

**MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017**

**6:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
ORS 192.660(2)(H) LITIGATION LIKELY TO OCCUR  
ORS 192.660(2)(E) REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

**Present:** Mayor Burge, Council President Reed, Councilor Riffle, Councilor Kessi, Councilor Greisen, Councilor Sanders, Councilor Haugen, City Manager Sykes, Legal Counsel Rihala, City Recorder Reeves, AmeriCorps RARE Participant Ben Tolles, and Courtney Vaughn with the Spotlight.

Mayor Burge came out of Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. and adjourned.

**Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Scappoose Council Chambers  
33568 East Columbia Avenue**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Burge called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**City Council Members Present:**

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| Scott Burge     | Mayor             |
| Mark Reed       | Council President |
| Rich Riffle     | Councilor         |
| Patrick Kessi   | Councilor         |
| Megan Greisen   | Councilor         |
| Natalie Sanders | Councilor         |
| Joel Haugen     | Councilor         |

**Staff Present:**

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| Michael Sykes   | City Manager  |
| Norm Miller     | Police Chief  |
| Susan M. Reeves | City Recorder |

Legal Counsel Shelby Rihala

Press: none

**Approval of the Agenda**

Councilor Haugen moved, and Council President Reed seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Reed, aye; Councilor Riffle, aye; Councilor Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Sanders, aye and Councilor Haugen, aye.

## **Public Comments**

Carrol Sweet, Scappoose and Annie Christensen, St. Helens came tonight to discuss implications of the Port Westward rezone.

Carrol Sweet explained their topic tonight is the rezone that is proposed for the land out at Port Westward. She explained they are in a group called Vision Columbia County, which is a group of citizens that have been meeting for several years looking at what they can do in the County to bring jobs, and to enhance livability in the County without it being a total fossil fuel center. During one of their meetings the subject of the rezone was brought up in regards to the effect it will have on the traffic on Highway 30 and Scappoose.

Annie Christensen stated facts are important here and so she passed out a handout – including the coversheet of the Air Contaminant Discharge Permit Application that Global received. She explained since it is 80 pages long she didn't attach the complete document, only page 33 which shows some facts she wanted to share with the City Council and staff. She explained this looks like a big loss of local control. She stated the permit is per year, not per month. She explained this could mean 274 trains per month coming through Scappoose. She explained two months ago they went to a Port meeting because Global was making a presentation and they were told this is just an amendment.

Carrol Sweet stated we need to have some input in this because it effects Scappoose.

Mayor Burge explained when Carrol and Annie were here before Council previously talking about oil trains he thinks one of the things Council requested at that time is some sort of study that shows what impact it will have on the communities along the rail line. He thinks the current study that they still base things on only went to about 20 or 25 trains a month.

Carrol and Annie explained they will be going before Columbia County Commissioners.

## **Consent Agenda ~ May 15, 2017 City Council Work Session minutes & May 15, 2017 City Council meeting minutes**

Councilor Riffle moved, and Councilor Greisen seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ May 15, 2017 City Council Work Session minutes & May 15, 2017 City Council meeting minutes. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Reed, aye; Councilor Riffle, aye; Councilor Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Sanders, aye and Councilor Haugen, aye.

## **Community Enhancement Program Presentations**

City Manager Sykes explained tonight we have a number of applicants for the Community Enhancement Program funds that the City annually appropriates to different community needs.

Mayor Burge feels we should increase the contributions to \$35,000, and then each Councilmember would have \$5,000.

Councilor Riffle moved and Councilors Sanders moved to increasing Community contributions to \$35,000. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Reed, aye; Councilor Riffle, aye; Councilor Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Sanders, aye and Councilor Haugen, aye.

City Manager Sykes explained the spreadsheet that was handed out in regards to appropriating funds.

Mayor Burge explained we are going to start at the top of the list. He called forward the Amani Center.

Beth Pulito with Amani Center, gave an overview of who they are and explained they are requesting \$4,383. She explained they served 21 children from Scappoose last year. She explained they are Columbia County's assessment center.

Council thanked Beth.

Susan Leipzig, CASA for Children, explained she is the representative for CASA and she is also a CASA. She explained they are requesting funds to hopefully recruit more CASA's. She explained in Columbia County there are over 300 children in Foster Care.

Council thanked Susan.

Council President Reed explained he was CASA for some time.

Michael Ray, Director of Columbia County Rider, explained they applied for this grant for continuing service in Scappoose. He explained they have seven stops in Scappoose. He explained while they have these stops on paper, there are no identifiers marking them as bus stops. He explained last calendar year CC Rider served 17,524 passenger boarding's, just in Scappoose alone.

Mayor Burge asked in regards to the Flex Route, who at the City worked with CC Rider to design stops throughout the community.

Michael Ray replied that happened well before his time.

Mayor Burge stated we have had a history of CC Rider just placing stops after this Council specifically said no.

Michael Ray replied he has no history of that.

Mayor Burge explained the City has a Transportation Safety Committee that works on signs and safety throughout the City. He is wondering if the new stops are safe.

Michael Ray replied they are not new stops they have been on the books for a long time.

Mayor Burge stated he doesn't think the stops were ever presented to the City and he thinks it is important to work with the City staff.

Michael Ray replied he agrees.

Council thanked Michael.

Jim Lykins explained he works with the Board of Scappoose Dog Owners Group. He explained the project was brought to them by the City as a result of some park users whose social graces are less than adequate. He explained what they are looking at is a 130 foot long fence that is six foot high chain-link, with four feet of netting along the top. He explained they would like to make a proposal to Council that would save everybody money and would actually change their request from \$5,000 to \$3,000. He explained the Dog Owners Group Board has promised a minimum of \$1,000 towards the project and they are willing to go a bit higher. He explained varying from the previous description, what they have discovered in their search is that there is a construction foam material that is two inches thick and comes in 4 X 8 sheets. This material can be painted and is able to hold up very well in the weather. He stated what they are proposing in order to help with park maintenance is to put the chain-link fence close to the existing fence of our neighbors, and on the back side of the fence they would put the heavy construction foam in place and this would help with privacy. He said this should also make maintaining the park much easier. He explained when talking to a supplier of the foam material, Denny Evans with the Dog Owners Group, ran into a person that has offered to donate the materials.

Councilor Haugen asked what is the durability of the construction foam?

Denny Evans explained he spoke with the company who makes it and they said it was almost indestructible.

Council thanked Jim and Denny.

Renee Pizzo, Secretary/Treasurer for the Scappoose Historical Society, explained the request made is for the Watts House Museum. She explained the Museum is very involved in community outreach. She gave some history on the Watts House and the Watts Family. The funds requested would help them maintain the Watts House and help them keep it open for the public.

Council thanked Renee.

Sean McNabb explained he is with the Scappoose Rec Center (Scappoose Kiwanis) and has been here 24 years as an educator, also raising his kids. He explained when he looks back he sees all these great citizens that have come through Scappoose that we should be proud of. He explained he thinks about people that want to come back to Scappoose because of the opportunities they

had growing up. He explained he feels the kids are successful because we have great programs in Scappoose. He explained they are requesting funds to keep the Rec Center running.

Council thanked Sean.

Councilor Haugen thanked Sean for all he does for the youth in our community.

Laura Hunsinger explained she is the Director of the KidCare after School Program and she is part of the Scappoose Parents Association. She has been with the program for going on 26 years now, and it is a very busy place, they keep kids safe after school. She explained they offer scholarships for those who can't pay the fees and that is why she looks to the City for funding every year to help support those scholarship to make sure the kids have a place to go after school. She explained they have kindergarteners through seventh grade. She explained once the students are thirteen they can come back and volunteer.

There were a couple of parents who spoke in favor of KidCare.

Council thanked Laura.

Cindy Kriek with Scappoose Middle School along with Laurie Mortenson are here to talk about the annual Feather Bazaar. She stated Laurie is the most dedicated volunteer that she has ever seen. She stated this is really a lot of hard work but it is very fulfilling. She explained how the program works.

Laurie Mortenson read what the bazaar means to some of the students at Scappoose Middle School. The students hope the bazaar continues.

Cindy Kriek explained the bazaar is only made possibly by donations from staff, the community members, donations from her family members, and also by donations by Laurie and herself and by the generous donations of the City.

Council thanked Cindy and Laurie.

Council President Reed explained next we have Wings and Wheels, Mr. Scott Burge.

Scott Burge explained he is the Board Chair for the South County Chamber of Commerce and this is the third year in which he has been one of the co-organizers of the Wings and Wheels event in Scappoose. He stated this is now the only festival event in the City of Scappoose. He explained they are asking for sponsorship in order to continue this event. He stated they are looking forward to doing it this year and in the future.

Mike Bradley explained he has very recently taken over the operations of the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank. He explained they have requested funds to continue the program that has been

there for many years. He explained over the course of a year they provide food to roughly 3,400 to 3,600 people. He stated nobody leaves without food.

Councilor Kessi stated to Mike thank you for taking this on.

Councilor Sanders asked if the City were not to grant this what type of an impact would it have?

Mike Bradley replied they wouldn't be able to order as much and the distribution would be less.

Council thanked Mike.

Tom Ford, VFW Post 4362, stated the ongoing City improvement by the Watts House has really put the Veterans of Foreign War Heritage Park in a very focal center spot. He explained walking around the memorial he noticed it was a mess and ugly. He explained after some planning and some fundraising last year they elected to put in a brick veneer around the exterior and it looks great. He explained if they were to get \$5,000 to help with the work, which the cost exceeded that, it would be a great help. He explained the money raised by the Buddy Poppies are controlled and have to go directly to needy Veterans.

Frank Weber explained the overall cost was just over \$8,000 and the \$5,000 would take care of the labor for the brick. He explained they have done a lot for the community and he thinks by doing this they have enhanced Heritage Park a lot.

Mayor Burge stated Frank Weber has been the driving force in a lot of things that have been done in the City of Scappoose.

Also present is Dave Sleightam and Roger Antonich with the Local VFW Post 4362.

Tom Ford explained on Memorial Day it was 17 years to the day that they VFW Memorial at Heritage Park was dedicated. He stated a vast majority of the work that has been done at the memorial has been donated materials and donated skill and labor.

Council thanked members of the VFW Post 4362.

Mayor Burge explained that concludes the CEP presentations.

City Manager Sykes explained over the course of the next week please complete your community enhancement program sheets and get them back to City Recorder Reeves. He stated it looks like we have a lot of really good projects and he thanked everyone for applying.

## **Request to establish an outside hookup connection to the City Water System**

City Manager Sykes explained we received a request from Curtis Peterson who is someone who has an opportunity to hook up to City water. He explained this would require 2/3's of the majority vote of the Council to approve this request. He explained he thinks it would be reasonable to consider this request.

Mayor Burge explained as we built the water line up Dutch Canyon the other properties that abutted the line could hookup and help pay for the burden of the cost of the water line, and that would help relieve the extra cost that the community is having to cover because of that water line being put out there.

City Manager Sykes explained this person would be responsible to pay the water SDC in the amount of \$4,830.73, and also a \$1,000 outside City User Fee.

Councilor Riffle moved, and Councilor Sanders seconded the motion to approve the request by Curtis Peterson to hookup to City water.

Councilor Haugen asked if the City will recover the cost on this?

City Manager Sykes replied absolutely.

Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Reed, aye; Councilor Riffle, aye; Councilor Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Sanders, aye and Councilor Haugen, aye.

## **Announcements ~ information only**

### **Calendar**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar. He explained the Council meeting on July 3 has been canceled.

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

City Manager Sykes explained Council should have a copy of his written report. He stated just a reminder there is a meeting on June 14, at the Port of St. Helens, to talk about rail safety. He explained Building Official Don Saltee has said he plans on retiring probably in July, so we are advertising for that position. He explained our team, Dave Powers, Alex Rains and Ben Tolles went to Salem to give a presentation on the park project on Seely Lane and they felt really good about the feedback they received from the committee. He stated keep your fingers crossed, it would be wonderful to receive that park funding.

Chief Miller explained National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. He stated last year it was huge success and we are planning on this year being even bigger. He explained there will be a booth there if any Councilmembers would like to come volunteer. He explained one of the Scappoose Police Reserves, Ryan Karp, is going to take on the code enforcement position.

Councilor Kessi explained he did receive a facilities plan for City Hall that he is working on.

Councilor Riffle explained the Municipal Court Sub-Committee met today. He explained just a brief update and a request of the Council, one of the things the committee is looking at is the contracts of both the judge and the prosecutor. He explained we found one for the judge and apparently the prosecutor never had one, but that will be rectified soon. He explained one of the things in the judges contract is that it states, upon request of the City he will prepare an interim report to the Council concerning court operations. He explained he thinks no one has ever looked at the contract to ask for that so he is asking Council to approve the request.

Councilor Haugen moved, and Council President Reed seconded the motion to request reports from Judge Wood. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Reed, aye; Councilor Riffle, aye; Councilor Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Sanders, aye and Councilor Haugen, aye.

Councilor Riffle explained the Municipal Court Sub-Committee is reviewing the judge's contract and creating one for the prosecutor. He explained after getting the report back from Judge Wood we plan on doing a follow up interview with the Judge and the City Prosecutor just to get their feedback/input on the Court system and what they think might make our court system run effectively. He explained because a couple of years ago Council decided pretty much every contract we have will be reviewed regardless as to what it is, this just falls in line with that particular concept that Council came up with. He explained the committee discussed the possibility of holding teen court in Scappoose again.

Chief Miller explained the Municipal Court Sub-Committee also talked about possibly allowing community service. He explained they feel by having the community service option it could have a positive impact.

Council President Reed explained one of the reasons why they went away from teen court here in Scappoose was because of the lack of participation by City staff, because they weren't willing to pay staff.

Chief Miller replied if it requires someone to be here he is willing to pay staff because he feels it is important. He thinks there are plenty of people in the community that would actually volunteer.

Councilor Riffle stated one of the things we are also looking at is why does court cost so much, and part of that is because of the court appointed attorneys. He explained we can't find any guidelines to establish why Judge Wood does or doesn't assign court appointed attorneys. He explained that is one of the questions the committee will be asking Judge Wood.



Council President Reed asked about the 1.3 million that was owing?

Chief Miller replied a lot of that, 75%, went to collections. He explained Judge Wood and City Prosecutor David Herr help get things from the 1980's cleaned up. He explained on the books what is owed right now is just over \$250,000 and there is over \$900,000 in collections.

Councilor Greisen explained there is a meeting coming up to discuss Miller Park and she has a fresh list of ideas and input.

Councilor Sanders asked the other Councilors to please think about the food bank when you are going through the funding recommendations.

Council President Reed stated on that note please think about CASA.

Councilor Haugen stated the Salmon Berry Corridor project seems to be picking up steam, which means that Chapman Landing, the trailhead for the Trails of the Pacific, the sooner we can get that on the books, the better. He stated then we can really start promoting Scappoose and the Trailhead as soon as we can because this is going to be magnificent. He stated if you weren't aware of it starting at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow night will be the interviews for the Port of St. Helens candidates.

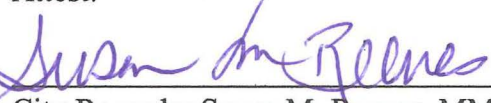
Mayor Burge explained he is now on the Executive Committee of the Columbia County Economic Team. He explained he met with the Boeing Partners, OMIC, and Columbia River PUD about the power usage out at the facility and expected growth patterns and just the equipment is going in there in September. He explained it is coming up soon and moving forward. He explained he is thankful that Oregon Tech is the backbone to the entire organization so it is going to look more like the University of Sheffield AMRC model. He explained the Chamber of Commerce, with its visitor center, had a \$10,000 grant to do destination tourism planning and the focus of that planning was going to be Scappoose Bay and Crown Zellerbach Trail. He explained when the Visitor Staff left the Chamber that kind of fell in the cracks, but it is coming back up now that there is a consultant. He explained City Staff Alex Rains and Ben Tolles are going to assist with this process to get this destination grant done which will help lead us to more grants when it comes to marketing the trail.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

  
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Mayor Scott Burge

Attest:

  
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City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC