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Wednesday, June 30, 2021

City Council Special Meeting Minutes

5:00 p.m., Zoom Community Auditorium

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Council approved minutes as presented August 9, 2021.***

1. CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Mayor Peter Truax called the special City Council meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom Webinar Video Conference. Pursuant to Council Rules Section 3.4, Mayor Truax called a special meeting to consider a proposed resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency (refer below).

The Council conducted the meeting in a “hybrid” format allowing the public to attend virtually via **Zoom Webinar** and in-person in the Community Auditorium. Members of the public could observe the meeting **LIVE** on **Zoom Webinar** or on television on Tualatin Valley Community Television (TVCTV) Government Access Programming. Written comments were accepted by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

ROLL CALL: COUNCIL PRESENT ATTENDED BY ZOOM WEBINAR: Donna Gustafson; Kristy Kottkey; Timothy Rippe; Elena Uhing; Mariana Valenzuela; Malynda Wenzl, Council President; and Mayor Peter Truax.

STAFF PRESENT ATTENDED BY ZOOM WEBINAR: Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager; Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director; Patrick Fale, Interim Fire Chief; Henry Reimann, Police Chief; and Bev Maughan, Executive Assistant.

ZOOM ATTENDEES: 10

2. PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-IN:

The following written e-mail correspondence was received and added to the Council Packet:

	Name:	Subject	Dated:
1.	Devon Downeysmith	Urgency Request for Council	06/29/2021
2.	Beth Genly	Proposed Fireworks Ban	06/30/2021
3.	Peggy Wilson	Firework	06/30/2021

The following testimony was heard via Zoom:

- Beth Genly, Forest Grove, addressed Council urging to ban all fireworks this year.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-47 DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO EXTREME HEAT AND THE DANGERS OF FIREWORKS AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF LEGAL FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE ON JULY 2, 3 AND JULY 4, 2021**

The purpose of the special meeting was to consider approving the above-proposed resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency related to extreme heat and the dangers of fireworks and prohibiting the use of legal fireworks within the city limits on July 2, 3 and July 4, 2021. The decision was based on the increased risk of fires and personal injury given the dangerous conditions created by the extreme heat and lack of precipitation and the severe impacts that a fire at this time could have on the community. Additionally, Mayor Truax reported State Legislators asked to stand together and take a strong position of leadership in calling for a ban on individual use of all fireworks in Washington County at this time. The City of Tualatin passed an emergency declaration (Attachment 1 to staff report). TVF&R issued a statement on fireworks prohibitions (Attachment 2 to staff report).

VanderZanden advised staff is recommending for Council consideration:

1. Adopting the resolution with an emergency declaration for a specified time, or
2. Directing staff to send a strongly worded public message discouraging the use of legal fireworks.

Mayor Truax asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-47.

VanderZanden read Resolution No. 2021-47 by title.

MOTION: Councilor Rippe moved, seconded by Councilor Gustafson, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-47 Declaring a Local State of Emergency related to Extreme Heat and the Dangers of Fireworks and Prohibiting the use of Legal Fireworks within the City of Forest Grove on July 2, 3 and July 4, 2021.

MOTION TO AMEND: Council President Wenzl moved, seconded by Councilor Kottkey, to amend Resolution No. 2021-47 by removing Section 3 in its entirety (Civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000).

Mayor Truax asked for a roll call vote on the above-noted motion to amend.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Councilor Kottkey. NOES: Councilors Gustafson, Rippe, Uhing, Valenzuela, Wenzl, and Mayor Truax. MOTION FAILED 6-1.

Mayor Truax asked for a roll call vote on the above-noted motion as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Councilors Gustafson, Rippe, Valenzuela, Wenzl, and Mayor Truax. NOES: Councilors Kottkey and Uhing. MOTION CARRIED 5-2.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Truax adjourned the special Council meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna D. Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder