



# SCAPPOOSE *Oregon*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024, 7:00PM  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE  
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056**

Disclaimer: These minutes are intended to summarize the conversations that took place in this meeting rather than provide a full transcript. Anyone wishing to view the full conversation can find a recording of this meeting on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsXFbcwtz\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsXFbcwtz_Y) & [www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCsZs66kgDQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCsZs66kgDQ).

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Backus called the July 10, 2024 Special City Council meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Roll Call**

Joseph A. Backus	Mayor	Dave Sukau	Acting City Manager/Public Works Director
Tyler Miller	Council President	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Kim Holmes	Councilor		

**Remote:** Councilor Andrew Lafrenz; GMP Consultant Bob Larson; GMP Consultant Brenda Gabbitas; and Benjamin Burgener.

**Excused:** Councilor Jeannet Santiago; Councilor Marisa Jacobs; and Councilor Ty Bailey.

## **Approval of the Agenda**

Council President Miller moved, and Councilor Holmes seconded the motion that Council approve the agenda. Motion passed (4-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Miller, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; and Councilor Lafrenz, aye.

## **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## **Executive Session ~ ORS 192.660 (2) (a) Employment of Manager or Attorney**

Mayor Backus read the Executive Session script and went into Executive Session at 7:03pm.

**Present:** Mayor Joseph A. Backus; Council President Tyler Miller; Councilor Kim Holmes; and Acting City Manager Dave Sukau.

**Remote:** Councilor Andrew Lafrenz; Consultant Bob Larson; and Brenda Gabbitas.

**Excused:** Councilor Jeannet Santiago; Councilor Marisa Jacobs; and Councilor Ty Bailey.

### **Return To Regular Session**

Mayor Backus came out of executive Session into open session at 7:11pm.

**Present:** Mayor Joseph A. Backus; Council President Tyler Miller; Councilor Kim Holmes; Acting City Manager Dave Sukau; and City Recorder Susan M. Reeves.

**Remote:** Councilor Andrew Lafrenz; Consultant Bob Larson; Brenda Gabbitas and Benjamin Burgener.

**Excused:** Councilor Jeannet Santiago; Councilor Marisa Jacobs; and Councilor Ty Bailey.

### **Appointment of Benjamin Burgener to the City Manager position**

Mayor Backus thanked GMP staff, Bob and Brenda, as they were great and very helpful throughout this process. He stated they brought the City a bunch of good candidates and he feels the process went really well and worked well for us.

Mayor Backus gave an overview of the city manager recruitment process.

Councilor Holmes moved, and Council President Miller seconded the motion that Council appoint Benjamin Burgener to the Scappoose City Manager position effective September 1, 2024 with the signature on an employment agreement.

Mayor Backus thanked Benjamin and said he is looking forward to him starting with the City of Scappoose.

Benjamin Burgener stated he appreciates it.

Motion passed (4-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Miller, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; and Councilor Lafrenz, aye.

## **Authorize Employment Agreement for City Manager**

Council President Miller moved, and Councilor Holmes seconded the motion that Council accept the City Manager employment agreement with Benjamin Burgener as presented.

Council President Miller asked will the City sign the agreement first, and then transmit it to Mr. Burgener to countersign?

Mayor Backus replied yes.

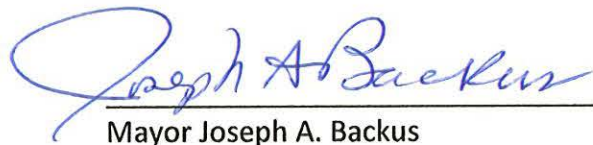
Motion passed (4-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Miller, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; and Councilor Lafrenz, aye.

Mayor Backus stated congratulations, Benjamin!

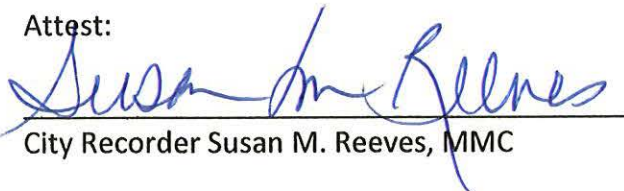
Bob Larson, GMP Consultant, stated to Mayor Backus and the Council Members how he wants to commend them all on their efforts. He knows they had a difficult decision, but ultimately, he thinks they made the right decision. He thanked them for the opportunity on behalf of GMP to serve the City and work with them. He stated it was a very exciting time for him, and he learned quite a bit. He stated thank you very much!

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Backus adjourned the meeting at 7:19pm.

  
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Mayor Joseph A. Backus

Attest:

  
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City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC