



# SCAPPOOSE

*Oregon*

MONDAY, MAY 16, 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

Scott Burge	Mayor	Alexandra Rains	City Manager
Megan Greisen	Council President	Brian Jensen	Interim Public Safety Director
Josh Poling	Councilor	Isaac Butman	Assistant to the City Manager
Peter McHugh	Councilor	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Tyler Miller	Councilor		
Peter Watts	Legal Counsel		

Remote: Councilor Brandon Lesowske; Sarah Waud; L. Hoffman; Beth Rajski; and Sharrie Ryan-Bivens (arrived at 7:23pm).

Excused: Councilor Jeannet Santiago

## Approval of the Agenda

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

## Public Comment

Marie McNee, Scappoose, read a memo into the record.

Dear Mayor Burge and members of the Scappoose City Council:

As members of the Scappoose community, we would like to express our concern with regard to police staffing. We were stunned to learn that the city does not have adequate 24/7 police coverage. The recent spike in crime threatens the safety and livability of our community and as long term residents we want to strongly urge you to utilize the city's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to immediately address the situation. Although we understand the council is considering several options for utilizing the funds, we believe the safety and security of the community to be the highest priority. Scappoose is growing quickly. We have numerous multi-family dwellings and single-family residences under construction. We also have a growing corporate presence in Scappoose. We are ill-prepared, from a public safety standpoint, for this growth. An on-call police presence is not sufficient to support the community. To attract and retain good officers, we believe our recruitment process needs to be strong and competitive. We would like to request that the majority of the ARPA funds be used to enhance salaries and bonus plans for prospective police candidates. Additionally, a bonus would not only attract good candidates, but should be distributed to our current police staff in order to ensure retention. This would also show the existing staff that we appreciate their dedicated service through what has been less than ideal circumstances for the police profession over the last few years. Again, we understand that there are multiple options being considered for the use of the ARPA funds. However, without vital infrastructure such as adequate public safety, any community improvements would be at risk. Your consideration is appreciated and we look forward to hearing how you plan to distribute these funds. Sincerely, Scappoose resident Marie McNee; Scappoose resident Don VandeBergh; Scappoose resident Chris Mildner; Scappoose resident Carl Mildner; and Scappoose resident Steve Payne.

Council thanked Marie.

### **Consent Agenda ~ May 2, 2022 City Council meeting minutes**

Councilor Poling moved, and Council President Greisen seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ May 2, 2022 City Council meeting minutes. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; and Councilor Miller, aye.

### **New Business**

#### **Community Enhancement Program (CEP) Applicant Presentations**

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman explained the City received sixteen applications for the CEP this year and we invited them to this Council meeting to give their presentations.

Beth Pulito with Amani Center gave an overview of their request.

Abby Olson with Riverside Community Outreach gave an overview of their request.

Sarah Waud with Run for Neil gave an overview of their request.

Kay Stuck-Werings with Scappoose Community and Senior Center gave an overview of their request.

Bill Blank with the Scappoose Farmers Market gave an overview of their request.

Ryan Poster with Scappoose FBLA gave an overview of their request.

Heather Arnis with Scappoose Historical Society gave an overview of their request.

Sean McNabb with the Scappoose Youth Rec Center gave an overview of their request.

Joe Backus with Scappoose Little League gave an overview of their request.

Jeff Weiss with the Scappoose Public Library gave an overview of their request.

Justin Engstrom with Scappoose High School Student Wellness and Suicide Prevention gave an overview of their request.

Mike Bradley with Society of St. Vincent dePaul Scappoose Conference gave an overview of their request.

Jeff Weiss for United Way of Columbia County gave an overview of their request.

Julia Edge with Scappoose High School, Oregon Shakespeare Festival gave an overview of their request.

CASA; Scappoose Adventist; and Scappoose Middle School were not present.

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman explained the process and what staff is looking for from Council. He explained the purpose of the score sheet is to make sure at least four members of Council want to fund each organization. Those applicants receiving four votes or more will move ahead to Council to allocate their portion of the funds. He explained at the next Council meeting it will be before Council to approve the allocation of the funds.

### **Cancel July 5, 2022 & August 15, 2022 City Council meetings**

Mayor Burge explained we are just going to put agenda items 3 & 4 together. He explained although it says it requires an approval, it doesn't. He stated without any objections by Council, he will just go ahead and cancel those meetings. There were no objections by the Council.

## **Announcements – information only**

### **Calendar**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

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

Interim Public Safety Director Brian Jensen explained this will probably be his last City Council meeting. He thanked Council for the opportunity. He stated it has been a great time and you have a good City and good department here, and he hopes things work out.

Council thanked Brian for his service.

Councilor Miller thanked Brian Jensen for stepping in and helping the City out until we get our new Chief of Police hired. He stated he has heard great things about his work.

Councilor Poling wanted to thank Brian as well. He appreciates him coming and helping us out. He explained he attended the Farmers Market last weekend. He thinks everybody should, as it is a great event that gets puts on. He stated the more we support the market the more it can grow. He explained Portland Park & Rec has a new park, which is all inclusive. He thinks that is a great concept to be able to be as inclusive as possible to everybody. He stated if anyone gets a chance it is Gabriel Park and Playground. They have amazing equipment for people of all abilities and he thinks it is something he would love to look at more and it would be a great project going forward.

Council President Greisen thanked everyone who presented their applications this evening. She stated you all are in the business of serving other people in very selfless ways, so thank you for your work and all that you do.

Councilor McHugh explained at the last Council meeting he stated that there must be some misunderstanding regarding no capital outlay expense for park & rec. He stated at that time he said there has to be some misunderstanding and there sure was, he misunderstood and he just wants to apologize to Isaac and to Alex. He explained at a goal setting there was a poll done, not a vote, which he didn't vote for it, but five other Councilors did and he agrees with that because that is what we do. Council makes decisions based upon the majority and it was the right decision to make under those circumstances but he was wrong and he has also talked to the people that he kind of implicated that maybe they can figure out a better way to get that money.

Council President Greisen stated to Councilor McHugh that she appreciates his humility and honesty in everything that he does, thank you!

Mayor Burge explained he had a chance to say a few things at the ribbon cutting for the PCC campus and it was a little more emotional than he thought due to the recent passing of his dad. He explained his dad would call him all the time and wanted to talk for hours about what is going on in the City, even though he hadn't lived here for about ten years but it was important for him to know what was going on. He explained when the City didn't have a website his dad had taught himself how to make them and put a bid into the City and got the bid and maintained the website for many years. He explained both his parents were very involved in the City. He explained one of the last things he showed his dad before passing was the clip of the speech he did at the Annual Town Meeting, as his dad was very proud of his work as Mayor.


Mayor Burge talked about the phenomenal opportunity at PCC for the future of the community. He explained when people ask what Scappoose is about, what we are going to be about in the future, he explains it in the process high-end advanced manufacturing research and development and training of the next generation workers. For students in Scappoose to have the OMIC RND and the PCC training center is a great opportunity. He explained we are kind of on the same course of what has happened in Sheffield, because we are getting a lot of support from the State, from the Federal Government. We are getting a lot of business support and the future is really great and it is going to really start attracting more businesses which will create more jobs out here that service and support the businesses out there already.

#### **Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

  
Mayor Scott Burge

Attest:

  
City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC