



SCAPPOOSE
Oregon

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION WITH THE
COMMUNITY CLUB REGARDING HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, 6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056**

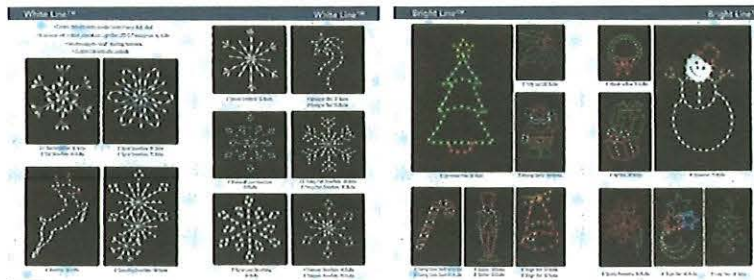
Disclaimer: These minutes are intended to summarize the conversations that took place in this meeting rather than provide a full transcript. Anyone wishing to view the full conversation can find a recording of this meeting on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=B62T7Soi7kl.

Mayor Backus called the work session to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Mayor Joseph A. Backus; Council President Tyler Miller; Councilor Jeannet Santiago; Councilor Andrew Lafrenz; Councilor Kim Holmes; Councilor Marisa Jacobs; Councilor Joel Haugen; City Manager Benjamin Burgener; Public Works Director Dave Sukau; City Recorder Susan M. Reeves; Community Club Members: Kathryn Hugill; Josette Hugo; Bill Blank; Bryan Hammond; Angela Hammond; Sherri Quarry; Jeri Anderson; Janet Williams; and Angela Wayman.

Public Works Director Dave Sukau explained we wanted to take this opportunity, while it's still fresh in everybody's mind, to discuss things that we've learned, things we've done, things we want to do in the future. He explained in addition we would like to get the Community Clubs feedback. He explained the Historical Society representative will be here shortly. We have another visitor, Angela Wayman, who's reached out and expressed interest in helping to bring more amenities to Christmas. He explained there is a packet, which it was more to get something in front of Council to give you some ideas. He went over his information that is in the packet. The Scappoose Public Works Department is seeking Council support in promoting holiday spirit. We are hoping that this work session can help create a "holiday vision" for Scappoose. In 2021, Public Works inquired with Council about this topic and collectively came up with the current holiday banners that are hung along highway 30 from November through February. Public Works has been attending the Scappoose Community Club meetings in an effort to strengthen communications and collaboration with the holiday decoration planning and implementation. Since the Community Club has been coordinating these events for many years, it is important to include them in this endeavor. At the conclusion of this session, staff is hoping to have a potential vision and identify next steps to begin planning for funding and implementation of new decorations. He went over the current decorations and locations of where they are placed.

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Kathryn Hugill, Community Club President, explained for about 30 years or so they have been putting out decorations. She stated thank goodness for Public Works and the Library for assisting them with that. She explained they have approximately fourteen different displays that they put up and they definitely are getting older but at the same time they are in the middle of revamping a lot of them, so it is a work in progress. She explained this year they are going to have a number of new displays, and they are trying to bring in more lights and something interactive too. She explained they have some really neat ideas and are looking at expanding their activities on the night of the Christmas lighting event, which she went over. She explained one huge thing the Committee has done in the last few months is create a 501C3 and it is called Scappoose Community Connection. She explained one of the biggest aims they have is for people to donate, which will be tax deductible, in order to get decorations to display in Heritage Park. She gave an overview of the current displays they have. She presented some brochures and explained they would like to go with snowflakes and feel for the long-term design it would be a beautiful thing. She explained she contact the company who sells the decorations, and they are willing to work with the Community Club on prices. She explained at this point they are looking at increasing displays and increasing the activities. She stated she thinks in the years to come we are going to see some exciting stuff.

Mayor Backus explained now that the Community Club is a 501C3 they can apply for the CEP grants, which will be opening up soon.

Kathryn Hugill talked about working with Columbia River PUD on getting more power outlets so they can add more lighting by the welcome sign.

There was a discussion on having a tree in Heritage Park that would be lighted during the holiday season.

Josette Hugo spoke about hoping the business would be encouraged to put up lights.

There was a discussion on what snowflakes the Community Club is looking at purchasing.

Public Works Director Dave Sukau explained his thought is the purchase of the snowflakes would be a Council approved budgeted item that the City would purchase.

There was a discussion on where the City funds would come from for the purchase of the new items.

Council thanked the Community Club Members.

Janet Williams explained they are already planning Whoville. She explained they went from 100 visitors to 5,500. She asked if the City is interested in making this citywide? That is the feedback she has been getting, but she doesn't really know how to go about doing that. She stated it would be really nice if they could have monthly meetings to plan this with everyone. She feels

that everyone is kind of doing their own thing. She explained Whoville isn't just a one-night event. She stated if they are going to grow Whoville they are going to need some help.

Angela Wayman explained they are Community Connections of Oregon and are a 501C3 and they do the Christmas parade, and some car shows. She is interested in growing the community events. She explained one thing they are interested in is raising money for a Christmas tree in Heritage Park. She explained they do a market in the annex gym, and they could bring it over to Heritage Park area and have it there on the weekends.

Public Works Director Dave Sukau explained he is not sure how we would pull this all together but that is why it is good to be talking about this now.

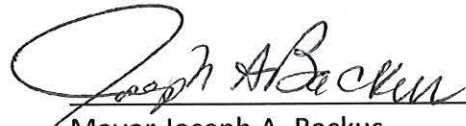
There were some discussions on thoughts and ideas on how to possibly proceed with the events.

City Manager Burgener explained he is comfortable going forward if Council is fine with this expansion and coordinating with staff, which they should be able to find the time, as it is a priority for us as well. We want to improve our relationships with the organizations.

Council thanked Janet and Angela.

Adjournment

Mayor Backus adjourned the work session at 6:50pm.



Mayor Joseph A. Backus

Attest:



City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC