

CITY OF FOREST GROVE
COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
Meeting was held via WebEx
January 14, 2021

Chairperson: David Anderson

(Vice- Chair) Pamela Sprague

Stephanie Rose

(Secretary) Tom Cook

Evelyn Orr

Lowell Greathouse

Hope Kramer

Student Advisor: Lucie Carriker

Fernando Lira

Council Liaison: Malynda Wenzl

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Present:, Tom Cook, Council Liaison Malynda Wenzl, City Staff Bryan Pohl, Lowell Greathouse, David Anderson, Hope Kramer, Evelyn Orr, Fernando Lira, Stephanie Rose; Guest: Ashley Driscoll, Police Chief Reimann

Absent: Pam Sprague

This meeting was a Special Meeting Called in regard to the agenda of the ATM

1. Call to Order: Called to order at 4:04

2. Community Inbox: None

3. Annual Town Meeting

Dave summarized the reason for the calling of this special meeting. The discussion centered around what would be shared during the upcoming ATM about the dismissal of the former police chief Janie Schutz And the possible litigation that could result. There was considerable discussion about the content of the information that led to her dismissal. Discussion about availability of public information and documents and how easily to access them.

It was reviewed again, that the city manager would speak for only 4-5 minutes on this topic and simply speak to the time line and history of the dismissal and not speak about the cause.

Question arose about would there be time of public questioning this action. City attorney's office Ashley Driscoll summarized the city's liability of specific information publicized. She also re-enforced the policy of the city not commenting about any possible litigation above and beyond public released correspondence.

Dave stated that there is a large difference between being pro-active in this matter as opposed to stating "here are the documents and this is how you can access them."

Hope addressed her concern that the city was being reluctant in being transparent.

Consensus: The issue does need to be addressed, not in detail, but simply a summary and not open to questions and answers. Also a reference needs to be made as to where someone can access the documents. No questions will be addressed to the panel on this matter.

Chief Reimann will address any questions concerning Officer Teets.

4. Adjourn: 4:51