



# SCAPPOOSE *Oregon*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM  
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=XQ-nTAeft-Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQ-nTAeft-Y) & [www.youtube.com/watch?v=K27TT5W71pU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K27TT5W71pU).

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Backus called the September 16, 2024 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Roll Call**

Joseph A. Backus	Mayor	Benjamin Burgener	City Manager
Jeannet Santiago	Councilor	Chris Fluellen	Interim Chief/Police Lieutenant
Kim Holmes	Councilor	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Andrew Lafrenz	Councilor		
Marisa Jacobs	Councilor		
Ty Bailey	Councilor		

**Remote:** Council President Tyler Miller; Amy Prince (left at 7:03pm); and Legal Counsel Ashley Driscoll (joined at 7:20pm).

## **Approval of the Agenda**

Councilor Bailey moved, and Councilor Santiago seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; Councilor Lafrenz, aye; Councilor Jacobs, aye; and Councilor Bailey, aye.

## **Public Comments**

Amy Prince gave an update on the Run with Neil event happening on October 12, and invited Council to participate. She explained more information can be found on their website, which is [runwithneil.com](http://runwithneil.com).

**Consent Agenda ~ August 19, 2024 City Council meeting minutes; and Approval of water connection to property outside City limits (30731 Dutch Canyon Road)**

Councilor Holmes moved, and Councilor Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ August 19, 2024 City Council meeting minutes; and Approval of water connection to property outside City limits (30731 Dutch Canyon Road). Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; Councilor Lafrenz, aye; Councilor Jacobs, aye; and Councilor Bailey, aye.

**New Business**

**LOC Priorities**

City Manager Benjamin Burgener and Council reviewed and discussed the LOC Priorities.

Mayor Backus went over what Council chose as the top five priorities ~ Infrastructure Funding; Restoration of Recreational Immunity; Investment in Community Resiliency and Climate Planning Resources; Funding and Expanding Public and Inter-Community Transit; and Community Safety and Neighborhood Livability.

Councilor Bailey moved, and Councilor Santiago seconded the motion that Council recommend the top five LOC Priorities. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; Councilor Lafrenz, aye; Councilor Jacobs, aye; and Councilor Bailey, aye.

**Resolution 24-14: A Resolution in Support of Measure 5-302, A Measure Brought by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, for a Tax Levy to Renew the 4-Year Jail Operating Tax Levy**

Mayor Backus and Council President Miller gave an overview of the resolution in support of Measure 5-302.

Councilor Holmes moved, and Councilor Santiago seconded the motion that Council approve Resolution 24-14: A Resolution in Support of Measure 5-302, A Measure Brought by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, for a Tax Levy to Renew the 4-Year Jail Operating Tax Levy. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; Councilor Lafrenz, aye; Councilor Jacobs, aye; and Councilor Bailey, aye.

**Announcements – information only**

## **Calendar**

Mayor Backus went over the calendar.

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

City Manager Burgener gave an update on his first two weeks. He talked about Council being on the Sergeant hiring panel. He went over the Excerpts About Public Meetings from the Oregon Department of Justice handout that he gave Council. He went over the department head update and the process. He explained he has an open-door policy. He went over working with the Attorney and guidance with the Council and staff and that going through him helps funnel that information and lower the costs a little bit.

Interim Police Chief/LT Fluellen gave an update on the Police Department. He thanked Mayor Backus for offering to sit on the Sergeant hiring board.

Councilor Bailey thanked everyone for the years of working together. He thinks things are on a good track. He explained there have been a lot of change in Scappoose in the last decade, and he thinks we have a good direction, and he feels like he is leaving the place better than he found it. He stated thank you all very much for putting up with him for a long time.

Councilor Jacobs stated to Councilor Bailey that she has enjoy their short time together. She is happy that City Manager Ben Burgener is here.

Councilor Lafrenz thanked Councilor Bailey for stepping in when not many did, and he wishes him the best. He welcomed Ben. He thanked Interim Police Chief Fluellen for all he is doing.

Councilor Holmes thanked Councilor Bailey and said she wishes him the best. She welcomed Ben and stated she looks forward to working with him. She thanked the Police Department.

Councilor Santiago explained it was great working with Ty and we are going to miss him in the community. She stated to Interim Police Chief thank you for your hard work. She welcomed Ben. She stated Happy Hispanic Heritage Month and read a statement ~ Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! I invite everyone to embrace and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of Hispanic and Latino origins. This month offers a chance to reflect on the many contributions our community has made to our country, Los Estados Unidos/the United States.

Rather than offering a detailed history, I encourage you to explore for yourself how Hispanic heritage has enriched our nation through music, art, cuisine, theater, academia, and cultural traditions. From scientific advancements to creative achievements, Hispanic Americans have played a pivotal role in shaping the U.S. as we know it today.

We must also acknowledge those who came before us, whose efforts paved the way for future generations. Today, I'm proudly wearing my Dr. Lila Downs T-shirt. Dr. Downs is an iconic Mexican-American singer and activist, known for blending traditional Mexican music with modern genres and using her platform to champion Indigenous rights and social justice. Her work transcends borders, reflecting the depth and beauty of the Hispanic and Latino experience.

As a first-generation Latina professional, I often find myself as the only person of Hispanic descent in the room. This experience emphasizes the importance of unity, especially in today's climate, where respecting diverse perspectives is more crucial than ever.

In this time of reflection and celebration, let us come together, not just to acknowledge our differences, but also to honor and respect them. Our nation thrives on its diversity, and by standing together, we create a stronger, more inclusive future.

Thank you. Gracias.

**\*\*end of Councilor Santiago statement\*\***

Council President Miller explained to Ty Bailey it has been a pleasure to work with him and he wishes the best.

Mayor Backus welcomed City Manager Burgener. He talked about the LOC Conference. He explained the time to vote is coming soon. He thanked Councilor Bailey for all that he did. He explained Ty was on Council from April 24, 2024 to present; Budget Committee from 2017 to 2024 and Planning Commission 2022 to April of 2024. He stated Ty has volunteered his time tremendously in this City and we're very grateful for that.

### **Executive Session ~ ORS 192.660(2)(f) Exempt Public Records**

Mayor Backus read the Executive Session statement and then went into Executive Session at 8:06pm.

**Present:** Mayor Backus; Councilor Santiago; Councilor Holmes; Councilor Lafrenz; Councilor Jacobs; Councilor Bailey; City Manager Burgener; and Interim Police Chief/LT Fluellen.

**Remote:** Council President Miller; and Legal Counsel Ashley Driscoll.

### **Open session**

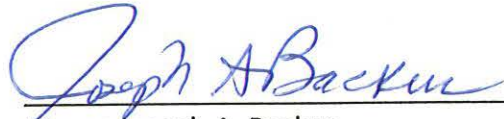
Mayor Backus came back into open session at 8:37pm.

Mayor Backus asked about the status of Union negotiation.

City Manager Burgener gave an update.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Backus adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.

  
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Mayor Joseph A. Backus

Attest:

  
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City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC