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City, Port 'hammering out' agreement language

Zoning dispute settlement unveiling postponed while document is refined

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Plans to unveil a potential agreement to settle a zoning dispute between the city of Umatilla and the Port of Umatilla were put on hold Tuesday.

At the Port Commission meeting, General Manager Kim Puzey said an agreement has been reached "in principle," but further details must be addressed.

"There are items that have legal, jurisdictional and contractual implications which require additional refinement," he said. "These issues are related to indemnification, past actions and future implications. All of this must be addressed before we have a document that we can memorialize."

Puzey said Umatilla City Manager Bob Ward, Umatilla City Councilman Roak TenEyck and mediator Joe Franell contributed to the progress on the potential agreement, which

was reached at a private meeting Dec. 22. After that meeting, the parties agreed to suspend oral arguments before the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals, which were scheduled for Dec. 23.

At the City Council meeting Tuesday, Ward reiterated that the parties had reached a potential agreement but that it would not be unveiled until the document was finished.

"I think that is a very exciting agreement in principle," he said. "However, because of the holidays, we weren't able to have the attorneys produce the actual settlement documents. We didn't see those until (Tuesday) morning, and there are concerns about how the agreement sort of transposed from the vision to the legalese, so we have a bit more work to do on hammering out the actual settlement agreement documents."

Ward said, when the agreement is complete, it will be introduced at a council meeting and then scheduled for a public hearing and adoption at a subsequent meeting, so the public could review and comment on the agreement before the council takes action.

"It will most likely be within the next 30 days that we will have those issues

hammered out and come back to the council," he said. "It won't come back to the council until all of the parties, all of the negotiating team have signed off on it, but particularly the attorneys. That's where things get hung up is when you get from the regular players to the attorneys."

The dispute originated early in 2014 when the port's application for a \$1.5 million industrial warehouse on land designated as an industrial zone on a city map was denied by the Umatilla Planning Commission, which contended the land was planned for residential use and the map designation was changed in error years ago. The port appealed the decision to the City Council, which upheld the Planning Commission's ruling, and subsequently to LUBA, where it is on hold pending the agreement.

Ward said the agreement — which will still need to be approved by the full Port Commission and City Council once the document is complete — would provide "a very positive start to 2015."

"I think it is refreshing that we're going to start the year with a settlement with that rather than having to continue the year battling with that issue," he said.

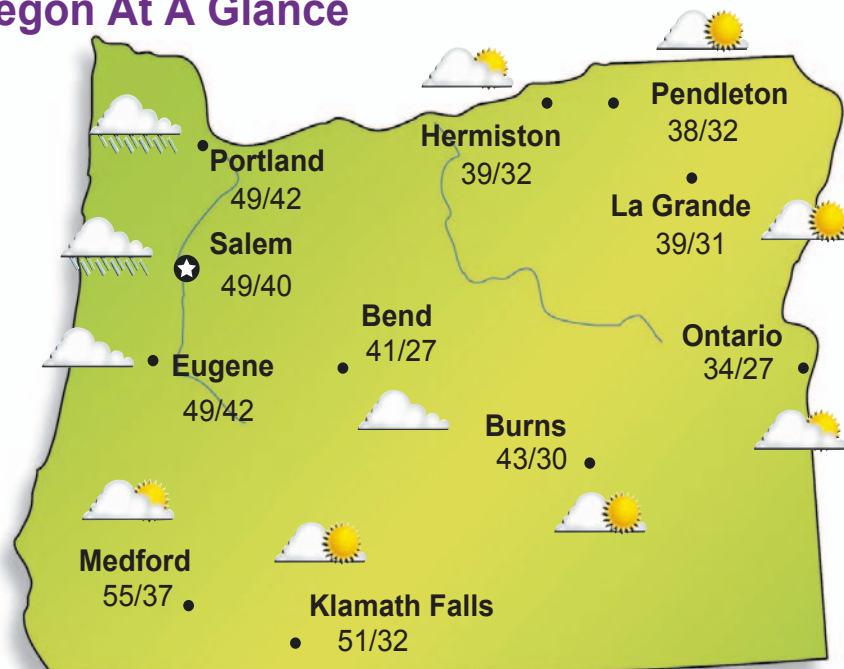
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 1/10	Sun 1/11	Mon 1/12	Tue 1/13	Wed 1/14
39/32	40/32	42/30	41/29	40/29
Mostly cloudy. High 39F. Winds light and variable.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.	Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper 20s.
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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albany	50	41	rain	Florence	52	43	rain	Newport	52	43	rain
Ashland	53	38	cloudy	Grants Pass	51	38	cloudy	Pendleton	38	32	pt sunny
Astoria	48	41	rain	Hermiston	39	32	cloudy	Portland	49	42	rain
Baker City	34	26	pt sunny	John Day	42	31	pt sunny	Redmond	46	28	pt sunny
Bend	41	27	cloudy	Klamath Falls	51	32	pt sunny	Roseburg	51	45	cloudy
Brookings	54	45	cloudy	La Grande	39	31	pt sunny	Salem	49	40	rain
Burns	43	30	pt sunny	Lakeview	49	30	pt sunny	Springfield	49	42	cloudy
Coos Bay	54	43	cloudy	Lincoln City	53	44	rain	The Dalles	43	37	cloudy
Corvallis	50	42	rain	McMinnville	49	39	rain	Tillamook	52	40	rain
Eugene	49	42	cloudy	Medford	55	37	cloudy	Vale	34	28	cloudy

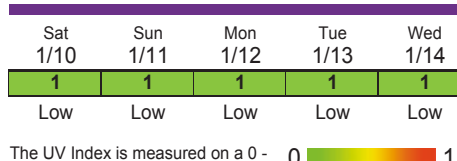
National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	43	24	mst sunny	Houston	42	39	rain	Phoenix	66	48	cloudy
Boston	22	15	sunny	Los Angeles	65	54	cloudy	San Francisco	59	48	cloudy
Chicago	18	15	mst sunny	Miami	78	71	pt sunny	Seattle	47	44	rain
Dallas	40	34	cloudy	Minneapolis	16	1	pt sunny	St. Louis	29	25	sunny
Denver	50	22	mst sunny	New York	22	17	sunny	Washington, DC	26	20	sunny

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Sipe said during the Umatilla School Board meeting Thursday night. "There is a group called Nero, which does all of our security. Every time it would go down, they could go in and get it fixed."

Sipe said the company originally thought that it would be able to narrow the attack down by locating an IP address of the attacker. When it looked into the matter, however, representatives learned the attack was coming from 2,000 different sites across the world.

"So then we knew this was a little bit larger," she said.

This week, however,

the attacks spread county-wide across the government network that is utilized by many government-funded agencies in the region. Sipe said it is utilized by Blue Mountain Community College and other neighboring school districts.

"Anyone who used this same government agency Internet hub lost (their Internet)," she said. "It grows to a whole new level of concern now."

Sipe said the attack did not penetrate any of the networks, it just blocked their Internet signals by overloading it with information. She said the attackers did not get into any systems, nor were they able to access any data.

"The example I gave

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— Heidi Sipe

Umatilla School District Superintendent

is if a thousand people called 9-1-1 all at once, the system wouldn't be able to handle it," she said. "It would shut the entire system down. That is exactly what happened with our Internet ... They are sending all of these devices."

Sipe said the information technology department at the IMESD was able to get the signal back

up in less than 40 minutes, which was an amazing feat considering all that was required to disrupt the signal.

"When you consider everything that was going on, it is pretty incredible," she said.

Sipe said it is just frustrating that someone would want to create that kind of a problem for anyone.

"You are working along and then all of the sudden you are just crippled," she said. "It is pretty frustrating. It happened again (Thursday) for about 10 minutes."

Sipe said her son, Caden Sipe, read an article in the last few days that talked about how there is an app that people can download, where, for a certain fee per month, people can pick what they want to target and it performs denial service attacks.

"It could be as simple as a randomly selected IP (address) that is one of ours," she said.

Sipe said the district was renaming all of its IP addresses Thursday night so that if it is just a random attack, then it will

stop happening. She said the FBI has since gotten involved because the attacks are considered a federal crime.

"So we are trying to get to the bottom of it," she said. "It is pretty wild what is out there. It is just sad that someone can be so malicious."

The attacks aren't only targeting smaller agencies and networks, either.

During the winter break, Sony and Xbox also found themselves victims of the same type of attack. A hacking group called Lizard Squad took credit for flooding the two companies' networks with the same type of attack that left both systems down Dec. 25 and Dec. 26. The systems are now back up and running.

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