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*Minutes are unofficial until approved by Council.  
Council approved minutes as presented November 23, 2009.*

**1. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Peter Truax called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **ROLL CALL: COUNCIL PRESENT:** Thomas BeLusko, Jr., Thomas Johnston, Camille Miller, Ronald Thompson, Elena Uhing, and Mayor Peter Truax. **COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilor Victoria Lowe, excused. **STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Sykes, City Manager; Paul Elsner, City Attorney; Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director; Jon Holan, Community Development Director; James Reitz, Senior Planner; Jeff King, Economic Development Coordinator; Kerry Aleshire, Police Chief (present in the audience); Rob Foster, Public Works Director (present in the audience); Tom Gamble, Parks and Recreation Director (present in the audience); Colleen Winters, Library Director (present in the audience); and Anna Ruggles, City Recorder.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Mayor Truax called for a moment of silence in memory of Leroy Gamble, a long-time resident of Forest Grove and a 79<sup>th</sup> Battalion Seabees World War II veteran, who recently passed away.

**1. A. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Mayor Truax reported the Council must elect a Council President from its membership to serve the remainder of 2009, noting pursuant to City Charter, Chapter III, Section 9, the Council will reelect a Council President at its first meeting in January. The Council President will act as Mayor when the Mayor is unable to perform mayoral duties.

**Council Discussion:**

After brief Council discussion, the following motion was made to elect Councilor Johnston as Council President.

**MOTION:** Councilor Uhing moved, seconded by Councilor BeLusko, Jr., to elect Councilor Johnston as Council President. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0** by voice vote with Councilor Johnston abstaining and Councilor Lowe

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absent.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Margaret Ledford, Forest Grove, addressed Council about the Rural/Urban Reserves, noting she is advocating on behalf of protecting the Helvetia area and its neighboring agricultural land. Ledford stated that she would like to inform Council that citizens value rural lands, and she would like to see existing infrastructures in industrial zones be utilized before destroying farmlands.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA:** Items under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be adopted with a single motion, without separate discussion. Council members who wish to remove an item from the Consent Agenda may do so prior to the motion to approve the item(s). Any item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda will be discussed and acted upon following the approval of the Consent Agenda item(s).

- A. Approve City Council Work Session (B&C Interview) Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2009.
- B. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2009.
- C. Accept Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes of May 7, June 4, July 9, August 13, and September 3, 2009.
- D. Accept Historic Landmarks Board Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2009.
- E. Accept Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2009.
- F. Library Monthly Circulation Statistics Report for October and November 2009.
- G. Endorse Temporary Liquor License Application (Limited On-Premises Sales) for St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 1660 Elm Street.

**MOTION:** Councilor BeLusko, Jr., seconded by Councilor Uhing, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **ABSENT:** Councilor Lowe. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0** by voice vote.

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4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: None.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

5. A. Invitation to Attend Veteran's Day Assembly

Bob Wismer, Forest Grove High School, gave a brief presentation and invited everyone to attend the upcoming Forest Grove High School Veterans' Day Assembly.

5. B. Washington County Cooperative Library Services Levy

Rob Drake, Harry Bodine, and Rod Fuiten, People for Libraries, gave a brief presentation outlining the renewal of the Washington County Cooperative Library Services Levy, noting the levy is proposed for the November 2010 ballot. The group asked for Council's commitment and financial support for renewal of the proposed levy. In addition, the group reported the Washington County Sheriff's Department is also planning to have a Public Safety Levy on the 2010 ballot.

In conclusion of the above presentation, Mayor Truax recognized and commended members of the Library Commission, Library Foundation, and Friends of the Library who were present in the audience.

5. C. Community Gardens Update

Walt Wentz, Community Gardens Planning Committee Co-Chair, gave a brief presentation outlining the successful results of the Forest Grove Community Gardens' first harvest season, noting most of the plots were rented and the Community Gardens was able to provide fresh produce throughout the summer to St. Vincent DePaul for its emergency food boxes. Wentz reported the Community Gardens operates under the umbrella of Adelante Mujeres, a local community outreach organization, and the Community Gardens Planning Committee created a monthly newsletter titled "The Maple Street Rag".

5. D. Vision Statement and Action Plan Update

Dennis Stoddard, Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) Chair, gave a brief presentation on the status of the Vision Statement Action Plans, noting the Economic Development Commission and Historic Landmarks Board have

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submitted to CCI their completed Action Plans and Objectives, which Stoddard reported on.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE NO. 2009-12 ADOPTING PROVISIONS TO REGULATE USE OF SIGNS, AMENDING FOREST GROVE CODE CHAPTER 10 BY ADDING NEW CODE SECTION 10.8.800 THROUGH 10.8.885 RELATING TO THE NEW SIGN CODE, AND REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY CODE SECTION 8.300 THROUGH 8.305, UNIFORM SIGN CODE, AND AMENDING CODE SECTION 10.12.210

**Staff Report:**

Holan and Reitz presented the above-proposed ordinance for Council consideration, noting the proposed ordinance amends the existing Development Code, adopts new language regulating the use of signs, and repeals the existing sign code in its entirety (Code Sections 8.300 through 8.305). Holan and Reitz reported the proposed ordinance adds new Code Sections 10.8.800 through 10.8.885 and addresses exempted signs, prohibited signs, temporary signs, portable signs, nonconforming signs, and permanent sign regulations and outlines the permit requirements and enforcement regulations. Holan and Reitz indicated the proposed ordinance was reviewed by the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commission, area residents and business owners, as well as the Planning Commission and City Council held two Joint Work Sessions on the proposed ordinance, noting most issues raised during the review process were resolved. In addition, Holan and Reitz referenced the staff report, which outlined the significant issues discussed by the Planning Commission at its hearing of October 19, 2009, and Holan and Reitz referenced an addendum to the original staff report, which outlined two additional language amendments to the proposed ordinance (refer to motions to amend below).

**Questions of Staff:**

In response to Johnston's inquiry pertaining to nonprofit groups hanging banners, Reitz explained banners could be affixed to any kind of structure (Page 3, Code Section 10.8.820 A. 2.). In response to Johnston's inquiry pertaining to lighted signs, Reitz explained that lighted signs located within 100' of a residential zone would be required to be turned off from 10:00 p.m.

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to sunrise (Page 6, Code Section 10.8.830.F.7.).

Miller referenced Page 3, Code Section 10.8.820.B.1(iii), and suggested striking out the following language ~~...and erected only between the hours of 5:00 p.m. Friday and 8:00 a.m. Monday~~, to which staff concurred.

In response to BeLusko's inquiry pertaining to staff's ability to regulate and enforce the proposed sign code, Reitz advised that staff does not anticipate a huge increase in its workload and will make every effort to educate the public before taking enforcement action.

In response to Uhing's concern pertaining to costs associated for upgrading signage in multi-tenant complexes if portable signage is not allowed per tenant, Reitz explained the proposed ordinance would limit multi-tenant complexes to one sign (such as a directory-style sign per complex) versus one sign per tenant (Page 4, Code Section 10.8.825), noting staff will make every effort to ensure a smooth transitional period.

Mayor Truax asked if any public testimony was heard pertaining to Uhing's concern, Holan and Reitz advised that they could not recall hearing any testimony; however, the Planning Commission discussed the issue at length.

Before proceeding with the Pubic Hearing and Council discussion, Mayor Truax asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-12.

Elsner read Ordinance No. 2009-12 by title for first reading.

**MOTION:** Councilor Miller moved, seconded by Councilor Uhing, to approve Ordinance No. 2009-12 Adopting Provisions to Regulate Use of Signs, Amending Forest Grove Code Chapter 10 by Adding New Code Section 10.8.800 through 10.8.885 Relating to the New Sign Code, and Repealing in its entirety Code Section 8.300 through 8.305, Uniform Sign Code, and Amending Code Section 10.12.210.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2009-12 by title and final vote will occur at the meeting of November 23, 2009.

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**Public Hearing Opened:**

Mayor Truax opened the Public Hearing and explained the hearing procedures.

**Written Testimony Received:**

Holan and Reitz referenced the following written testimony received.

Patricia King, Northwest Sign Council, 10000 North 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite D400, Phoenix, AZ 85051, submitted a letter dated April 29, 2009.

Daryl Winand, Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors, 5331 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 207, Portland, OR 97239, submitted e-mails dated March 24, 2009, October 20, 2009, and November 6, 2009.

Nancy Jane Cushing, Re/MAX Equity Group, Inc., 17933 NW Evergreen Parkway, Suite 200, Beaverton, OR 97006, submitted an e-mail dated November 5, 2009.

Rod Fuiten, Forest Grove, submitted an e-mail dated March 26, 2009.

Dayla Smoland, Forest Grove, submitted an e-mail dated May 26, 2009.

Richard Kidd, Forest Grove, submitted an e-mail dated June 1, 2009.

**Proponents:**

Sue Graves, Daryl Winand, and Ed Nigbor signed in as Proponents but testified as Opponents (refer below).

**Opponents:**

Daryl Winand, Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors (PMAR), 5331 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 207, Portland, OR 97239, testified on behalf of PMAR; referenced his written testimony and voiced concern of requiring a sign permit in residential zones (i.e., real estate signs, election signs, foreclosure signs, and business advertising signs). Winand suggested including temporary and portable signs under Code Section 10.8.810 and suggested amending language under Code Section 10.8.820.B.1(iii) and Code Section 10.8.820.B.1(iv) to

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address the size of sign face area.

Sue Graves, 1602 NE Orenco Station, Hillsboro, OR, voiced concern of requiring a sign permit in residential zones (i.e., real estate signs) and the timeframe when signs would be allowed to be erected and removed (Page 3, Code Section 10.8.820.B.1(iii)) and asked about posting directional signs.

Ed Nigbor, Forest Grove, testified on behalf of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Station, noting the restaurant needs the ability to use portable signage in the public rights-of-way due to the location of the restaurant.

**Others:**

Richard Kidd, Forest Grove, testified pertaining to the provisions for home-based businesses; suggested imposing a fee for erecting election signs; asked to clarify language pertaining to the timeframe when signs could be erected and removed; pointed out language inconsistencies for wall signs; and suggested issuing and/or assigning an identification number to each sign at the time the sign is permitted by the City.

Teri Koerner, Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce Director, testified on behalf of the Chamber, noting the Chamber recognizes the importance of the new sign code and urges the Council to allow a transitional period for businesses to comply, especially the businesses located in the downtown area and multi-tenant complexes that use portable signage.

Jeff King, Economic Development Coordinator, read testimony submitted by Don Jones, Economic Development Commission (EDC) Chair, echoing the Chamber of Commerce's testimony, noting the EDC urges the Council to allow a transitional period so that parties can work together to refine alternatives.

Dayla Smoland, Forest Grove, testified that studies have shown that placement of temporary and/or portable signage can often detract patrons because of the littered appearance of the signage.

**Staff Response to Testimony:**

Holan and Reitz responded to the above-noted testimony and advised that the

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proposed amendments were policy questions for the Council to consider, noting the new sign code does not consider content or message due to protection of free speech.

Elsner concurred and advised that the U. S. Supreme Court has held that to protect free speech, sign regulations must be content-neutral.

**Council Discussion:**

Mayor Truax opened the floor and roundtable discussion ensued pertaining to the proposed ordinance (new sign code) and the above-noted testimony. At the conclusion of the above discussion, the following motions were made to amend the proposed ordinance as follows:

**MOTION TO AMEND NO. 1:** Councilor Miller moved, seconded by Councilor BeLusko, Jr., to amend Ordinance No. 2009-12, Code Section 10.8.820.B.1.(iii), to read: One Temporary sign per lot, not exceeding six (6) square feet in area and 30 (thirty) inches in height ~~and erected only between the hours of 5:00 p.m. Friday and 8:00 a.m. Monday.~~

**Council Discussion:**

Hearing no discussion from the Council, Truax asked for a roll call vote on the above motion to amend.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Councilors BeLusko, Jr., Johnston, Miller, Thompson, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilor Lowe. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**MOTION TO AMEND NO. 2:** Councilor Miller moved, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to amend Ordinance No. 2009-12, Code Section 10.8.810, to read: The following signs shall not require planning approval for their use though some may require a building permit to ensure compliance with structural requirements. Amend Code Section 10.8.820.B.1., to read: Residential (R-5, R-7, R-10, SR, RML, RMH) Zones (no permit shall be required for such signs):.

**Council Discussion:**

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Hearing no discussion from the Council, Truax asked for a roll call vote on the above motion to amend.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Councilors BeLusko, Jr., Johnston, Miller, Thompson, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilor Lowe. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**Public Hearing Left Opened:**

Hearing no further discussion from the Council, Mayor Truax advised that he would leave the Public Hearing open until the next meeting of November 23, 2009, to allow additional or new testimony on the above-proposed ordinance.

COUNCIL RECESSED FROM 9:17 P.M. TO 9:24 PM.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13 ADOPTING PROVISIONS TO REGULATE PRIVATE USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AMENDING FOREST GROVE CODE CHAPTER 3 BY ADDING NEW CODE SECTION 3.900 THROUGH 3.935 RELATING TO PERMITTED USES OF THE PUBLIC WAY, AND REPEALING CODE SECTION 6.755-6.760, SIDEWALK USE PERMITS, AND CODE SECTION 9.325, NEWSPAPER RECEPTACLES**

**Staff Report:**

Holan and Reitz presented the above-proposed ordinance for Council consideration, noting the proposed ordinance adopts new language regulating the permitted uses of the public way and repeals in its entirety the existing sidewalk use permits (Code Section 6.755) and newspaper receptacles (Code Section 9.325). Holan and Reitz reported the proposed ordinance adds new Code Sections 3.900 through 3.935 and addresses permitted use of the public way, obstructions to public passage, location permit, objects to be removed upon notice, liability protection and outlines the permit requirements and enforcement regulations. Holan and Reitz indicated the proposed ordinance was reviewed by the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commission, area residents and business owners, as well as the Planning Commission and City Council held two Joint Work Sessions on the proposed ordinance, noting most issues raised during the review process were resolved. In addition, Holan and Reitz referenced the staff report, which outlined the

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significant issues discussed by the Planning Commission at its hearing of October 19, 2009, and Holan and Reitz referenced an addendum to the original staff report, which outlined two additional language amendments to the proposed ordinance (refer to motions to amend below).

**Questions of Staff:**

In response to Uhing's inquiry pertaining to enforcement measures for garage sale signs, Reitz advised that staff from Light and Power and Public Works, during their day-to-day operations, would be monitoring and removing signage that does not conform to the requirements of the Code.

In response to Thompson's inquiry pertaining to regulating the level of noise newspaper vending machines make when opening and closing lids, Reitz indicated that Council could add a footage requirement in residential zones; however, that may not solve the noise problem.

In response to Uhing's inquiry pertaining to bolting newspaper vending machines in areas where no sidewalks were present, Holan advised there is no requirement to bolt vending machines to sidewalks.

In response to BeLusko's inquiry pertaining to the reasons the City must allow vending machines in the public rights-of-way, Elsner advised there are laws that protect the rights of free speech.

In response to Uhing's inquiry pertaining to imposing fines, Reitz referenced Page 3, Code Section 3.935, Penalty Imposed, noting the Municipal Court Judge imposes penalties based on the fines set in the Code.

In response to Miller's concern pertaining to the liability to homeowners or business owners for placement of items by third parties in the public rights-of-way (owners are required to maintain the public rights-of-way), Elsner advised that he would need to review the legal statutes and provide an opinion to the Council.

Before proceeding with the Public Hearing and Council discussion, Mayor Truax asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-13.

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Elsner read Ordinance No. 2009-13 by title for first reading.

**MOTION:** Council Johnston moved, seconded by Councilor Uhing, to approve Ordinance No. 2009-13 Adopting Provisions to Regulate Private Use of Public Rights-Of-Way, Amending Forest Grove Code Chapter 3 by Adding New Code Section 3.900 Through 3.935 Relating to Permitted Uses of the Public Way, and Repealing Code Section 6.755-6.760, Sidewalk Use Permits, and Code Section 9.325, Newspaper Receptacles.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2009-13 by title and final vote will occur at the meeting of November 23, 2009.

**Public Hearing Opened:**

Mayor Truax opened a Public Hearing and explained the hearing procedures.

**Written Testimony Received:**

Daryl Winand, Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors, 5331 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 207, Portland, OR 97239, submitted an e-mail dated March 24, 2009, October 20, 2009, and November 6, 2009.

Rod Fuiten, Forest Grove, submitted an e-mail dated March 26, 2009.

Dayla Smoland, Forest Grove, submitted an e-mail dated May 26, 2009.

Richard Kidd, Forest Grove, submitted an e-mail dated June 1, 2009.

**Proponents:**

Ed Nigbor, Forest Grove, signed in to testify as a proponent; however, when Mayor Truax called his name, he was not present. (Nigbor testified earlier under Ordinance No. 2009-12).

Bruce Clark, Forest Grove, spoke in favor of regulating signage in the public rights-of-way; however, Clark voiced concern about the liability to business owners for placement of items by third parties in the public rights-of-way, because business owners are required to maintain the public rights-of-way.

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Richard Kidd, Forest Grove, asked for clarification pertaining to third-party usage; asked for a ruling on the liability to homeowners for placement of items in the public rights-of-way; and suggested issuing and/or assigning an identification number to each public rights-of-way permit issued by the City.

Teri Koerner, Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce Director, testified on behalf of the Chamber, noting the Chamber feels strongly that signage in the public rights-of-way in front of businesses needs to be limited to that business. Additionally, Koerner urged Council to allow a transitional period during these economic times for businesses, especially businesses located in the downtown area and multi-tenant complexes that use signage in the public rights-of-way.

**Opponents:**

No one wished to testify and no written comments were received.

**Others:**

Jon Schrag, NewsTimes, stated that the *NewsTimes* would be happy to collaborate with City staff by providing handouts outlining the regulations for garage sale signs. Additionally, Schrag suggested that Council talk directly to the owners of the newspaper vending machines to address complaints instead of creating new laws.

No one else wished to testify and no written comments were received.

**Council Discussion:**

Mayor Truax opened the floor and roundtable discussion ensued pertaining to the proposed ordinance (new public rights-of-way code) and the above-noted testimony. Council asked Elsner to provide a ruling on the liability of the public rights-of-way before the second reading of the above-noted ordinance. In addition, Elsner suggested amending Page 1, Code Section 3.905(6), Definitions, to include sidewalk area as a definition of the public way. At the conclusion of the above discussion, the following motions were made to amend the proposed ordinance as follows:

**MOTION TO AMEND NO. 1:** Councilor Johnston moved, seconded by

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Councilor Uhing, to amend Ordinance No. 2009-13, Code Section 3.905(6), to read: PUBLIC WAY - Any public street, road, public easement, or sidewalk area.

**Council Discussion:**

Hearing no discussion from the Council, Truax asked for a roll call vote on the above motion to amend.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Councilors BeLusko, Jr., Johnston, Miller, Thompson, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilor Lowe. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**MOTION TO AMEND NO. 2:** Councilor Johnston moved, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to amend Ordinance No. 2009-13, Code Section 3.910(2)(g), to read: Each commercially or industrially-zoned property shall be permitted one portable sign, either on the premises or in the right-of-way located directly adjacent to the property to which the sign pertains. Signs shall be professionally prepared, shall not be larger than six square feet, shall contain no moving parts and shall not be lighted. Signs shall be removed at the close of business each day. Obstructions other than signs can be placed anywhere in the public way subject to the provisions of this ordinance. Add new Code Section, 3.910(2)(i) to read: Obstructions other than vending machines shall be located directly adjacent to the property to which the obstruction pertains.

**Council Discussion:**

Hearing no discussion from the Council, Truax asked for a roll call vote on the above motion to amend.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Councilors BeLusko, Jr., Johnston, Miller, Thompson, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilor Lowe. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**Public Hearing Left Opened:**

Hearing no further discussion from the Council, Mayor Truax advised that he would leave the Public Hearing open until the next meeting of November 23,

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2009, to allow additional or new testimony.

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-67 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 FOR THE USE OF ENTERPRISE ZONE REPAYMENT FUNDS**

**Staff Report:**

Downey and King presented the above-proposed resolution for Council consideration, noting staff is seeking Council approval to expend the Enterprise Zone repayment funds of \$4,840 to J. Lieb Food, Inc., to help offset costs to upgrade their water intake, noting J. Lieb estimates the construction costs will be approximately \$42,000. King noted the City received the repayment funds because J. Lieb was unable to maintain its employment levels to qualify for the Enterprise Zone property tax exemption for year 2008 due to the economy. King outlined the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), Section 123-065-4990, which sets the criteria for expending repayment funds, noting the funds must be expended in accordance with the OAR. King advised that expending the funds to J. Lieb would allow them to take advantage of new market opportunities and potentially add more jobs in Forest Grove, noting the above benefits would meet the OAR criteria for expending repayment funds. In conclusion, Downey and King advised that staff would rather seek Council approval on a case-by-case basis for expending Enterprise Zone repayment funds instead of establishing an administrative policy at this time.

Before proceeding with the Council discussion, Mayor Kidd asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-67.

Elsner read Resolution No. 2009-67 by title.

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**MOTION:** Councilor Johnston moved, seconded by Councilor BeLusko, Jr., to adopt Resolution No. 2009-67 Making Appropriations within the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2009-10 for the Use of Enterprise Zone Repayment Funds.

**Council Discussion:**

Hearing no discussion from the Council, Mayor Kidd asked for a roll call vote on the above motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Councilors BeLusko, Jr., Johnston, Miller, Thompson, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilor Lowe. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-68 MAKING CITY COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

**Staff Report:**

Mayor Truax presented the above-proposed resolution for Council consideration, noting the proposed resolution formally appoints the new City Council liaisons to various advisory boards, committees, and commissions, as well as other various representative positions.

Before proceeding with the Council discussion, Mayor Truax asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-68.

Elsner read Resolution No. 2009-68 by title.

**MOTION:** Councilor Miller moved, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-68 Making City Council Liaison Appointments to Various Advisory Boards, Committees, and Commissions and other Representative Appointments.

**Council Discussion:**

Johnston pointed out that he also serves on the Washington County Public Safety Coordinating Committee (PSCC), which was listed as the "Public Safety

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Coordinating Committee”.

Hearing no further discussion from the Council, Mayor Truax asked for a roll call vote on the above motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Councilors BeLusko, Jr., Johnston, Miller, Thompson, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilor Lowe. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Sykes reported on upcoming events as noted in the Council calendar and reported on other various upcoming local meetings and events. Sykes reminded Council of the upcoming Joint Work Session with the Forest Grove School District Board of Directors and City of Cornelius City Council on November 17, 2009. Sykes reported briefly on the solar company that has interest in relocating its business, noting Forest Grove looks appealing because of its power rates. In addition, Sykes reported on various ongoing street improvement projects and other City department-related monthly statistics, noting the Library Department has installed its new book depository box.

**11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:**

BeLusko reported he plans to attend the upcoming Public Arts Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. In conclusion, BeLusko fondly remembered Leroy Gamble who recently passed away.

Johnston reported on the Forest Grove Rural Fire Protection District meeting-related discussion topics.

Miller reported the Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) will be discussing at its next meeting the Annual Town Meeting topics and noted the newly appointed members have energized CCI in a positive way. In conclusion, Miller invited everyone to attend the upcoming Library Book Sale.

Uhing reported the Economic Development Commission and Historic Landmarks Board have completed their Vision Statement Action Plans, noting Dennis Stoddard, Committee for Citizen Involvement Chair, gave an excellent

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presentation earlier on the status of the Action Plans.

Thompson reported the Community Forestry Commission (CFC) was unable to hold its meeting due to a lack of a quorum, noting CFC is still working on its Vision Statement Action Plans. Thompson reported on his visit with the students from Nyuzen, Japan, and the congressional representatives from Toyama Prefecture. In addition, Thompson briefly reported on Ride Connection-related matters and reported he was recently appointed to serve on the League of Oregon Cities Energy Committee.

Mayor Truax reported on various regional, Metro, and Washington County meetings he attended and upcoming meetings and events he was planning to attend. In addition, Mayor Truax provided updates on various Metro-related issues and Washington County transportation issues, various regional and local issues, and various upcoming community events and activities. Truax reported he attended the Nyuzen Student Delegation Welcome Reception and Dinner. In addition, Truax reminded Council about the upcoming reception honoring former Mayor Richard Kidd, noting Kidd is the recipient of the 2009 Good Scout Award and is being honored as Forest Grove's Distinguished Citizen for his many years of service to the City. In conclusion, Mayor Truax fondly remembered Leroy Gamble who recently passed away.

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12. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Truax adjourned the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Anna D. Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder