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**City Council Work Session Minutes
Mural Policy**

**Monday, July 12, 2021
6:10 p.m., Zoom Community Auditorium**

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

1. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Peter Truax called the work session to order at 6:10 p.m. via Zoom Webinar Video Conference.

The Council conducted the work session 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 work session **LIVE** on **Zoom Webinar** or on television on Tualatin Valley Community Television (TVCTV) Government Access Programming.

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, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director; Anne Lane, Parks and Recreation Director; Colleen Winters, Library Director; Elizabeth Stover, Communications/Program Coordinator; and Anna Ruggles, City Recorder.

2. WORK SESSION: MURAL POLICY

Winters and VanderZanden facilitated the work session, noting the purpose of the work session was to review and seek Council feedback on the Public Arts Commission’s (PAC) proposed “City Mural Policy and Invitation Process” (Attachment A to staff report). Winters introduced Dana Eytzen, PAC Chair, and commissioners who were present via Zoom. Winters presented a background overview of the staff report, noting following a joint work session with the PAC on September 14, 2020, Council approved a motion directing the PAC to develop a mural policy for public spaces. The PAC formed a subcommittee and the PAC reached out to the Hillsboro Arts Commission, the Beaverton Arts Commission and Sandpoint (Idaho) Arts Commission for guidance. The City Attorney assisted the PAC and conducted a legal analysis of the mural policy. The PAC approved the finalized mural policy on May 20, 2021, for Council consideration.

Council Discussion:

Mayor Truax opened the floor and roundtable discussion ensued as Council reviewed the proposed “City Mural Policy and Invitation Process”. Winters and Eytzen addressed various inquiries pertaining to the proposed mural policy and the PAC accepting submissions from October 1 to October 31 for outdoor murals to be painted on City

property the following year. Roundtable discussion ensued pertaining to boards/commissions being advisory to the Council on public policy issues affecting Forest Grove and Council adopted Goals and Objectives. There was Council consensus that the City's mural policy require proposals to be placed on the Consent Agenda for Council consideration and approval. To accommodate this request, staff will edit the pertinent sections of the mural policy. In response to a written public comment submitted to the Council, discussion ensued pertaining to whether it was appropriate for the policy to include the word "nonpartisan" as an elected governing body, i.e., "*Mural to evoke nonpartisan passion...*". There was Council consensus to refer the question to the City Attorney for review. In conclusion of the above-noted roundtable discussion, VanderZanden advised staff will refer the above-noted question to the City Attorney for legal review and bring back a formal recommendation for Council consideration at a later date, to which Council collectively concurred.

Council took no formal action nor made any formal decisions during the work session.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Truax adjourned the work session at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna D. Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder