, we still make sure the Budget Committee is aware of them if they want to join us. We are making sure they are still staying up to date on when this is being discussed. She explained the Budget Committee has been providing input, but ultimately it is Council's call.

Mayor Burge stated he thinks what Councilor McHugh is asking for is to have another joint session with the Budget Committee on the funds.

Councilor Lesowske stated just to confirm there will be no decision made tonight at this particular juncture in regards to the dollars being released in his understanding. It was just an information gathering and an opportunity for Habit to report back their findings, which they have done a great job in providing what we have asked of them. He stated as a group as we move forward with ARPA distribution, we would take this into consideration based on their request and review. He explained depending on if we have a work session or just bringing the ARPA requests to Council, is yet to be determined, is his understanding.

City Manager Rains replied yes, we'd certainly bring this back at a later time and we will make sure that all of the Budget Committee members are invited and know that this is up for discussion.

Mayor Burge stated what we probably should do is another short work session with the Budget Committee.

Councilor McHugh stated if we can't vote on something maybe we have some sort of consensus that we feel that ARPA funds can be used to support Habitat for Humanity. He asked if there is something wrong with doing some sort of consensus or poll? He stated really that Habitat needs to know are we supporting them or not.

Mayor Burge asked if anyone is opposed to believing ARPA funds can be used for Habitat for Humanity based on the information Council was provided.

Councilor Lesowske replied he is neither in approval or opposing it. He still needs more time to review the information before he can make a decision.

Councilor Poling explained he concurs with Councilor Lesowske. He explained he thinks this would be a great use for ARPA funds but he still has to take into consideration obviously legal risk and so he is still on the fence.

Councilor Miller stated the only thing that is a little concerning for him is they don't really have a deadline yet for when they are going to decide how the ARPA funds are going to be used. He stated until we have a list or decide on the various things that qualify or that we actually want to move to maybe a next round or something, it is kind of hard to say and the amounts that each applicants wants to receive also, it seems like it would make a lot of sense if we had a deadline on this and we decide the different qualifying distributions that could occur and then we sit down with the Budget Committee, like Councilor McHugh is getting at, then we decide.

Council President Greisen explained what she is hearing from City Manager Rains is the Budget Committee has been invited. She stated we can ask again and if they come, they come and if they don't, they don't, either way the decision is up to us. She does agree with Councilor Miller that it is very difficult to say put this money here or this amount here when we don't have a big picture of all the projects that we are looking at. She explained that she is fine that some money is continued to be held on to.

City Manager Rains stated she thinks what they found was every single time they spoke about this that it seemed like there wasn't a lot of progress being made because we had so many different items to cover and there had been a request to pull some of these items out and talk about them separate and that is why we are doing this. She explained we have actually planned on having another work session soon with the Budget Committee being invited where we would sort of revisit the remaining amount of money and the remaining requests and what you all thought about the requests. She explained these were simply per your request, sort of deep dives into a couple of them so you could better understand what it was and then we would go back to that larger discussion with that bigger list.

Council President Greisen is in favor of keeping this one on the list.

Councilor McHugh asked what additional information would the Council need to make a decision on whether we support Habitat for Humanity with ARPA funds or not?

Councilor Lesowske stated he would like to review the documents that were provided in a little bit more depth. He can also reach out to legal counsel for additional information. He would also like to speak to members of the community to ensure that that's something they are interested in.

Councilor McHugh asked Legal Counsel Peter Watts what is our liability here, what could happen to us in the worst-case scenario?

Legal Counsel Peter Watts replied we would have to return the funds. He stated Habitat for Humanity is a beloved organization by a lot of people. He stated how hard would we be pressed if it came up, he can't speak to that. He just kind of has to take the Treasury guidance as it is and then inform Council. He stated of all the projects we've looked at, given the household income here, given the fact that Scappoose wasn't hit hard by COVID, as compared to counties to the east of us and counties in Southern Oregon, given our relatively high household income third highest in the state, reportedly actually higher than the city of Lake Oswego's. He stated he really wishes he could say this program's wide open and you can spend it however you want. He explained it is very important, in his opinion, particularly during times when there's not a lot of trust in government, that governments go through this sort of thoughtful exercise. He is glad that you are doing that and that you're giving Habitat the opportunity to make their case and that you will make the best decision you can based on all the facts in front of you, he is sure of that.

Councilor Poling stated he thinks for him, it comes down to this would be a great use of funds but his concern for is also what Peter said and really comes down to, you know, if worst case scenario if they came back and said those funds are not for that use and we've already spent that money, plus we'd also be out the amount of money that we would have got from ARPA funds. He stated not saying that that will happen but that is the risk that we are putting out there. Whether that's a 1% risk, a 10% risk, whatever it is, that's my concern.

Mayor Burge stated he is going to assume that we're going to bring this back and maybe we can do a work session and invite the Budget committee, just on this issue so that we can get that input from the Budget Committee. He stated why don't we get this one out of the way first before we start going back to others.

Councilor Santiago before the decision is made to bring on the Budget Committee, and this is just her personal thought, would it be a good idea for the Council to kind of brainstorm with the city attorney if possible. She would like to see for herself visually, the verbiage more clearly and sitting down and maybe brainstorming and possibly look at putting a few items into the pipeline and just having that initial small list and really looking into the regulation and really dissecting. She explained she does this on a daily basis. This would make sure that we are following the regulations from the Government and see if there's any way how we can either document or brainstorm or be creative on how we document and use the funds in order for us to be covered and that's why I said to have the attorney there.

Council President Greisen explained she would like to look at all of the applications at once, not just this one, with the Budget Committee.

Mayor Burge stated why don't we do a full hour work session on the ARPA funds.

Councilor Miller thanked staff from Habitat for Humanity for all the information they provided that he had asked for. He stated for him it was very helpful and he thinks this is a topic that needs to go to our work session and he thinks that at the work session is the time for the Council members to advocate for the things that they feel strongly about.

City Manager Rains explained we will look at the agendas, as per usual they're pretty full, but we will get it on there as soon as we can.

Council thanked Habitat for Humanity for their time.

Res No. 22-09: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Scappoose to Enter into Grant Agreements with the Oregon Business Development Department for Infrastructure Funding

City Manager Alexandra Rains explained we finally have agreements in hand that would secure the funding of \$10 million that we were able to acquire because of Senator Johnson. She explained we are just looking for permission to sign those agreements

Public Works Director Dave Sukau explained this is a great opportunity for the City to catch up on infrastructure projects that were not even on the horizon until this funding became available to us.

Assistant to Public Works Director Huell Whitehaus stated this is the largest grant amount that the City has received in one swoop that I think any of us know of or can recall.

Mayor Burge replied that's probably true.

Councilor Lesowske moved, and Councilor Santiago seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 22-09: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Scappoose to Enter into Grant Agreements with the Oregon Business Development Department for Infrastructure Funding. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

Peace Candle Rehabilitation

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman went over the data briefly. He explained we wanted to make sure to catch both newsletters and allow people the maximum amount of time to respond. We received 1,394 responses, which is 17.4% of the population, giving us a very

robust sample size. He explained last time he was here talking to Council about the peace candle was in February and you asked that we reach out to the public to see what they thought about the colors. Along with that, we also reached out to the developer, the actual owner of the candle site. As a reminder, we only have an easement for maintenance of the candle. He explained their colors were priority choices of off white, yellow and red. He explained in the data addendum, you'll see some tables, he'd like to draw Council's attention to the first one, which is the table that shows the counts of color choice or various portions of the population. Red was the most popular at 52%, off white was the next at 42%, and yellow was the third choice at 6%. He explained what you would need to decide on is essentially the whole package, which is color, potentially lighting if you choose off-white, and signage on the side of the candle. He explained it seems to him that the community is liking keeping the candle the way that it was, keeping it historically accurate so he would propose not changing the signage too much on the candle.

Council President Greisen stated that no matter what decision they make someone's not going to be happy, but that it is acknowledged that we did take the time to put out a survey and ask the community and to some people this candle means nothing and some people this candle means everything. We are being thoughtful and mindful of this decision and the impact that it has on our community.

Councilor Miller is in line with the winning survey color which is red and the context for his is that he grew up here and he loved the red barn. Keeping the candle red to him is just a piece of history and he thinks keeping red is important.

Councilor McHugh stated he likes red.

Councilor Lesowske stated we asked for the people's response and the people's response was red, so he will follow within their footsteps. He asked for clarification, if it was off-white and we did have a lighting system we could choose to have it as red as part of that lighting system by illuminating it to be red, but he thinks people are indicating the paint color here.

Councilor Poling stated he agrees with the citizens, as he was personally leaning towards red himself.

Councilor Santiago explained she took the survey and chose red. She also agrees with Council that the community chose red and she thinks we should honor that.

Council President Greisen moved, and Councilor Miller seconded the motion that Council direct Staff to proceed with rehabilitation of the Peace Candle using the following design elements: paint the Candle red; with clear or white up lighting and keep the basic current signage that is painted on the candle.

Councilor McHugh asked if Council will be approving the final welcome to Scappoose sign?

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman replied yes, he can bring it back. He explained it is very significantly similar, it is just basically repainted.

Mayor Burge asked if there is going to be anything at the candle location that talks about the history?

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman replied yes, there will be a sign that talks about the history.

Public Works Director Sukau asked as we pick red, that leads to a whole selection of things for paint. He asked Council if they have a vision of what that red might look like?

Mayor Burge stated he would try to make it as close to what it was.

Council President Greisen replied she prefers a matte not a shine.

The general consensus of Council was a paint color as close to the current red, when it was new.

Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

Announcements – information only

Calendar

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

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

City Manager Rains stated she just wanted to thank all the members of staff that helped set up the Annual Town Meeting, as they put a lot of work into that and she thinks it turned out really well. She also thanked all the members of Council for attending as well.

Public Works Director Sukau explained as most of you know we just came off of what he believes is the highest record rainfall in the month of April. He explained they are doing their best to keep up with the parks, but right now mowing is virtually impossible.

Councilor Poling thanked everyone who went to the Annual Town Meeting, including all the citizens that were involved. He thought it went very well. He thanked staff for all their hard work.

Councilor Santiago stated she is so sorry she missed the Annual Town Meeting.

Councilor Miller thanked staff and all City Council for attending the Annual Town Meeting. He stated it was really awesome to see all the participation.

Council President Greisen stated there were several proclamations this evening, but this week is also recognized as teacher appreciation week and yesterday, the 1st was actually principals' day and she just wanted to thank everyone who engages with our youth. She thanked the local small businesses. She is really grateful for the Public Works Department. She stated literally they keep our City functioning, so thank you. She stated local law enforcement week and then the VFW was here tonight and these are literally citizens that put their life on the line for us, and she appreciates it, so thank you. She stated the Annual Town Meeting is always such a pleasure to engage with the citizens, and as Councilor Miller said just their engaging conversations about what they want Scappoose to be and what its like was very humbling and exciting. She explained this weekend she was able to attend the High School play of You're a good man Charlie Brown. They took their kids, and they loved it and it is just so amazing that high schoolers can do such great amazing things and that we're raising and fostering that in our community. She explained the Grant Watts Parent Organization auction closed this week and she just wanted to thank the community, as they raised over \$20,000 for their school, which is great. She stated in regard to our Parks Master Plan she would say personally and she doesn't know if she is sharing this with other Councilors but she thinks the idea of we will never or not address any sort of improvements in a park until that master plan is revamped is, just in her opinion, is not the reality. She stated they have never made an executive decision up there to do that. She stated obviously they won't be making huge investments in something that we are not sure about if we don't have a plan. She stated as they have mentioned that plan was created by an intern at the time and it is a great starting point, but things evolve and change and we're at the point where we need some more hard concrete numbers that are a little more realistic in order to apply for grants and make strategic decisions and budget for parks. She just wanted to clarify that personally she is a supporter of parks and the improvements in them and she thinks that people up here feel the same way.

Councilor Lesowske explained two weeks ago he had the opportunity on Earth Day to go down to Chapman Landing and volunteer some time in doing a beautification of the space down there. One of the things that he most enjoyed about that time is just having the opportunity to have a vision of what that asset will provide to our Community as an anchor, as a connecting spot for individuals to come and connect with nature and with each other. He is really excited on our master plan as we move forward to ensure that we create a space that is accessible, safe and utilized for all ages of our Community members. He wanted to thank both the Scappoose Bay Watershed and our Parks and Rec Committee for organizing, not only the litter clean up or the beautification of that space, but also other events within the community, a scavenger hunt,

for families and or individuals to go and see our current parks and engage with them. He also wants to echo everyone's response into this weekend's Annual Town Meeting, as it is always a great function and it's always great to see new faces, but also other reoccurring faces that continue to be engaged within our community. It shows that people are extremely passionate about where we are heading and as elected officials, he thinks it's such an important thing that we represent the voice of the of the folks that elected us and put us into these positions. He stated it was a great turn out, great way to host. He thanked City staff for all their participation and setting up and being able to launch this in person event once again for us.

Councilor McHugh stated he would like to second everything Councilor Lesowske said about Earth Day. He didn't participate, but he heard good reports, and was very pleased. He really likes the emphasis in our newsletter that we're getting on new businesses. He thinks that's really neat, as often as we can do that he thinks it really pays off and gives a little shout out to some of the new businesses in the area. He stated it probably doesn't even have to be new businesses, it could just be small businesses in our community. He thought the last newsletter was really well done. He stated nice job everybody on the Annual Town Meeting. He appreciates everybody's work and thinks it went very well. He stated regarding Paul Fidrych's comment at the beginning of the meeting, he thinks there's a piece of information missing there or misunderstanding. He stated we have talked about parks and rec over and over again, we've talked about right in this meeting here or some of our meetings maybe doing the pickleball courts and instead of using ARPA funds we'll use funds from the operating budget. So he thinks there's a piece of information that was missing there that Paul was saying that there's no funds at all to be used, because he thinks that we have talked about using funds and we've had a general consensus on doing that. He stated we can't put things on hold indefinitely.

Mayor Burge explained he was going to say in regard to the master plan you go forward with the plan you have, not the plan you want or working on because that plan's currently in place. He thinks there's just a miscommunication there. He thinks the desire from the Council is that we move forward on updating the master plan. He thinks the Council's desire is to see that updated and the biggest problem is that if it's not in the master plan, it makes more difficult to get a grant. Sure.

City Manager Rains replied she thinks adding things to the master plan for that reason helps a lot, like having updated numbers, when you're going for grants is helpful. She thinks there is a lot of really good background information in the plan that we can certainly use and push into the new plan. You could use the starting off point, but we have acquired new properties since then. We did a separate little master plan on the Vista property. We could talk about maybe incorporating some of that even into this plan. There has just been things that have happened since then that could be updated.

Mayor Burge talked about the Annual Town Meeting and how great it was. He explained you have people that come up to you and want to talk about a subject that you weren't even thinking about. He stated besides all the technical stuff that we got done in the community coming together to plan the future, which is fantastic, those individual conversations I think

were equally as fantastic about the meeting. He thanked everyone for their efforts during the Annual Town Meeting.


Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm.



Mayor Scott Burge

Attest:



City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC