



# SCAPPOOSE

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE  
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056

ITEM AGENDA TOPIC	Action
Call to Order	
Pledge of Allegiance	
Roll Call	
Approval of the Agenda	
Public Comment - Items not on the agenda	
Please sign a speaker request form and turn it in to the City Recorder along with any written testimony.	
1. Consent Agenda ~ August 19, 2024 City Council meeting minutes; and Approval of water connection to property outside City limits (30731 Dutch Canyon Road)	
<u>New Business</u>	
2. LOC Priorities	Approval
City Manager Benjamin Burgener	
3. 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	
Announcements – information only	
4. Calendar	
5. Updates: City Manager; Police Chief; Councilors; and Mayor	
6. Executive Session ~ ORS 192.660(2)(f) Exempt Public Records	
7. Open session	
Adjournment	
PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to speak with City staff about a particular agenda item, please call City Hall at 503-543-7146, no later than 3:00 pm on the day of the meeting.	



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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=K-NnC8\\_39mU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-NnC8_39mU).

## Call to Order

Mayor Backus called the August 19, 2024 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Roll Call

Joseph A. Backus	Mayor	Dave Sukau	Acting City Manager/Public Works Director
Tyler Miller	Council President	Chris Fluellen	Police Lieutenant
Jeannet Santiago	Councilor	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Andrew Lafrenz	Councilor	Charlotte Baker	Contract Administrator
Marisa Jacobs	Councilor		
Ty Bailey	Councilor		

**Remote:** Councilor Kim Holmes; and Gene Weaver (joined at 7:13pm)

## Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Backus removed the Executive Session from the agenda.

Council President Miller moved, and Councilor Bailey seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the Executive Session as amended. 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 Comment

There were no public comments.

## **Consent Agenda ~ August 5, 2024 Executive Session minutes; and August 5, 2024 City Council meeting minutes**

Councilor Jacobs moved, and Councilor Santiago seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ August 5, 2024 Executive Session minutes; and August 5, 2024 City Council meeting minutes. 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.

### **Presentation**

Jay White with Grumpy's Towing explained on March 31, 2022 there was a gentleman wanted for murder that came into his shop and he recognized him and got State Police in route. He explained when the bullets started flying, he got a text from Timmi Sue, as she must have heard it on the scanner and texted him to make sure everybody was alright. He explained he called Timmi Sue, and she was talking him through the whole thing and making sure he was going to be alright until the State Troopers came in. He explained later that day Timmi Sue continued to text him and stated if he needed anything she would be there to help take care of him. He explained he has worked closely with Timmi Sue for many years, and she didn't need to call and check in on him, but she did, and she continued to make sure he was alright through the whole ordeal which was a really big deal for him. He explained he contacted Lieutenant Fluellen to see if there was any way they could acknowledge how she went above and beyond and that made a big difference for him.

Interim Police Chief Fluellen and Mayor Backus presented a plaque to Timmi Sue.

"In Special Recognition of Timmi Sue Hald for her dedicated service to the Scappoose Community and for her actions on March 31, 2022 while helping console a fellow community member during a critical incident involving our partners at Grumpy's towing.

We thank you, Timmi Sue for your outstanding work and service!"



## **New Business**

### **On Call Electrical Services Contract**

Contract Administrator Charlotte Baker went over the staff report. The City's Public Works, Wastewater, and Water departments often require the services of an electrician. When electrical services are required, the City must enter into small contracts for each individual project, an inefficient and time-consuming process that is sometimes impossible in emergency situations. In order to streamline the process of obtaining the services of a licensed electrician, City staff determined that it is in the City's best interest to procure the services of an electrician for a multi-year period for on-call electrical services. The City is currently engaged in several contracts of this type; for example, the City is under a multi-year contract with a water resources firm for on-call water services, and the Scappoose Police Department has a multi-year on-call contract for towing services. City staff from the Public Works, Wastewater and Water departments worked together to create a scope of work that would encompass all of the City's needs. While staff felt that cost of services was the most important consideration when selecting an electrical contractor, staff also wanted to ensure that the contractor had the experience, equipment and knowledge required to successfully meet the City's needs. Given these considerations, staff chose to publish a Request for Qualifications instead of an Invitation to Bid, which allows staff more leeway in determining the winning bidder. Under Oregon state law, Invitations to Bid must only be evaluated based on price. Requests for Proposals and Requests for Qualifications may be evaluated on a variety of metrics. The City used the following evaluation criteria:

- Whether or not the submission substantially complies with all RFQ requirements: Met/not met
- Understanding of the City's needs and requirements: Met/not met
- Cost of services: \_\_/70 points
- Overall experience, background, and qualifications: \_\_/15 points
- References: \_\_/15 points

The RFQ for On-Call Electrical services was advertised on July 15, 2024. Submissions were due August 8, 2024. The City received submissions from Peak Electric Group, Hamer Electric, and Christenson Electric. The evaluation committee for this project consisted of Dave Sukau, Public Works Director, Darryl Sykes, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, and Kevin Turner, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor. The evaluation committee gave the following scores:

	<b>Peak Electric Group</b>	<b>Hamer Electric</b>	<b>Christenson Electric</b>
<b>Dave Sukau</b>	94/100	85/100	80/100
<b>Darryl Sykes</b>	91/100	90/100	89/100
<b>Kevin Turner</b>	96/100	81/100	70/100
<b>Average Score</b>	<b>93.4/100</b>	<b>85.4/100</b>	<b>79.7/100</b>



The highest score was achieved by Peak Electric, followed by Hamer Electric. City staff would like to have on-call electrical service contracts with both Peak Electric and Hamer Electric to ensure that the City's electrical needs can be met as quickly and as economically as possible. The dollar value of these contracts will vary depending on the services provided. Staff recommends that Council authorize Acting City Manager Dave Sukau to enter into a contract with Peak Electric Group and Hamer Electric for the purpose of on-call electrical services.

Council President Miller moved, and Councilor Lafrenz seconded the motion that Council authorize Acting City Manager Dave Sukau to enter into a contract with Peak Electric Group and Hamer Electric for the purpose of on-call electrical services. 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.

### **Joint Work Session with the Park and Rec Committee**

#### **Parks Discussion**

Also present: Park & Rec Committee Vice Chair JJ Duehren; Park & Rec Committee Member Ian Holzworth; and Utility Supervisor Doug Nassimbene.

Acting City Manager Dave Sukau went over the presentation.



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Parks Master Plan  
Capital Improvement Plan  
Work Session

## CIP List

Park	Amenity	Quantity	Price (each)	Total
<b>Heritage</b>	Picnic Table	3	\$2,000	\$6,000
	Bench	3	\$2,000	\$6,000
	Trash Can	3	\$500	\$1,500
	Game Table / Facility	2	\$5,000	\$10,000
	Covered Shelter	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Public Art / Facility	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Landscaping upgrades	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
	ADA Playground upgrades	1	\$75,000	\$75,000
	Dual Facility Restroom	1	\$200,000	\$200,000
				<b>\$343,500</b>
<b>Veterans</b>	Picnic Table	6	\$2,000	\$12,000
	Bench	6	\$2,000	\$12,000
	Trash Can	5	\$500	\$2,500
	Covered Shelter	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Landscaping upgrades	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
	New ADA compliant playground	1	\$225,000	\$225,000
	Pickleball Court	1	\$75,000	\$75,000
	Disc Golf Course	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Bridge to Concomly	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Additional Paved Parking	1	\$250,000	\$250,000
				<b>\$786,500</b>
<b>Grabhorn</b>	Park Development (parking, restroom, etc.)	1	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
	Soccer Field (non turf)	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
	Ball Field (non turf)	1	\$300,000	\$300,000
	Covered Basketball Courts	1	\$300,000	\$300,000
	Pickleball Court	1	\$75,000	\$75,000
	Pump Track (paved)	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
	Walking Trail	1	\$40,000	\$40,000
	Disc Golf	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Picnic Shelter	2	\$25,000	\$50,000
	Picnic Table	8	\$2,000	\$16,000
	Bench	6	\$2,000	\$12,000
	Trash Can	10	\$500	\$5,000
				<b>\$2,258,000</b>

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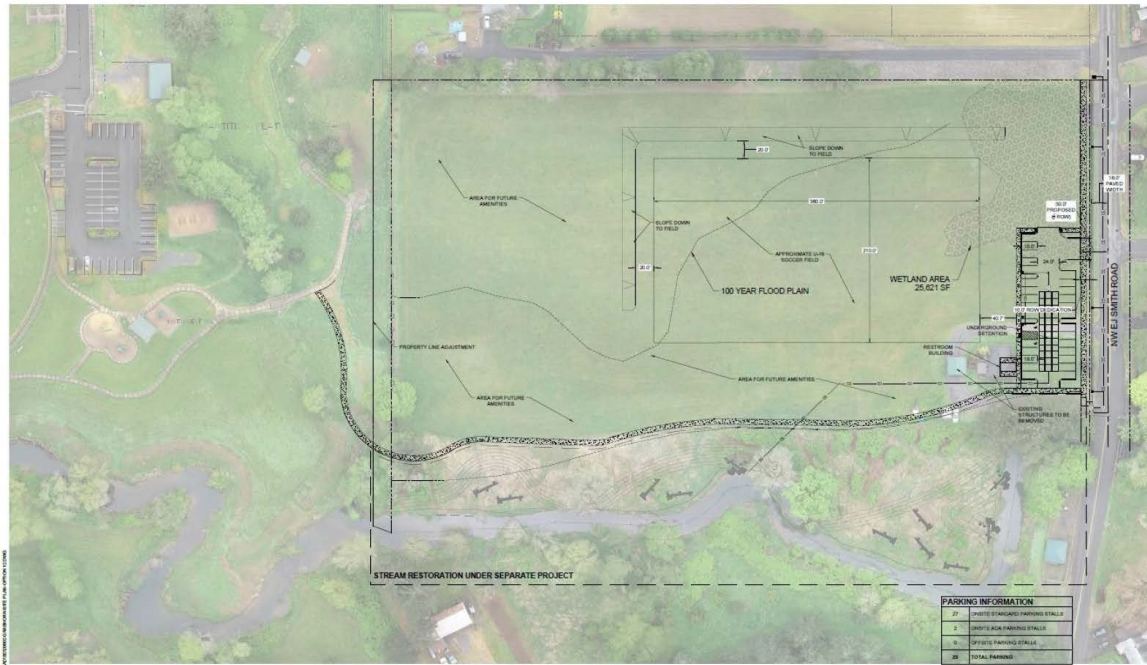
## CIP Continued

<b>Creekview</b>	Parking Lot	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Restroom	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Sidewalks & Paths	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
	Picnic Shelter	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Natural Play Area	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
	Creek frontage enhancements	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
	Landscape upgrades	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Picnic Table	4	\$2,000	\$8,000
	Bench	4	\$2,000	\$8,000
	Trash Can	4	\$500	\$2,000
				<b>\$503,000</b>
<b>Crown Z Trail</b>	Bench Shelter	2	\$10,000	\$20,000
	Exercise Station	6	\$5,000	\$30,000
	Bench	6	\$2,000	\$12,000
	Trash Can	6	\$500	\$3,000
	Interpretive Signage	1	\$20,000	\$20,000
	Bench	6	\$2,000	\$12,000
				<b>\$97,000</b>
<b>Chapman Landing</b>	Park Development (parking, restrooms & grading)	1	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
	Parking Improvements @ Existing Lot	1	\$200,000	\$200,000
	Picnic Shelter	2	\$25,000	\$50,000
	Bike Repair Station	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Non-motorized boat launch	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
	kayak lockers	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Fishing Platform	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Interpretive Signage	1	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Picnic Table	6	\$2,000	\$12,000
	Bench	6	\$2,000	\$12,000
				<b>\$1,838,000</b>

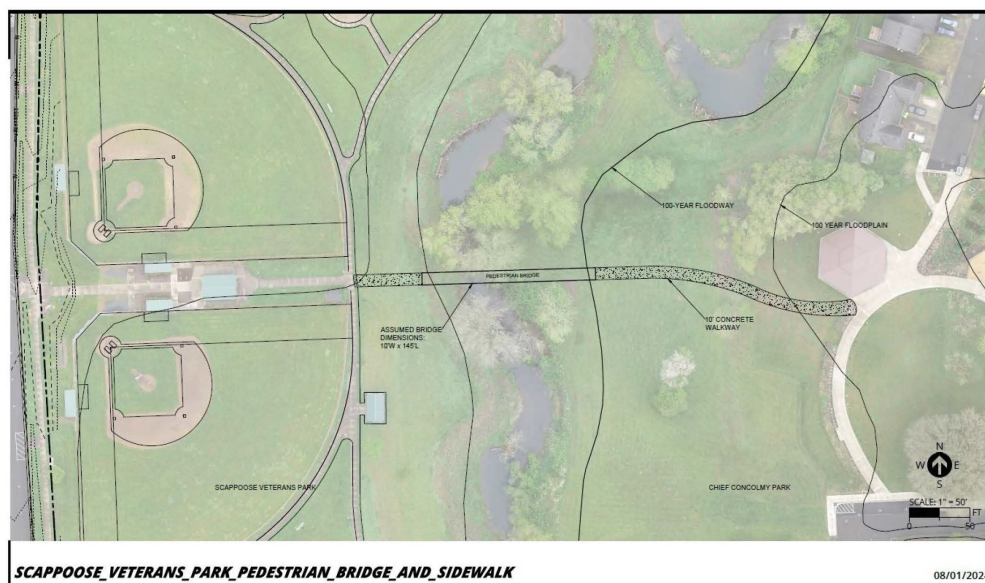
CIP Continued II

Concomly	Bridge to Veterans		1	\$100,000	\$100,000	Commerce Park	Park Development (Parking & Restrooms)		1	\$500,000	\$500,000
	Horseshoe / Cornhole		2	\$5,000	\$10,000		Picnic Shelter		1	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Volleyball Court		1	\$10,000	\$10,000		Wildlife Viewing Shelter		1	\$15,000	\$15,000
	Disc Golf Course		1	\$5,000	\$5,000		Picnic Table		3	\$2,000	\$6,000
	Community Garden		1	\$7,500	\$7,500		Bench		6	\$2,000	\$12,000
	Interpretive Signage		1	\$5,000	\$5,000		Trash Can		6	\$500	\$3,000
	Picnic Table		4	\$2,000	\$8,000		Interpretive Signage		1	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Bench		4	\$2,000	\$8,000		Nature Trails		1	\$50,000	\$50,000
	Trash Can		4	\$500	\$2,000						\$621,000
					\$155,500						
Miller	Basketball Court upgrades		1	\$50,000	\$50,000	Vista Property	Park Development (Parking & Restrooms)		1	\$750,000	\$750,000
	ADA Playground upgrades		1	\$100,000	\$100,000		Trail Development		1	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Dual Facility Restroom		1	\$200,000	\$200,000		Viewpoint		1	\$20,000	\$20,000
	Picnic Shelter		1	\$25,000	\$25,000		Signage		1	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Sidewalks		1	\$50,000	\$50,000		Disc Golf		1	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Additional Parking		1	\$50,000	\$50,000		Picnic Table		3	\$2,000	\$6,000
	Landscaping upgrades		1	\$15,000	\$15,000		Bench		5	\$2,000	\$10,000
	Picnic Table		5	\$2,000	\$10,000		Trash Can		6	\$500	\$3,000
	Bench		6	\$2,000	\$12,000						\$904,000
	Trash Can		4	\$500	\$2,000						
				\$514,000							
						CRPLUD Park	Playstructure		1	\$100,000	\$100,000
					Sidewalks			1	\$25,000	\$25,000	
					Picnic Table			2	\$2,000	\$4,000	
					Bench			3	\$2,000	\$6,000	
					Trash Can			4	\$500	\$4,000	
										\$139,000	





## Exhibit -Pedestrian Bridge



There was a discussion on fundraising; grant funding and donations.

Councilor Jacobs stated the dialog is really good and she thinks this is something that they should put on their agenda to speak with the incoming City Manager, as what the feasibility is of putting together a site and doing some marketing around this. She thinks that would be a really great partnership with the Parks and Rec Committee in terms of fundraising and doing efforts like that.

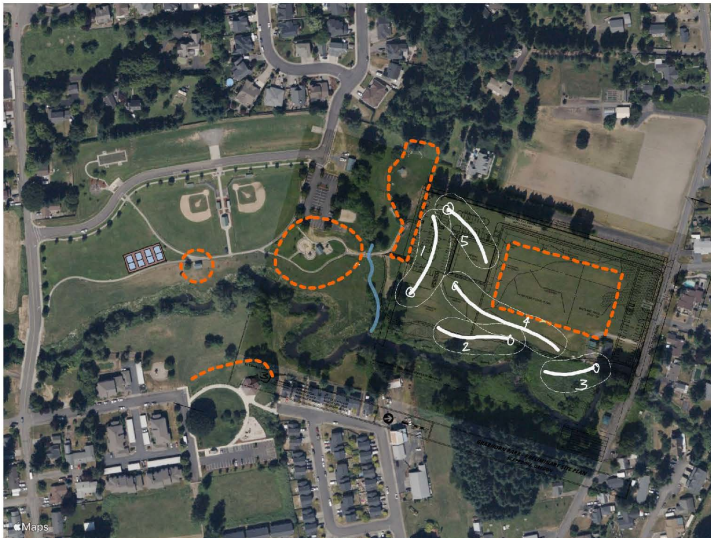
Acting City Manager Dave Sukau stated he would encourage Council to lock in the list and tell people these are the amenities we are looking for:

Recommendations		
Park	Upgrades	New Amenities
Heritage Park	Covered picnic tables, benches, landscaping (berm)	Game tables (chess, ping pong, etc.)
Veterans Park	Picnic shelter, bench, paved parking, trees/landscaping	Pickleball court, ADA play structure, bridge to Concomly
Grabhorn Property		Ball field, disc golf, walking trail, trees/landscaping, picnic tables
Concomly Park		Bridge to Veterans Park, community garden, volleyball court
Miller Park	Basketball court, playground, restroom, picnic shelter (add additional), parking	Sidewalks/footpath, benches
Creekview	Trees and plants	Enhanced creek edge, trail, benches, picnic area, restroom, parking
CZ Trail		Activity stations/exercise stations, wayside with cover
Chapman Landing	Parking area, seating and tables (additional)	Kayak launch, shelters, interpretive signage
Commerce Drive		Nature trail, signage, covered wildlife viewing area
Vista Property		Parking, trails, viewpoint, signage

Councilor Jacobs replied absolutely.

Ian Holzworth went over the disc golf plans.

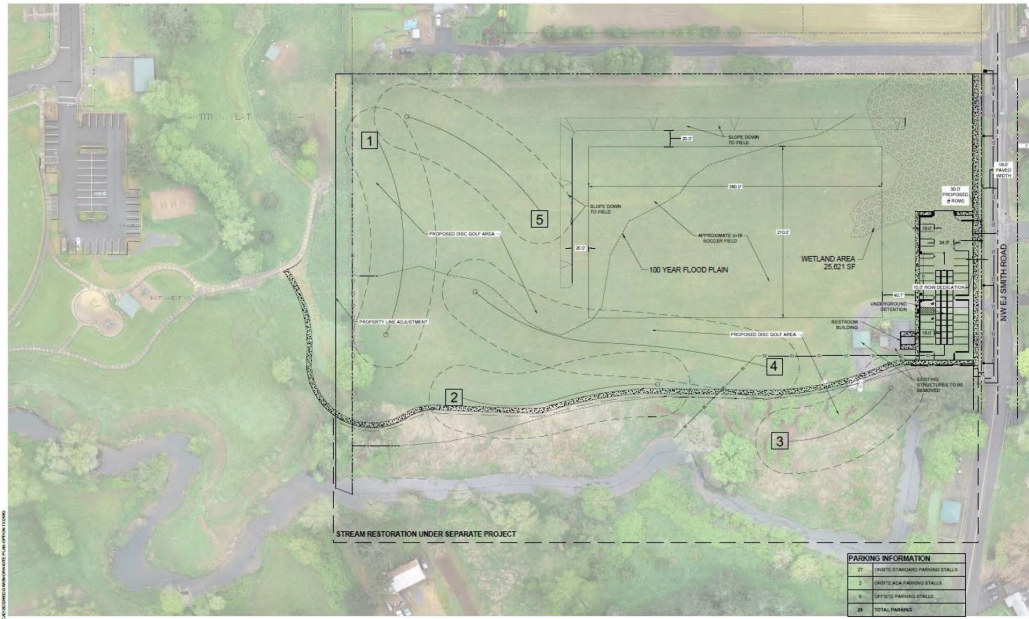
## Exhibit - Disc Golf



Disc golf course on Grabhorn site



## Exhibit - Disc Golf II



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Acting City Manager Dave Sukau explained they would like to include the disc golf plans with the grant application.

The general consensus of Council was to include the disc golf plans with the grant application.

## Next Steps

Which amenities would you like to be prioritized?



Which parks would you like to be prioritized?



There was a discussion regarding Vista Property.

Acting City Manager Dave Sukau stated what he is hearing tonight is to keep on the track of getting Grabhorn Design, and get the application in. Staff will look to continue doing the small amenities with the \$48,000 that is left if Council is okay with that. He stated staff will also continue to watch for grant opportunities as they come up, along with moving forward on a bridge design.

Mayor Backus ended the work session at 8:39pm.

### **Cancel September 3, 2024 City Council meeting**

Councilor Santiago moved, and Councilor Bailey seconded the motion to cancel the September 3, 2024 Council meeting. 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**

Acting City Manager Dave Sukau thanked Council for trusting him to take on the role of Acting City Manager. He gave an update on the Public Works projects.

Interim Police Chief Chris Fluellen gave an update on the Police Department.

Councilor Bailey talked about Crown Zellerbach Trail, and he appreciates the trail line. He stated the parks are great.

Councilor Jacobs thanked Dave for sitting in the seat of Acting City Manager. She thanked Chief Fluellen and stated the Officers have kind and caring they have been. She thanked Susan for all her hard work that she does for Council. She thanked Ian for all his hard work on the disc golf course plans.

Councilor Lafrenz echoed Councilor Jacobs. He also thanked Charlotte for her hard work.

Councilor Holmes thanked Dave and said she appreciates the true leadership. She thanked JJ, along with Jeff for all their hard work with successful movies in the park.

Councilor Santiago thanked staff; along with Ian and Paul and the whole Park and Rec Committee for the plans and partnership with Dave. She said to Interim Police Chief Fluellen great job to you and your team. She thanked Acting City Manager Dave Sukau for all he does. She stated great job Charlotte.

Council President Miller thanked everybody and said we have a great team, and he thinks it is starting to come together really well. He thanked Interim Chief Fluellen for taking on the role of interim chief. He wanted to point out that he does listen to the radio, and he is hearing more self-initiated activity by the Police Department and that is really one of the things that he wanted to see, the lights on the side of the road and the activity really do help let our community know that the police are out there. He thanked Acting City Manager Dave Sukau for all of his work and taking on some hard decisions and getting some things done. He stated to JJ and the Parks team your dedication, and work is very recognized. He thanked Charlotte for all she does.

Mayor Backus stated thank you all again. He also thanked Dave Sukau for stepping up to be the Acting City Manager, he really appreciates it. He talked about the City County dinner meeting that the City of Scappoose is hosting. He also talked about the upcoming elections.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Backus adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm.

Attest:

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Mayor Joseph A. Backus

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City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC



## City of Scappoose Council Action & Staff Report

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**Date Submitted:** September 10, 2024

**Agenda Date Requested:** September 16, 2024

**To:** Scappoose City Council

**From:** Chris Negelspach, City Engineer  
N.J. Johnson, Associate Planner

**Subject:** Outside Water User (30731 Dutch Canyon Road)

**Type of Action Requested:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Resolution</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ordinance</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Formal Action</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Report Only</b>

**Issue:**

It is the policy of the City that properties outside City limits may connect to municipal water services if they are within the service area boundary (see **Exhibit E**) ordered by the Columbia County Circuit Court in *Robert A. Parish, et al. v. City of Scappoose, et al.* (1984) (**Exhibit D**). The service area map (**Exhibit E**) distinguishes certain parcels as having a right to water services and certain parcels as being eligible, but not entitled to, connection. Water connection requests from properties that are eligible but not entitled to connection require a 2/3 majority of Council to approve such a request; see Scappoose Municipal Code (SMC) Section 13.04.020(B).

Cory Raven has submitted an application (**Exhibit A**) for a connection to municipal water services at 30731 Dutch Canyon Road, which is outside City limits but within the eligible service area. Approval of this request will require a 2/3 majority approval by Council.

**Analysis:**

The subject property is inside the service area boundary (**Exhibit E**) that is eligible to connect to municipal water services. There is an existing meter box for the property. A new meter vault may be required to accommodate the meter and backflow device, which are both required. A separate vault may be required to accommodate recovery valve device. The applicant will be required to disconnect from their existing well to prevent cross contamination with new municipal service. The applicant will be required to obtain a Plumbing Permit with Columbia County. A full list of conditions of approval is listed in the City Engineer's evaluation of this request

(**Exhibit C**). Approval of this request is being recommended by the City Engineer, Building Official, Finance Administrator, Public Works Director, and City Manager (see **Exhibit B**).

**Fiscal Impact:**

If approved, the applicant will be required to pay the following fees to the City:

1. Water system development charge (rate dependent on meter size)
2. Water hookup fee
3. \$1,000 outside water user fee

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that Council approve the request for water connection outside city limits at 30731 Dutch Canyon Road.

**Suggested Motion:**

If in consent agenda:

I move to approve the consent agenda as it appears.

If in body of meeting:

I move Council approve the request for water connection outside city limits at 30731 Dutch Canyon Road.

**Exhibits:**

- A. Cory Raven Outside Water User Request
- B. Staff Review and Approval
- C. Outside Water User Request Evaluation & Conditions of Approval
- D. Judgement Order from Columbia County, Oregon Circuit Court regarding *Robert A. Parish, et al. v. City of Scappoose, et al.* (1984)
- E. Dutch Canyon Water Line Service Area

# Exhibit A



## Request to establish an outside hookup connection to the City water system by individual lands outside the City limits as defined by SMC 13.04.020

Prior to request, please review the terms and conditions outlined in SMC13.04 located on our website at: <http://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/municipalcode> which includes the following key provisions;

- 1) No cross connections without approved backflow assembly
- 2) No auxiliary water supply without approved backflow assembly
- 3) Any required backflow assembly shall be maintained and inspected annually, at no cost to the City, with results provided to the City.
- 4) Backflow device may need to be installed at the point of use (house) with access allowed for inspection, as required.
- 5) Any auxiliary water systems which are no longer required, after receiving City services shall be decommissioned in accordance with Oregon Water Resources at; [www.wrd.state.or.us](http://www.wrd.state.or.us), or by calling District 18 Northwest Region Water Master at (503) 846-7780.
- 6) Decrease in water pressure as a result of the required backflow and subsequent need to install a pressure pump will not be the responsibility of the City.
- 7) All costs for compliance with the SMC 13.04 shall be the financial responsibility of the owner, occupant or other person in control of the premises.
- 8) Service shall be terminated for failure to adhere to all of the requirements for testing, cross connections, use of auxiliary services as further outlined in SMC 13.04.

***I have read and agree to the requirements, terms and conditions as outlined in SMC 13.04***

### **Water Service System;**

#### **PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION;**

Date: 8-8-24

Name: CORY RAVEN

Signature: Cory Raven

Address: 30731 DUTCH CANYON RD

Map & Tax Lot#: 3N2W16-00-00301

Phone Number: 503-543-5612

Email address: caraven@centurytel.net

#### Application information to Community Development Center for review prior to approval:

- 1) Provide a map with the following information for determination of the type of connection required;
  - a) Property location and approximate elevation at the proposed use, i.e., finished floor elevation of house.
  - b) Location and configuration of any auxiliary water sources (non-city water systems).
  - c) Location and configuration of any cross-connection systems as outlined in SMC 13.04, i.e., non-drinkable water system or auxiliary systems capable of imparting contamination to the public system as a result of backflow.
- 2) Provide a statement below explaining why you would like to connect to the City Water Services for City Manager review and approval;

2) WE ARE GETTING OLDER, CITY WATER WILL BE MORE CONVENIENT, RELIABLE, AND CLEANER WITHOUT NEEDING OUR SUPPORT.
1a) ELEVATION - 173 ft ABOVE SEA LEVEL @ 30731 DUTCH CANYON RD, SCAPPOOSE
DD - <del>888</del> LATITUDE 45-74934907192879 LONG -122-9346083750743
1b & 1c) CURRENT NON-CITY WATER SYSTEM WILL BE DECOMMISSIONED

# Exhibit B

## Staff Review and Approval;

City Engineer: Chris Negelspach

Building Official: [Signature]

Finance Administrator: Carol Almer

Public Works Director: [Signature]

City review comments;

See attached Conditions of Approval.

If application if approved by City Manager for City Council approval;

The applicant shall attend City Council hearing to express desire to connect to the water line.

Upon a 2/3 affirmative vote by Council, connection can be made subject to the conditions outlined in SMC 13.04.

☒ Approved by City Manager

☐ Denied by City Manager

[Signature]  
City Manager's Signature

9-9-2024  
Date

If denied, reason; \_\_\_\_\_

If approved, date & time of City Council meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Approved by City Council

☐ Denied by City Council

Once approved by City Council;

The applicant shall complete the following;

- 1) Obtain a Columbia County Plumbing Permit (submit copy to City)
- 2) Pay City Water System Development Charge (call city for current rate)
- 3) Pay City Water Hookup Fees (flat rate for meter set if existing lateral or T/M if tap needed)
- 4) Pay \$1,000 outside City user fee
- 5) Contact City Utility Billing Clerk to set up new account (call for current utility rates & deposit fee)

CITY STAFF TO SEND COPY OF APPROVAL TO;

- ☐ Property Owner
- ☐ CDC
- ☐ Utility Billing Department
- ☐ Columbia County Land Development

## Outside Water User Request Evaluation

**Property Owner/Applicant:** Cory Raven

**Location/TL #:** 30731 Dutch Canyon Road

**Approximate Elevation:**

Meter box: \_\_\_\_\_ ~170 ft

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ ~173 ft

Elevation difference: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 ft

**System Pressure:**

Pressure at meter stop valve: 130 psi

Pressure loss due to change in elev ( $\Delta = 3 \text{ ft} \times 0.433 \text{ psi/ft}$ ): 1.3 psi

Net pressure at House <sup>1</sup>	128.7 psi
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Note 1: Elevation values from GIS and/or applicant and do not account for head loss in piping, meter, reducing valve or backflow device

### Conditions of Approval:

1. Pressure reducing Valve required due to static pressure at the meter exceeding 80 psi
2. Backflow device required
3. Pipe and backflow device sizing as required by County Building Official
4. New meter vault may be required to accommodate meter and backflow
5. Separate vault may be required to accommodate recovery valve device
6. Disconnect existing well from domestic system to prevent cross connection with new City service, verify configuration with County Building Official
7. Permits required: Columbia County plumbing

**Recommendation:**

Approve:   X   Deny:           

**Signature:**

City Engineer: Chris Negelspach

Date: September 5, 2024





## WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

**606.5 Control Valve.** A control valve shall be installed immediately ahead of each water-supplied appliance and immediately ahead of each slip joint or appliance supply.

Parallel water distribution systems shall provide a control valve either immediately ahead of each fixture being supplied or installed at the manifold, and shall be identified with the fixture being supplied. Where parallel water distribution system manifolds are located in attics, crawl spaces, or other locations not readily accessible, a separate shutoff valve shall be required immediately ahead of each individual fixture or appliance served.

**606.6 Accessible.** Required shutoff or control valves shall be accessible.

**606.7 Multiple Fixtures.** A single control valve shall be installed on a water supply line ahead of an automatic metering valve that supplies a battery of fixtures.

### 607.0 Potable Water Supply Tanks.

**607.1 General.** Potable water supply tanks shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions, and supported in accordance with the building code.

**607.2 Potable Water Tanks.** Potable water supply tanks, interior tank coatings, or tank liners intended to supply drinking water shall be in accordance with NSF 61.

**607.3 Venting.** Tanks used for potable water shall be tightly covered and vented in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Such vent shall be screened with a corrosion-resistant material of not less than number 24 mesh.

**607.4 Overflow.** Tanks shall have not less than a 16 square inch (0.01 m<sup>2</sup>) overflow that is screened with a corrosion-resistant material of not less than number 24 mesh.

**607.5 Valves.** Pressurized tanks shall be provided with a listed pressure-relief valve installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. The relief valve shall be discharged in accordance with Section 608.5. Where a potable water supply tank is located above the fixtures, appliances, or system components it serves it shall be equipped with a vacuum relief valve that is in accordance with CSA Z21.22.

### 608.0 Water Pressure, Pressure Regulators, Pressure Relief Valves, and Vacuum Relief Valves.

**608.1 Inadequate Water Pressure.** Where the water pressure in the main or other source of supply will not provide a residual water pressure of not less than 15 pounds force per square inch (psi) (103 kPa), after allowing for friction and other pressure losses, a tank and a pump or other means that will provide said 15 psi (103 kPa) pressure shall be installed. Where fixtures, fixture fittings, or both are installed that require residual pressure exceeding 15 psi (103 kPa), that minimum residual pressure shall be provided.

**608.2 Excessive Water Pressure.** Where static water pressure in the water supply piping is exceeding 80 psi (552 kPa), an approved-type pressure regulator preceded by an adequate strainer shall be installed and the static pressure

reduced to 80 psi (552 kPa) or less. Such regulator(s) shall control the pressure to water outlets in the building unless otherwise approved by the Building Official. Each such regulator and strainer shall be accessibly located above-ground or in a vault equipped with adequate means to provide drainage and shall be protected from freezing, and shall have the strainer readily accessible for cleaning without removing the regulator or strainer body or disconnecting the supply piping. Pipe size determinations shall be based on 80 percent of the reduced pressure where using Table 610.4. An approved expansion tank shall be installed in the cold water distribution piping downstream of each such regulator to prevent excessive pressure from developing due to thermal expansion and to maintain the pressure setting of the regulator. Expansion tanks used in potable water systems intended to supply drinking water shall be in accordance with NSF 61. The expansion tank shall be properly sized and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and listing. Systems designed by registered design professionals shall be permitted to use approved pressure relief valves in lieu of expansion tanks provided such relief valves have a maximum pressure relief setting of 100 psi (689 kPa) or less.

**608.3 Expansion Tanks, and Combination Temperature and Pressure-Relief Valves.** A water system provided with a check valve, backflow preventer, or other normally closed device that prevents dissipation of building pressure back into the water main, independent of the type of water heater used, shall be provided with an approved, listed, and adequately sized expansion tank or other approved device having a similar function to control thermal expansion. Such expansion tank or other approved device shall be installed on the building side of the check valve, backflow preventer, or other device and shall be sized and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. No shutoff valve shall be installed between the expansion tank and the system.

A water system containing storage water heating equipment shall be provided with an approved, listed, adequately sized combination temperature and pressure-relief valve, except for listed nonstorage instantaneous heaters having an inside diameter of not more than 3 inches (80 mm). Each such approved combination temperature and pressure-relief valve shall be installed on the water-heating device in an approved location based on its listing requirements and the manufacturer's installation instructions. Each such combination temperature and pressure-relief valve shall be provided with a drain in accordance with Section 608.5.

**608.4 Pressure Relief Valves.** Each pressure relief valve shall be an approved automatic type with drain, and each such relief valve shall be set at a pressure of not more than 150 psi (1034 kPa). No shutoff valve shall be installed between the relief valve and the system.

**608.5 Drains.** Relief valves shall be provided with a full-sized drain; not smaller than the relief valve outlet; of galvanized steel, hard-drawn copper, or CPVC piping and fittings and shall extend from the valve to a discharge location that will avoid the hazard to persons or damage to property. Discharge locations outside of the building shall be not less





Google Image of 30731 - Tee with potable stub at northwest corner of McKay and Dutch Canyon Road intersection



Image of existing meter box



# Exhibit D

1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY  
2 ROBERT A. PARISH, )  
3 )  
4 ) Plaintiff )  
5 )  
6 vs )  
7 )  
8 CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, SCAPPOOSE WATER DEPARTMENT; )  
9 COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON; WOLFRAM G. MULLER, )  
10 RUDOLPH TETZ, MIKE CORBY, BILL SKILES, WILLIAM )  
11 BUCK, ALFRED N. JENSEN, AARON FINLEY, GARY )  
12 WILSON, CURTIS GARDNER, HENRY J. HUGHES, C. L. )  
13 FRY, HELEN BURT, PAUL ALEXANDER, MRS. WALTER )  
14 STACE, JOE DYKSTRA, JUNIOR PEAL, DICK BURGER, )  
15 SARA KUIPER, CHARLES HEGLEY, STEVE NEWMAN, )  
16 LeROY HINTON, RICHARD ROHAN, E. W. FITZGERALD, )  
17 MRS. WAYNE FREDRICKS, LEE R. BIGGS )  
18 )  
19 Defendants )  
20 )  
21 ERVIN L. ASHLEY, MURVIN R. BARKER, PAUL )  
22 BENNETT, RUSSELL COWLES, MELVIN K. PRICE, )  
23 CLAUDE GRAWL, GERALD JONES, WALTER JONES, )  
24 HERMAN LAUBE, E. L. McJUNKIN, ELBERT MANLEY, )  
25 H. JAY MERRILL, ROBERT PARISH, JR., ANTON )  
26 SCHLOSSER, THEO S. STANSBIE, MATHILDA TETZ, )  
27 ELSIE VANLANDINGHAM, ERNEST A. WINTERFELD, )  
28 PETER BARENDREGT, RICHARD D. BEEBE, FLOYD R. )  
29 CLARK, FERN FINLEY, EDNA G. FRY, RICHARD )  
30 HOLMASON, LILLIAN JONES, THOMAS E. KIRTLAND, )  
31 LAWRENCE McCONNELL, ROBERT McKEE, EDMUND G. )  
32 MELTON, ARTHUR D. MILLER, RICHARD SAHAGIAN )  
33 LeROY L. SLABY, HAROLD STRAND, OTTO A. TETZ, )  
34 and PATRICIA K. WILSON )  
35 )  
36 Other Parties )  
37 )  
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39 PAUL T. ALEXANDER, GLORIA J. ALEXANDER, ERVIN )  
40 LEE ASHLEY, ELIZABETH A. ASHLEY, PETER )  
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44 RICHARD D. BEEBE, JANET C. BEEBE, PAUL BENNETT, )  
45 SANDRA M. BENNETT, WILLIAM A. BUCK, JUDITH I. )  
46 BUCK, RICHARD W. BURGER, BEVERLY A. BURGER, )  
47 THEODORE E. CAMPBELL, CHARLOTTE A. CAMPBELL )  
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49 RUSSELL COWLES, HARRY ETLINGER, IRENE ETLINGER, )  
50 AARON L. FINLEY, FERN FINLEY, MELVIN K. PRICE, )  
51 KATHLIEN R. PRICE, CHARLES L. FRY, EDNA G. FRY, )  
52 CHRIS GARDNER, JACQUELINE GARDNER, CLAUDE GRAWL )  
53 PERSALEE GRAWL, BUDDY D. HAMANN, CHARLES G. )  
54 HEGELE, CARLLEEN C. HEGELE, RICHARD HOLMASON, )  
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1 LILLIAN JONES, GERALD JONES, NANCY A. JONES, )  
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4 ELBERT MANLEY, LAWRENCE McCONNELL, ANN P. )  
McCONNELL, E. L. McJUNKIN, VIVIAN E. McJUNKIN, )  
5 ROBERT L. MCKEE, MARY J. MCKEE, DOUGLAS D. )  
MARTIN, VERA L. MARTIN, EDMUND G. MELTON, )  
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MERRILL, ARTHUR D. MILLER, DORA E. MILLER, )  
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JR., LOUISE M. PARISH, RICHARD SAHAGIAN, )  
8 MARIAN SAHAGIAN, EDWARD SALVENSEN, DEBBIE M. )  
SALVENSEN, ANTON SCHLOSSER, AMELIA C. SCHLOSSER, )  
9 LEROY L. SLABY, CAROL A. SLABY, THEO S. )  
STANSBIE, BLANCHE STANSBIE, HAROLD STRAND, )  
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VIOLA M. TETZ, CURTIS G. TETZ, ROWENA ANN TETZ, )  
11 ELSIE VANLANDINGHAM, GARY L. WILSON, PATRICIA )  
K. WILSON, ERNEST A. WINTERFELD, ADELINE )  
WINTERFELD, )

Plaintiffs )

12 vs. )

13 CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON, )  
A Municipal Corporation )

Defendant )

JUDGMENT

15 THIS MATTER was set for hearing on March 21, 1984. Plaintiffs  
16 were present and represented by Agnes M. Petersen  
17 and Robert McKee. Defendant City of Scappoose was present and  
18 represented by David B. Williamson. The parties negotiated for  
19 in excess of 8 hours with the assistance of the court and arrived  
20 at and agreed upon the following judgment by sworn testimony in  
21 open court. Pursuant to the negotiations and agreements it  
22 appeared to the Court:

23 1. Plaintiffs and defendants are residents or own property  
24 within the area described in the December 5, 1975, water rights  
25 certificate of City of Scappoose, recorded in Volume 15, Page  
26 895, Miscellaneous Records.

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1        2. The Scappoose water system has run through the area  
2 known as Dutch Canyon since the 1920's and has served water users  
3 in the area including some of the parties to these two lawsuits.

4        3. The two lawsuits have been filed to determine the re-  
5 spective rights of all parties and the suits should be amicably  
6 settled and a judgment entered settling these issues. It is,  
7 therefore,

8        ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

9        1. All parties plaintiffs to the above lawsuit shall continue  
10 to receive City of Scappoose water as a matter of right.

11       2. There will be no termination or threat of termination  
12 of water services to plaintiffs receiving water so long as they  
13 pay all water bills when due. Failure to pay water bills shall  
14 produce the same result as non-payment within the City limits.

15       3. All prior water agreements and water contracts executed  
16 by these plaintiffs are superceded by this judgment insofar as  
17 the agreements are inconsistent with this judgment.

18       4. Water Charges: The above plaintiffs shall pay the  
19 same rate for water service as users within the City plus four  
20 dollars (\$4.00) per month per user until the year 2019 when the  
21 1979 General Obligation Bond is paid in full. The \$4.00 per  
22 month charge is the outside users contribution toward the amorti-  
23 zation of the 1979 General Obligation Water Bond. Plaintiffs  
24 shall also pay their prorated share of any future general obli-  
25 gation bonds issued to enlarge or improve City's water system.

26       \* \* \*

1 5. Sewer Charges: No sewer charges shall be made to these  
2 plaintiffs unless plaintiffs are served by City sewer. City  
3 shall never attempt to force these plaintiffs to involuntarily  
4 form a separate water district.

5 6. All parties plaintiff shall be entitled to the same  
6 rights and privileges and be bound by the same rules as all other  
7 persons being served water by the City of Scappoose within the  
8 City limits in that additional hookups shall be given for existing  
9 homesteads, lots and parcels approved for building permits provided  
10 the hooking up and serving of water complies with all state and  
11 federal laws and regulations in existence on the date of appli-  
12 cation for the hookup.

13 7. In the event an application is filed by a party outside  
14 the present urban growth boundary to be included within the boundary  
15 and for a water hookup for good cause, the hookup shall be approved  
16 and granted upon approval of the amendment of the UGB by inclusion  
17 of applicants property within the boundary by action of Scappoose  
18 City Council. Once the water service is received it cannot be  
19 terminated except for cause, eg non-payment of water bill.

20 8. City shall pass no ordinances nor attempt to enforce  
21 any ordinances which are inconsistent with this judgment.

22 9. This judgment shall have no effect on these plaintiffs'  
23 rights and City's water rights certificate dated December 5,  
24 1975, recorded in Volume 15, Page 895, Miscellaneous Records,  
25 Columbia County, Oregon.

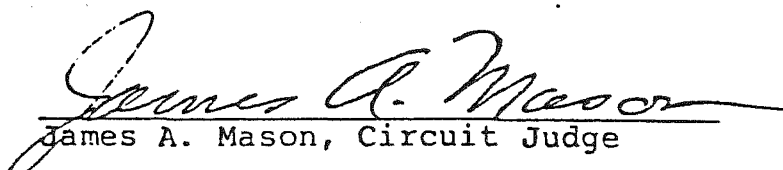
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1           10. This judgment binds all parties hereto, their heirs,  
2 successors or assigns and plaintiffs' rights hereunder shall  
3 run with their land.

4           11. The effective date of this judgment is April 1, 1984,  
5 as to water rates.

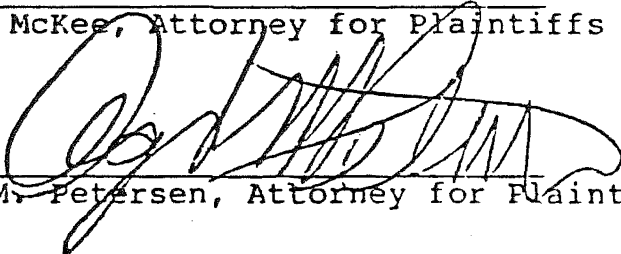
6           12. Neither party nor parties shall be awarded costs or  
7 disbursements.


8           DATED this 17th day of <sup>May</sup>~~March~~, 1984, nunc pro tunc to  
9 March 21, 1984.

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11 James A. Mason, Circuit Judge

12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

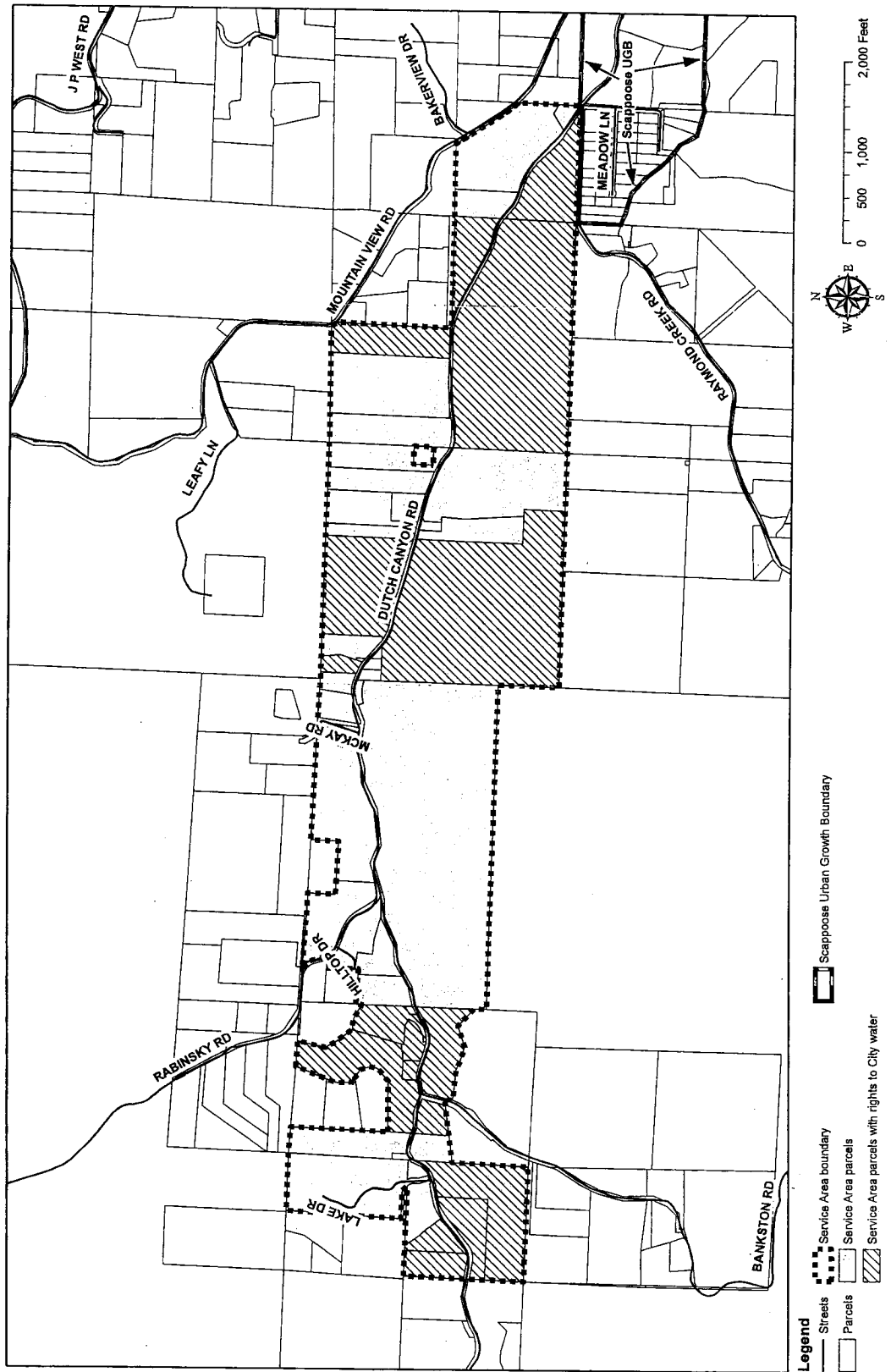
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20 City of Scappoose, Oregon  
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# Exhibit E

Dutch Canyon Water Line Service Area  
Columbia County, Oregon



<b>CITY OF SCAPPOOSE</b>
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## Council Action & Status Report

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**Date Submitted:** September 10, 2024

**Agenda Date Requested:** September 16, 2024

**To:** Scappoose City Council

**From:** Benjamin Burgener, City Manager

**Subject:** LOC Priorities

**TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Report Only

**ISSUE:**

City Council's top 5 priorities for the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) to focus on in the upcoming legislative session.

**ANALYSIS:**

Each even-numbered year, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) asks each city to submit a single ballot indicating what they feel are the top 5 issues the LOC should address during the upcoming legislative session.

The 2024 LOC Member Voter Guide details 23 legislative policy priorities. These 23 priorities were chosen by seven policy committees consisting of city officials throughout the state of Oregon.

The deadline to respond to the LOC is the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No immediate, direct impact; however future funding opportunities for the City of Scappoose will likely be affected.

**RECCOMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that Council discuss and choose their top 5 priorities from the LOC Member Voter Guide and authorize City Manager Benjamin Burgener to submit those priorities to the LOC.

Please mark 5 boxes that reflect the top 5 issues your city recommends be added to the priorities for the League's 2025-2026 legislative cycle. Each city gets five total votes.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure Funding
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shelter and Homelessness Response
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employment Lands Readiness and Availability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Funding and Alignment for Housing Production
<input type="checkbox"/>	Restoration of Recreational Immunity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Behavioral Health Enhancements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continued Addiction Policy Reform
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building Decarbonization, Efficiency and Modernization
<input type="checkbox"/>	Investment in Community Resiliency and Climate Planning Resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	Address Energy Affordability Challenges from Rising Utility Costs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lodging Tax Flexibility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marijuana Tax
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol Tax
<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Equity and Inclusion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cybersecurity and Privacy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resilient, Futureproof Broadband Infrastructure and Planning Investment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Artificial Intelligence (AI)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2025 Transportation Package
<input type="checkbox"/>	Funding and Expanding Public and Inter-Community Transit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shift From a Gas Tax to a Road User Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Safety and Neighborhood Livability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Place-Based Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Operator-In-Training Apprenticeships



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## 2024 Member Voter Guide

**Background:** Each even-numbered year, the LOC appoints members to serve on seven policy committees, which are the foundation of the League's policy development process. Composed of city officials, these committees analyze policy and technical issues and recommend positions and strategies for the upcoming two-year legislative cycle. This year, seven committees identified 23 legislative policy priorities to advance to the full membership and LOC Board of Directors. It's important to understand that the issues that ultimately do not rise to the top based on member ranking are not diminished with respect to their value to the policy committee or the LOC's advocacy. These issues will still be key component of the LOC's overall legislative portfolio for the next two years.

**Ballot/Voting Process:** Each city is asked to review the recommendations from the seven policy committees and provide input to the LOC Board of Directors, which will formally adopt the LOC's 2025-26 legislative agenda. While each city may have a different process when evaluating the issues, it's important for cities to engage with your mayor and entire council to ensure the issues are evaluated and become a shared set of priorities from your city. During its October meeting, the LOC Board will formally adopt a set of priorities based on the ranking process and their evaluation.

Each city is permitted one ballot submission. **Once your city has reviewed the proposed legislative priorities, please complete the electronic ballot to indicate the top 5 issues that your city would like the LOC to focus on during the 2025-26 legislative cycle.** The lead administrative staff member (city manager, city recorder, etc.) will be provided with a link to the electronic ballot. If your city did not receive a ballot or needs a paper option, please reach out to Meghyn Fahndrich at [mfahndrich@orcities.org](mailto:mfahndrich@orcities.org) or Jim McCauley at [jmccauley@orcities.org](mailto:jmccauley@orcities.org).

**Important Deadline:** The deadline for submitting your city's vote is **5 p.m. on September 27, 2024.**

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## Community and Economic Development Committee

Contact: Jim McCauley, [jmccauley@orcities.org](mailto:jmccauley@orcities.org)

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### INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (CO-SPONSORED BY WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMITTEE)

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will advocate for a comprehensive infrastructure package to support increased investments in water, sewer, stormwater and roads. This includes: funding for system upgrades to meet increasingly complex regulatory compliance requirements; capacity to serve needed housing and economic development; deferred maintenance costs; seismic and wildfire resiliency improvements; and clarity and funding to address moratoriums. The LOC will also champion both direct and programmatic infrastructure investments to support a range of needed housing development types and affordability.*

**Background:** Cities continue to face the challenge of how to fund infrastructure improvements – to maintain current, build new, and improve resiliency. Increasing state resources in programs that provide access to lower rate loans and grants will assist cities in investing in vital infrastructure. Infrastructure development impacts economic development, housing, and livability. The level of funding for these programs has been inadequate compared to the needs over the last few biennia, and the funds are depleting and unsustainable without significant program modifications and reinvestments. This priority will focus on maximizing both the amount of funding and the flexibility of the funds to meet the needs of more cities across the state to ensure long-term infrastructure investment. The 2024 LOC Infrastructure Survey revealed the increasing need for water and road infrastructure funding. The results show \$11.9 billion of infrastructure funds needed (\$6.4 billion for water and \$5.5 billion for roads).

Combined with the federal-cost share decline on water infrastructure projects – despite the recent bi-partisan infrastructure law investment – cities face enormous pressure to upgrade and maintain water infrastructure. At the same time, cities across the state are working urgently to address Oregon’s housing crisis. To unlock needed housing development and increase affordability, the most powerful tool the Legislature can deploy is targeted investments in infrastructure to support needed housing development.

## SHELTER AND HOMELESS RESPONSE

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will support a comprehensive homeless response package to fund the needs of homeless shelter and homeless response efforts statewide. Funding should include baseline operational support to continue and strengthen coordinated regional homeless response and include a range of shelter types and services, including alternative shelter models, safe parking programs, rapid rehousing, outreach, case management, staffing and administrative support, and other related services. The LOC will also support capital funding for additional shelter infrastructure and site preparation. Oregon's homeless response system must recognize the critical role of cities in homeless response and meaningfully include cities in regional funding and decision-making, in partnership with counties, community action agencies, continuums of care, housing authorities, and other service provider partners.*

**Background:** The LOC recognizes that to end homelessness, a cross-sector coordinated approach to delivering services, housing, and programs is needed. Despite historic legislative investments in recent years, Oregon still lacks a coordinated, statewide shelter and homeless response system with stable funding. Communities across the state have developed regional homeless response collaboratives, beginning with the HB 4123 pilot communities funded by the Legislature in 2022 and the more recently established Multi-Agency Collaboratives and Local Planning Groups created by Governor Kotek's [Executive Order on Affordable Housing and Homelessness](#). As Oregon continues to face increasing rates of unsheltered homelessness, the LOC is committed to strengthening a regionally based, intersectional state homeless response system to ensure all Oregonians can equitably access stable housing and maintain secure, thriving communities.

## EMPLOYMENT LANDS READINESS AND AVAILABILITY

**Legislative Recommendation:** *The LOC will support incentives, programs and increased investment to help cities with the costs of making employment lands market-ready, including continued investment in the state brownfields programs. The LOC also recognizes the deficit of industrial land capacity in strategic locations and will support efforts to build a more comprehensive industrial lands program by strengthening the connection between the DLCD Goal 9 Program and Business Oregon IL programs and resources.*

**Background:** Infrastructure cost is a significant barrier for cities that are looking to increase the supply of market-ready industrial land. Cities require a supply of industrial land that is ready for development to recruit and retain business operations. For sites to be attractive to site selectors, the basic infrastructure must be built out first. For example, the Regionally Significant Industrial Site (RSIS) program within Business Oregon is designed to help cities with the cost of readiness activities

through a reimbursement program, but many cities are not able to take advantage of this program due to a lack of staff capacity and up-front capital for investments.

## FULL FUNDING AND ALIGNMENT FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will advocate to maintain and increase state investments to support the development and preservation of a range of needed housing types and affordability, including: publicly supported affordable housing and related services; affordable homeownership; permanent supportive housing; affordable modular and manufactured housing; middle housing types; and moderate-income workforce housing development. In addition, the LOC will seek opportunities to address structural barriers to production of different housing options at the regional and state level. This includes: streamlining state agency programs, directives, funding metrics, and grant timelines that impact development; aligning state programs with local capital improvement and budget timelines; and increasing connections between affordable housing resources at Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) with the land use directives in the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) and Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) programs at the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD).*

**Background:** Recent legislation and executive orders have made significant changes to the state's land use planning process, including new housing production directives for cities and counties. These updates have resulted in extensive, continuous, and sometimes conflicting efforts that are not supported by adequate state funding. Cities do not have the staff capacity or resources needed to implement existing requirements. Additional state support is needed to assist local implementation, including technical assistance and education for local staff and decision makers, and workforce development. The state should prioritize implementation and coordination of existing programs in the 2025-2026 legislative sessions before considering any new policies.

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### General Government Committee

Contact: Scott Winkels, [swinkels@orcities.org](mailto:swinkels@orcities.org)

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## RESTORATION OF RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will introduce legislation to protect cities and other landowners who open their property for recreational purposes from tort liability claims.*

**Background:** An adverse court ruling stemming from a recreational injury sustained on a city owned trail opened cities and other public and private landowners to tort claims for injuries sustained by people who are recreating. The Legislature enacted a temporary restoration of the immunity in 2024 that will expire

on July 1, 2025. Legislation to make the immunity permanent will be needed for cities to offer recreational amenities without fear of tort liability lawsuits or excessive risk premiums.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ENHANCEMENTS

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will introduce and support legislation to expand access to behavioral health treatment beds and allow courts greater ability to direct persons unable to care for themselves into treatment through the civil commitment process.*

**Background:** While Oregon has historically ranked at or near the bottom nationally for access to behavioral healthcare, the state has made significant investments over the past four years. It will take time for investments in workforce development and substance abuse treatment to be realized, and areas for improvement remain. The standard for civilly committing a person into treatment remains very high in Oregon, and as a result, individuals who present a danger to themselves or others remain untreated, often producing tragic results. Additionally, the number of treatment beds for residential care does not meet demand, with services unavailable in multiple areas of the state.

## CONTINUED ADDICTION POLICY REFORM

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will Introduce and support legislation to allow drug related misdemeanors to be cited into municipal court; provide stable funding for services created in HB 4002 in 2024; allow more service providers to transport impaired persons to treatment; establish the flow of resources to cities to support addiction response; and monitor and adjust the implementation of HB 4002.*

**Background:** The Legislature passed significant changes to Oregon's approach to the current addiction crisis with the creation of a new misdemeanor charge designed to vector defendants away from the criminal justice system and into treatment. Changes also included: sentencing enhancements for drug dealers; investments in treatment capacity; and expanded access to medical assisted addiction treatment. HB 4002 did not include stable funding for the services created or provide cities with direct access to resources, or the ability to cite the new offense into municipal courts. Additionally, the new law will likely require adjustments as the more complicated elements get implemented.

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## Energy and Environment Committee

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### BUILDING DECARBONIZATION, EFFICIENCY, AND MODERNIZATION

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will support legislation to protect against any rollback and preemptions to allow local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from new and existing buildings while ensuring reliability and affordability. In addition, the LOC will lead and back efforts that support local governments, including statewide capacity, expertise, and resources to allow local governments to pursue state and federal funding and continue to support off-ramps for local governments unable to meet the state's new building performance standards.*

**Background:** Homes and commercial buildings consume nearly one-half of all the energy used in Oregon, according to the Oregon Department of Energy. Existing buildings can be retrofitted and modernized to become more resilient and efficient, while new buildings can be built with energy efficiency and energy capacity in mind.

Oregon cities, especially small to mid-sized and rural communities, require technical assistance and financial support to meet the state's goals. Without additional support, some communities will be unable to meet the state's building performance standards. Off-ramps are necessary to protect cities unable to meet the state's goals to ensure they are not burdened by mandates they can't meet.

Some initiatives may include local exceptions for building energy codes and performance standards, statewide home energy scoring, or financial incentives from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), state incentives, and other financial incentives like CPACE (Commercial property-assessed clean energy).

For cities to meet their climate resilience and carbon reduction goals while maintaining home rule authority, their flexibility must be preserved to allow for a successful transition from fossil fuels. State pre-emptions should not prohibit cities from exceeding state goals and achieving standards that align with their values.

### INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY RESILIENCY AND CLIMATE PLANNING RESOURCES

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will support investments that bring resiliency and climate services (for mitigation and adaptation) together in coordination with public and private entities, and work to fill the existing gaps to help communities get high-quality assistance. These resources are needed for local governments to effectively capture the myriad of available state and federal funding opportunities that cannot be accessed due to capacity and resource challenges. The LOC will work with partners to identify barriers and potential*



*solutions towards resiliency opportunities, such as local energy generation and battery storage, and to support actions that recognize local control.*

**Background:** Oregon communities have unique resources and challenges, and increasingly need help to plan for climate and human-caused impacts and implement programs to reduce greenhouse gases. Oregon should focus on maintaining the reliability of the grid while supporting safe, healthy, cost-effective energy production that includes external costs.

Although many opportunities for building resiliency exist, not all will not be built or managed by cities. Cities support efforts to build resiliency hubs in coordination with public, private, and non-profit interests and will seek more investments in programs that support resiliency hubs.

Cities also have a broad range of perspectives on how to address the impacts of the climate crisis. Concerns about costs and reliability during this energy transition have surfaced in many cities. At the same time, others who share those concerns also aim to have stronger requirements that meet their cities' climate goals. To meet these challenges, cities oppose additional mandates but support exceptions and additional support that recognize each city's unique perspectives, resources, and experience while preserving local authority.

Oregon's small to mid-sized communities and rural communities are particularly in need of technical assistance, matching funds, and additional capacity to address climate impacts. Without assistance, these communities face unfunded mandates due to low resources and capacity challenges to go after many available opportunities.

## **ADDRESS ENERGY AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGES FROM RISING UTILITY COSTS**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will: support actions to maintain affordable and reliable energy resources; invest in programs and new technology that support energy efficiency, renewable energy, and battery storage to help reduce overall energy costs and demands; and address grid challenges during peak energy demand and the associated rising costs, while balancing the pace of energy production and power supply that impact rates.*

**Background:** In recent years, rising utility costs have increased the energy burden on Oregonians, particularly low-income Oregonians, those with fixed incomes, and those who are unable to work. Costs contributing to these increases include, infrastructure upgrades, maintenance, and modernization, climate impacts from increased extreme weather events (wildfires, ice storms, snowstorms, flooding, etc.) and mitigation costs associated with them, fuel costs, inflation, legislative and gubernatorial actions, and investments in new energy-producing technology, and battery storage, are some of many reasons that are impacting utility rates.

While many investment opportunities exist, more cooperation and collaboration



needed to find a path forward that reduces the need for large rate increases that impact Oregonians. Rate increases should balance and prioritize vital labor, infrastructure, and mitigations necessary to sustain present and future energy demands with compensation.

In addition, the LOC would advocate for new tools and utilizing existing tools to modernize rate structures to provide flexibility and account for the time of year of rate increases (phasing in of rate increases) and recognize the higher burden for low and moderate-income and fixed-income Oregonians.

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### **Finance and Taxation Committee**

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### **LODGING TAX FLEXIBILITY**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will advocate for legislation to increase flexibility to use locally administered and collected lodging tax revenue to support tourism-impacted services.*

**Background:** In 2003, the Legislature passed the state lodging tax and restricted local transient lodging tax (TLT) by requiring that revenue from any new or increased local lodging tax be spent according to a 70/30 split: 70% of local TLT must be spent on “tourism promotion” or “tourism related facilities” and up to 30% is discretionary funds.

Tourism has created an increased demand on municipal service provision. Some of the clearest impacts are on roads, infrastructure, public safety, parks, and public restrooms. Short term rentals and vacation homes also reduce the housing supply and exacerbate housing affordability issues.

Cities often play an active role in tourism promotion and economic development efforts, but requiring that 70% of lodging tax revenue be used to further promote tourism is a one-size fits all approach that does not meet the needs of every tourism community. Cities must be allowed to strike the balance between tourism promotion and meeting the needs for increased service delivery for tourists and residents.

### **MARIJUANA TAX**

**Legislative Recommendation:** *The LOC will advocate for legislation that increases revenue from marijuana sales in cities. This may include proposals to restore state marijuana tax losses related to Measure 110 (2020), and to increase the 3% cap on local marijuana taxes.*

**Background:** The state imposes a 17% tax on recreational marijuana products. Until

the end of 2020, cities received 10% of the state's total tax revenues (minus expenses) on recreational marijuana products. Measure 110 largely shifted the allocation of state marijuana revenue by capping the amount that is distributed to the recipients that previously shared the total amount (the State School Fund, the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon State Police, cities and counties) and diverted the rest to drug treatment and recovery services. Starting in March of 2021, quarterly revenue to cities from state marijuana taxes saw a decrease of roughly 74%. Marijuana revenue has also been on a downward trend because the market is oversaturated, which has continually reduced sale prices (high supply, steady demand). Marijuana is taxed on the price of the sale and not on volume.

## ALCOHOL TAX

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will advocate for increased revenue from alcohol taxes. This includes support for any recommendation by the HB 3610 Task Force on Alcohol Pricing to increase the beer and wine tax that maintains 34% shared distribution to cities. This may also include legislation to lift the pre-emption on local alcohol taxes.*

**Background:** Cities have significant public safety costs related to alcohol consumption and must receive revenue commensurate to the cost of providing services related to alcohol.

Oregon is a control state and the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC, formerly known as the Oregon Liquor Control Commission) acts as the sole importer and distributor of liquor. Cities and other local governments are preempted from imposing alcohol taxes. In exchange, cities receive approximately 34% share of net state alcohol revenues. The OLCC has also imposed a 50-cent surcharge per bottle of liquor since the 2009-2011 biennium, which is directed towards the state's general fund. Oregon's beer tax has not been increased since 1978 and is \$2.60 per barrel, which equates to about 8.4 cents per gallon, or less than 5 cents on a six-pack. Oregon's wine tax is 67 cents per gallon and 77 cents per gallon on dessert wines. Oregon has the lowest beer tax in the country and the second lowest wine tax.

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### **Broadband, Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Telecommunications Committee**

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## DIGITAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will support legislation and policies that help all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy, and economy through programs such as digital*

*navigators, devices, digital skills, and affordability programs like the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP – also known as Lifeline) that meet and support community members where they are.*

**Background:** Connectivity is increasingly relied on for conducting business, learning, and receiving important services like healthcare. As technology has evolved, the digital divide has become more complex and nuanced. Now, the discussion of the digital divide is framed in terms of whether a population has access to hardware, to the Internet, to viable connection speeds, and to the skills they need to effectively use it. Recognizing individual knowledge and capacity, abilities, and lived experience is now vital, and programs that offer devices, digital literacy skills, cybersecurity, and support for internet affordability, are critical to closing the digital divide.

## **CYBERSECURITY & PRIVACY**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will support legislation that addresses privacy, data protection, information security, and cybersecurity resources for all that use existing and emerging technology like artificial intelligence (AI) and synthetic intelligence (SI), including, but not limited to: funding for local and state government cyber and information security initiatives; interagency and government coordination and cooperative arrangements for communities that lack capacity; statewide resources for cyber and AI professionals and workforce development; vendor and third-party vendor accountability; regulations of data privacy; or standards for software/hardware developers to meet that will make their products more secure while ensuring continued economic growth. The LOC will oppose any unfunded cybersecurity and/or AI mandates and support funding opportunities to meet any unfunded insurance requirements.*

**Background:** Society's continued reliance on technology will only increase with the emergence of artificial intelligence (AI) and synthetic intelligence (SI). This will mean an increased risk for cybercrimes. Cybersecurity encompasses everything that pertains to protecting our sensitive and privileged data, protected health information, personal information, intellectual property, data, and governmental and industry information systems from theft and damage attempted by criminals and adversaries.

Cybersecurity risk is increasing, not only because of global connectivity but also because of the reliance on cloud services to store sensitive data and personal information. As AI and SI technology and adoption accelerate, the ability to guard against cyber threats and threats created through AI will increase. Strengthening coordination between the public and private sectors at all levels is essential for decreasing risks and quickly responding to emerging threats. This ensures resilience is considered to reduce the damage caused by cyber threats.

## RESILIENT, FUTUREPROOF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING INVESTMENT

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will support legislation to ensure broadband systems are built resiliently and futureproofed, while also advocating for resources to help cities with broadband planning and technical assistance through direct grants and staff resources at the state level. The LOC will oppose any preemptions that impede local government's ability to maintain infrastructure standards in the local rights-of-way. Municipalities' have a right to own and manage access to poles and conduit and to become broadband service providers.*

### **Background:**

#### Broadband Planning and Technical Assistance

Most state and federal broadband infrastructure funding requires communities to have a broadband strategic plan in place in order to qualify. Many cities do not have the resources or staff capacity to meet this requirement. Cities will need to rely on outside sources or work with the state for assistance and support the state setting up an office to aid local governments.

#### Resilient and Long-Term Systems

As broadband continues to be prioritized, building resilient long-term networks will help Oregonians avoid a new digital divide as greater speeds are needed with emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI). Important actions that will ensure resilient broadband include: dig once policies; investing in robust middle-mile connections; ensuring redundancy and multiple providers in all areas' sharing current and future infrastructure to manage overcrowding in the right-of-way (ROW); and undergrounding fiber instead of hanging it on poles. Additionally, infrastructure should be built for increased future capacity to avoid a new digital divide by allowing Oregon to determine speeds that reflect current and future technology.

#### Optional Local Incentives to Increase Broadband Deployment

Cities need flexibility to adequately manage public rights-of-ways (ROW). Instead of mandates, the state should allow cities the option to adopt incentives that could help streamline broadband deployment. Flexibility for cities to fund conduit as an eligible expense for other state infrastructure (most likely water or transportation projects) would reduce ROW activity. Additionally, local governments can work with state and federal partners to streamline federal and state permitting to reduce delays in broadband deployment.

#### Regulatory Consistency Amidst Convergence

With rapid changes in communication, standards and policy should keep pace. When a converged technology utilizes differing communications technologies, it may be

required to adhere to multiple standards and regulations, or providers may argue that some parts of their service is not subject to regulations. The LOC will support legislation that addresses the inconsistency of regulations applied to traditional and nontraditional telecommunications services as more entities move to a network-based approach.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will support legislation that promotes secure, responsible and purposeful use of artificial intelligence (AI) and synthetic intelligence (SI) in the public and private sectors while ensuring local control and opposing any unfunded mandates. Cities support using AI for social good, ensuring secure, ethical, non-discriminatory, and responsible AI governance through transparent and accountable measures that promotes vendor and third-party vendor accountability, improving government services while protecting sensitive data from use for AI model learning, and fostering cross-agency, business, academic, and community collaboration and knowledge sharing.*

**Background:** While artificial intelligence (AI) and synthetic intelligence (SI) are not new, the recent advancements in machine learning and the exponential growth of artificial and synthetic intelligence require governments and providers to be responsible and purposeful in the use of this technology. The opportunities and risks that AI and SI present demand responsible values and governance regarding how AI systems are purchased, configured, developed, operated, or maintained in addition to ethical policies that are transparent and accountable. Policies should also consider the implication of AI on public records and retention of information on how AI is being used. Additionally, governments need to consider how procurements are using AI, how they are securing their systems, and any additional parties being used in the process.

AI systems and policies should:

- Be Human-Centered Design - AI systems are developed and deployed with a human-centered approach that evaluates AI-powered services for their impact on the public.
- Be Secure & Safe - AI systems should maintain safety and reliability, confidentiality, integrity, and availability through safeguards that prevent unauthorized access and use to minimize risk.
- Protect Privacy - Privacy is preserved in all AI systems by safeguarding personally identifiable information (PII) and sensitive data from unauthorized access, disclosure, and manipulation.
- Be Transparent - The purpose and use of AI systems should be proactively communicated and disclosed to the public. An AI system, its data sources,

operational model, and policies that govern its use should be understandable, documented, and properly disclosed publicly.

- **Be Equitable** - AI systems support equitable outcomes for everyone; urban, rural, suburban, frontier, and historically underrepresented communities. Bias in AI systems should be effectively managed to reduce harm to anyone impacted by its use.
- **Provide Accountability** - Roles and responsibilities govern the deployment and maintenance of AI systems. Human oversight ensures adherence to relevant laws and regulations and ensures the product's creator is ultimately responsible for reviewing the product prior to release and held accountable.
- **Be Effective** - AI systems should be reliable, meet their objectives, and deliver precise and dependable outcomes for the utility and contexts in which they are deployed.
- **Provide Workforce Empowerment** - Staff are empowered to use AI in their roles through education, training, and collaborations that promote participation and opportunity.

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### **Transportation Committee**

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## **2025 TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC supports a robust, long-term, multimodal transportation package focused on: stabilizing funding for operations and maintenance for local governments and ODOT; continued investment in transit and bike/ped programs, safety, congestion management, and completion of projects from HB 2017. As part of a 2025 package, the funding level must maintain the current State Highway Fund (SHF) distribution formula and increase investments in local programs such as Great Streets, Safe Routes to Schools, and the Small City Allotment Program. In addition, the package should find a long-term solution for the weight-mile tax that stabilizes the program with fees that match heavier vehicles' impact on the transportation system. The funding sources for this package should be diverse and innovative. Additionally, the package should maintain existing choices and reduce barriers for local governments to use available funding tools for transportation investments.*

**Background:** Oregon has one of the country's most transportation-dependent economies, with 400,000 jobs (1 in 5) related directly to transportation via rail, road, and ports. The State Highway Fund (SHF) is the primary revenue source for the state's transportation infrastructure, and comes from various sources, including gas



and diesel tax, weight mile tax, vehicle registration fees, vehicle title fees, and driver's license fees. These funds are distributed using a 50-30-20 formula, with 50% to the state, 30% to counties, and 20% to cities. Continued investment in transportation infrastructure is critical for public safety objectives such as "[Safe Routes to Schools](#)" and the "[Great Streets](#)" program. The Legislature must develop a plan to match inflationary costs and a plan to transition from a gas tax to an impact fee based on miles traveled to stabilize transportation investment.

## FUNDING AND EXPANDING PUBLIC AND INTER-COMMUNITY TRANSIT

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC supports expanding funding for public transit operations statewide, focusing on inter-community service, service expansion, and a change in policy to allow for the use of funds for local operations and maintenance.*

**Background:** During the 2017 session, HB 2017 established Oregon's first statewide comprehensive transit funding by implementing a "transit tax," a state payroll tax equal to one-tenth of 1%. This revenue source has provided stable funding of more than \$100 million annually.

These funds are distributed utilizing a formula. Investments made since the 2017 session helped many communities expand and start transit and shuttle services to connect communities and provide transportation options. Many communities, however, still lack a viable public transit or shuttle program and would benefit greatly from expanded services.

## SHIFT FROM A GAS TAX TO A ROAD USER FEE

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC supports replacing Oregon's gas tax with a Road User Fee (RUF) while protecting local government's authority to collect local gas tax fees. An RUF will better measure a vehicle's impact on roads and provide a more stable revenue stream.*

**Background:** Oregon's current gas tax is 40 cents per gallon. Depending on the pump price, the gas tax represents a small portion of the overall cost of gas. Due to the improved mileage of new vehicles and the emergence and expected growth of electric vehicles, Oregon will continue to face a declining revenue source without a change in the fee structure. Capturing the true impact of vehicles on the transportation system requires a fee structure that aligns with use of roads. The federal tax has remained at 18 cents per gallon since 1993, effectively losing buying power or the ability to keep up with inflation.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC supports a strong focus on funding safety improvements on large roads, such as highways and arterials, that run through all communities. This includes directing federal and state dollars toward safety improvements on streets that meet the Great Streets criteria but are not owned by ODOT, and increasing funding for the*

*Great Streets program. For those cities that don't qualify for existing programs, ODOT should explore funding opportunities for cities with similar safety needs. Additionally, more funding should be directed to the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) programs.*

**Background:** Community safety investment remains a critical challenge for local governments, reducing their ability to maintain a transportation system that supports the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. Traffic fatalities and serious injuries continue to grow to record levels in many communities. The lack of stable funding for these basic operations and maintenance functions prevents local governments from meeting core community expectations. Without increases in funding for transportation, this problem is expected to get even worse, as costs for labor and materials continue to increase.

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### **Water and Wastewater Committee**

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### **INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (CO-SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will advocate for a comprehensive infrastructure package to support increased investments in water, sewer, stormwater and roads. This includes: funding for system upgrades to meet increasingly complex regulatory compliance requirements; capacity to serve needed housing and economic development; deferred maintenance costs; seismic and wildfire resiliency improvements; and clarity and funding to address moratoriums. The LOC will also champion both direct and programmatic infrastructure investments to support a range of needed housing development types and affordability.*

**Background:** Cities continue to face the challenge of how to fund infrastructure improvements – to maintain current, build new, and improve resiliency. Increasing state resources in programs that provide access to lower rate loans and grants will assist cities in investing in vital infrastructure. Infrastructure development impacts economic development, housing, and livability. The level of funding for these programs has been inadequate compared to the needs over the last few biennia, and the funds are depleting and unsustainable without significant program modifications and reinvestments. This priority will focus on maximizing both the amount of funding and the flexibility of the funds to meet the needs of more cities across the state to ensure long-term infrastructure investment. The 2024 LOC Infrastructure Survey revealed the increasing need for water and road infrastructure funding. The results show \$11.9 Billion of infrastructure funds needed (\$6.4 billion for water and \$5.5

billion for roads).

Combined with federal-cost share decline on water infrastructure projects – despite the recent bi-partisan infrastructure law investment – cities face enormous pressure to upgrade and maintain water infrastructure. At the same time, cities across the state are working urgently to address Oregon's housing crisis. To unlock needed housing development and increase affordability, the most powerful tool the Legislature can deploy is targeted investments in infrastructure to support needed housing development.

## PLACE-BASED PLANNING

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will advocate for funding needed to complete existing place-based planning efforts across the state and identify funding to continue the program for communities that face unique water supply challenges.*

**Background:** Oregon's water supply management issues are complex. In 2015, the Legislature created a place-based planning pilot program in Oregon administered through the Oregon Water Resources Department that provides a framework and funding for local stakeholders to collaborate and develop solutions to address water needs within a watershed, basin, surface water, or groundwater. In 2023, the Legislature passed a significant bipartisan Drought Resilience and Water Security package (BiDRAWS), which included \$2 million into a place-based planning water fund to continue efforts to address a basin-by-basin approach.

## OPERATOR-IN-TRAINING APPRENTICESHIPS

**RECOMMENDATION:** *The LOC will advocate for funding for apprenticeship training programs and the expansion of bilingual training opportunities to promote workforce development of qualified wastewater and drinking water operators due to the significant lack of qualified operators.*

**Background:** Water utilities must resolve a human-infrastructure issue in order to keep our water and wastewater systems running. Currently, water utilities face challenges in recruiting, training, and retaining certified operations employees. In addition, retirements of qualified staff over the next decade will exacerbate the problem.

In 2023, the Legislature approved one-time funding for the development of a training facility for certified operators and technical assistance staff in partnership with the Oregon Association of Water Utilities. Sustained funding for regional training facilities and direct funding for utilities hosting training programs is needed to train the next generation of water and wastewater operators.



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## 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

WHEREAS, the City of Scappoose is a municipal corporation, where the City Council believes public safety services are critical for the safety and livability of the Scappoose community; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Jail operated by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office houses those individuals arrested by Scappoose Police Officers who are accused of committing criminal acts; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County seeks to replace the current jail operating option levy that has a current rate of 58 cents, to a rate of 0.79 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, lasting four years; and

WHEREAS, per Columbia County, **without** a new levy rate of 0.79 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, the Jail will not be able to operate at current capacity leading to staff reductions, fewer jail beds, and a shift to a "book and release" model. A complete Jail closure is possible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scappoose City Council hereby resolves as follows:

Council support of Columbia County Measure 5-302.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Scappoose City Council and signed by me, and the City Recorder, in authentication of its passage this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON

Joe Backus, Mayor:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ DRAFT \_\_\_\_\_

Susan M. Reeves, MMC, City Recorder:

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September 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 City Offices closed  Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7 Scappoose Farmers Market 9 am - 2pm
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15	16 Council work session 6pm Council meeting 7pm	17	18	19 EDC noon  Parks & Rec 6pm	20	21 Farmers Market 9am - 2pm  Out of the Darkness Walk
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Scappoose Farmers Market 9 am - 2pm
29	30 September 30, 2024, 6pm ~ Remand Public Hearing for LUBA Case No. 2023-001 - Buxton Ranch Planned Development and Subdivision					

# October 2024

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