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**Homelessness Subcommittee
Meeting and Work Session Minutes**

**June 28, 2022
Zoom & In-Person Community Auditorium**

<i>Minutes approved as presented by the Subcommittee 08.26.2022.</i>

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Mayor Peter Truax.

ROLL CALL: Kristy Kottkey, City Councilor; Timothy Rippe, City Councilor; Peter Truax, Mayor.

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Henry Reimann, Police Chief; Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager; Anne Lane, Parks Director; Jaime Zaik, Executive Assistant; Lauren Quinsland, Community Outreach Specialist Forest Grove Police.

GUEST PRESENTERS: None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approve items listed under Consent Agenda as presented.
Motion to approve Consent Agenda items moved by Councilor Rippe, seconded by Councilor Kottkey. **MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: None.

5. PRESENTATION/S:

VanderZanden presented the draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Washington County in advance of the July 11, 2022 City Council meeting. If the resolution is adopted by Council, it would allow the City to enter into a short-term agreement with Washington County in order to conduct a risk assessment and subsequent clean-up of the property if advised. Details of the IGA are included in the June 28, 2022 meeting packet. VanderZanden concluded the presentation and inquired whether Subcommittee members would like to provide an update, feedback or have recommendations related to the proposal being place on the July 11, 2022 agenda.

Mayor Truax requested clarification regarding the City's association and involvement with volunteer-based clean-up efforts occurring the weekend of July 1, 2022. VanderZanden stated that the City has no involvement and drew a distinct line between the two events. However, the Mayor wanted to make certain that the personal property items being discarded during the July 1 clean-up are not being accidentally thrown out as perceived trash. Members of Council requested input from audience member and Executive Director of the Forest Grove Foundation,

Shawn Cardwell.

Motion to allow comment from Shawn Cardwell moved by Councilor Rippe, seconded by Councilor Kottkey. **MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

Cardwell stated that a team including members of the Daybreak and Noon Rotary, FG Foundation, as well as the Forest Grove Police had been assembled. There is a clear plan to mitigate danger, reduce the loss of personal property, and the event is not being advertised as a community clean-up. After being made aware of the clear and distinct delineation between the two events, there was no objection by subcommittee members and a consensus for a motion to move the IGA forward was reached. Motion to make a recommendation to enter into an interim, short-term agreement as outlined in the draft was moved by Councilor Rippe, seconded by Councilor Kottkey. **MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

No public comment will be taken. The Council will take no formal action.

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

The work session was called to order at 2:43 p.m. by Mayor Peter Truax.

ROLL CALL: Kristy Kottkey, City Councilor; Timothy Rippe, City Councilor; Peter Truax, Mayor.

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Henry Reimann, Police Chief; Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager; Anne Lane, Parks Director; Jaime Zaik, Executive Assistant; Lauren Quinsland, Community Outreach Specialist Forest Grove Police.

GUEST PRESENTERS: None.

2. WORK SESSION:

Mayor Truax opened the work session by debriefing on the possibilities as to why Forest Grove is experiencing an influx in persons experiencing homelessness moving into the area. Councilor Kottkey then followed with an overview and categorization of comments and questions heard during the recent series of listening sessions. Kottkey requested the ability to email a personalized thank you to all who attended the listening sessions and expressed her desire to continue a high level of outreach. VanderZanden reported that the City will begin funding the sanitation stations and provide a dumpster at the site, beginning July 1, 2022. Councilor Rippe shared his takeaway from the listening sessions and was appreciative of the calm and respectful nature of the community members in attendance. Discussion regarding short and long-term site solutions, funding, communication, housing services, and outreach efforts ensued. The Mayor would like to see other government entities operating within Forest Grove get involved in the next meeting.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting scheduled is to be determined August 19, 2022.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting Adjourned at 3:58 p.m.