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***Minutes are unofficial until approved by Council.  
Council approved minutes as presented October 13, 2014.***

1. **ROLL CALL:**  
Mayor Peter Truax called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **ROLL CALL: COUNCIL PRESENT:** Thomas Johnston, Council President; Richard Kidd; Victoria Lowe; Camille Miller; Ronald Thompson; Elena, Uhing; and Mayor Peter Truax. **STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Sykes, City Manager; Paul Elsner, City Attorney; Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director; Rob Foster, Public Works Director; Michael Kinkade, Fire Chief; Colleen Winters, Library Director; Jeff King, Economic Development Program Manager; Kevin Ellingsburg, Police Captain (in the audience); Richard Blackmun, Engineering Division Program Manager (in the audience); and Anna Ruggles, City Recorder.
  
1. A. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:**  
Mayor Truax and Winters presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Vicky Cook, Library Associate, in special recognition of 25 years of service with the Forest Grove City Library.
  
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None.
  
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 September 8, 2014.
  - B. Approve City Council Executive Session (Real Property)  
Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2014.
  - C. Accept Library Commission Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2014.
  - D. Accept Resignation on Committee for Citizen Involvement  
(Michael Perrault, Term Expiring December 31, 2015).
  - E. Community Development Department Monthly Building

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- Activity Informational Report for August 2014.  
F. Library Department Monthly Circulation Statistics Report for September 2014.

**MOTION: Councilor Kidd moved, seconded by Councilor Miller, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED 7-0 by voice vote.**

4. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** None.

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

*Quarterly Financial Report for Period Ending June 30, 2014*

Downey presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the quarterly financial report ending June 30, 2014, noting this is the fourth quarter of the City's fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Downey explained the first part of the report is a graphical representation of the quarterly status of the City's major operating departments and funds; the second part of the report contains comments on other funds where material events have or are projected to occur; and the third part of the report is the line item detail, noting the actual revenues received or expenditures disbursed through the end of the quarter are compared to the quarterly budget allotment and expressed in the detail report as both a dollar variance and percent variance. In conclusion of the above-noted presentation, Downey highlighted graphs pertaining to the General Fund, Building Services Fund, Information Systems Fund, Light Fund, Street Fund, Sewer Fund, Water Fund, Surface Water Management Fund, Equipment Fund and other funds, noting the General Fund beginning Fund Balance was higher than originally budgeted by about \$333,678, meaning that Fiscal Year 2013-14 ended with higher revenues and lower expenditures than expected.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09 ESTABLISHING A TAX ON THE SALE OF MARIJUANA AND MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS IN THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AND ADDING NEW CODE SECTIONS 2.10.000 THROUGH 2.10.075**

**Staff Report:**

Downey presented the above-proposed ordinance (Attachment A) for first and second reading requesting to amend City Code by adding new Code

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Sections 2.10.000 through 2.10.075, titled Marijuana Tax (Exhibit A), noting the proposed ordinance, prepared by City Attorney and proposed by Mayor Truax, would impose a 10 percent (10%) gross tax on the sale of marijuana and marijuana-infused products and impose a five percent (5%) gross tax on the sale of marijuana and marijuana-infused products under the provisions of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program. Downey reported if Ballot Measure (BM) 91 is passed by the voters this November election, BM 91 would legalize recreational use of marijuana (adults 21 or older) based on regulations and taxation to be determined by the State Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Downey noted BM 91, Section 42, contains language giving the State exclusive right to tax marijuana and no county or city can impose any fee or tax in connection with the purchase, sales, production, processing, transportation and delivery of marijuana items. Downey advised because the proposed ordinance is imposing a tax; Council cannot declare an emergency ordinance; however, Council may enact an ordinance by first and second reading pursuant to City Charter, Section 16(b) at a single meeting by unanimous approval by at least five Council members. Downey explained if Council adopts the proposed ordinance, the ordinance would take effective in 30 days, which would make the ordinance effective prior to the November election. In conclusion of the above-noted staff report, Downey reported several cities are currently considering or have enacted similar ordinances, noting the fiscal impact is difficult to determine as it is unknown how many retail outlets and how much revenue would be generated by the sale of marijuana.

Before proceeding with the Public Hearing and Council discussion, Mayor Truax asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-09 for first and second reading.

City Attorney Elsner read Ordinance No. 2014-09 by title for first and second reading.

**MOTION: Councilor Uhing moved, seconded by Councilor Miller, to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-09 Establishing a Tax on the Sale of Marijuana and Marijuana-Infused Products in the City of Forest Grove and Adding New Code Sections 2.10.000 through 2.10.075.**

**Public Hearing:**

Mayor Truax opened the Public Hearing and explained hearing procedures.

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**Written Testimony Received:**

Kyle Markley, Candidate for State Representative, District 30, and Caitlin Mitchel-Markley, State Senate District 15, submitted an e-mail dated September 21, 2014, which was date stamped into the record (refer to testimony below).

No other written testimony was submitted prior the deadline date of September 22, 2014.

**Proponents:**

No one testified and no written comments were received.

**Opponents:**

John Cornett, Forest Grove, testified in opposition of the City taxing medical marijuana, noting the City imposing a tax for medical-related use is an undue financial hardship.

Robert Pasley, Forest Grove, testified in opposition of the City taxing medical marijuana, noting the City imposing a tax for medical-related use is an undue financial hardship.

Judy Ecker-Cornett, Forest Grove, testified in opposition of the City taxing medical marijuana, noting the City imposing a tax for medical-related use is an undue financial hardship. In response to Uhing's inquiry pertaining to basic costs for medical marijuana patients, Ecker-Cornett explained the medical card issued under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program is about \$200 annually and monthly costs for product/supplies depends hugely on the level of medical need.

Greg Shipp, Forest Grove, testified in opposition of the City taxing medical marijuana, noting the City imposing a tax for medical-related use is an undue financial hardship.

Kyle Markley Candidate for State Representative, District 30, read his written testimony in opposition of the City adopting a marijuana sales tax ordinance ahead of the Oregon voters on Measure 91, stating the City's proposed ordinance is clearly inconsistent with Measure 91, Section 42, and consequently, would be affirmatively repealed by Measure 91, Section 58.

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Chris Matthews, Beaverton, testified in opposition of the City adopting a marijuana sales tax ordinance ahead of the Oregon voters on Measure 91, noting the City has not even adopted zoning and the ordinance is going against the will of the people on Measure 91.

Michele Easley, Forest Grove, testified in opposition of the City taxing medical marijuana, noting the City imposing a tax for medical-related use is an undue financial hardship.

No one else testified and no written comments were received.

**Others:**

No one testified and no written comments were received.

**Public Hearing Closed:**

Mayor Truax closed the Public Hearing

**Council Discussion:**

Uhing pointed out the proposed ordinance is not a tax to keep marijuana dispensaries out of the city. In addition, Uhing stressed she could not support taxing medical marijuana, noting taxing medical marijuana would be like taxing chemotherapy. In response to Uhing's concerns pertaining to Measure 91, City Attorney Elsner advised Measure 91, Section 59, gives the City authority to adopt reasonable time, place and manner regulations, meaning the City could impose a cost or fee relating to its regulations.

Lowe pointed out she has concerns on several levels, noting she could not support imposing an anticipatory tax with no prior needs assessment and administrative costs and/or prior to voter approval. Lowe also stressed that she could not support taxing medical marijuana, noting taxing medical marijuana would be like taxing an Rx.

Thompson voiced concern if the City does not consider imposing a tax, noting the City needs a way to administer the program appropriately.

Mayor Truax advised the proposed ordinance is on the docket at his request, noting after considering the testimony heard this evening, he would like to entertain an amendment from Council to reduce or eliminate the tax provision on medical marijuana. Mayor Truax stressed other prescription drugs, i.e., Oxycodone, are not taxed, noting taxing medical

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marijuana would be wrong on his part.

**MOTION TO AMEND:** Council President Johnston moved, seconded by Councilor Uhing, to amend Ordinance No. 2014-09 by striking out 2.10.010 B. 1. ~~Five Percent (5%) of the gross sale amount paid to the seller of marijuana and marijuana-infused products by a person who is a registry identification cardholder.~~

**Council Discussion:**

Kidd recommended retaining the above-noted section as a placeholder and instead changing five percent to zero percent so Council could have the ability to amend this section, if necessary; however, Kidd's motion died due to lack of a second.

Thompson advised, though he supports Mayor Truax's comments, he is concerned the City needs a way to fund City enforcement, especially if the State does not enforce regulations.

Council President Johnston voiced concern about unfunded mandates and spoke about his meeting with the State of Colorado, noting he would like to see tax monies going towards the need of law enforcement.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE MOTION TO AMEND:** AYES: Councilors Johnston, Lowe, Miller, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: Councilors Kidd and Thompson. MOTION CARRIED 5-2.

**Council Discussion:**

Hearing no further discussion from the Council, Mayor Truax asked for a roll call vote on the above-noted motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-09 as amended.

City Attorney Elsner read Ordinance No. 2014-09 by title for first and second reading as amended.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Councilors Johnston, Kidd, Lowe, Miller, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: Councilor Thomson. MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

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**7. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10 GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO ASTOUND BROADBAND, LLC, A WASHINGTON LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, TO CONDUCT A GENERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS AND GRANTING A RIGHT TO USE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAYS WITHIN THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE**

**Staff Report:**

Downey presented the above-proposed ordinance (Attachment A) for first reading, noting Astound Broadband, LLC, has applied to the City for a franchise agreement (Exhibit A) to provide telecommunications services within the City. Downey reported Astound plans initially to provide fiber service to cell phone towers located in Forest Grove for which they have contracts with cell phone service providers and eventually provide services to major customers (city, school, other government entities and large industries), noting if the franchise agreement is approved, Astound will negotiate a pole rental agreement with the Light and Power Department. In conclusion of the above-noted staff report, Downey advised the privilege tax is proposed to be five percent (5%) on all telecommunications services and the term of the franchise agreement is proposed to be five (5) years with an automatic one-time renewal unless the City notifies Astound at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the franchise agreement if the City intends to terminate or renegotiate the franchise agreement.

Before proceeding with Public Hearing and Council discussion, Mayor Truax asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-10.

City Attorney Elsner read Ordinance No. 2014-10 by title for first reading.

**MOTION: Councilor Kidd moved, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-10 Granting a Franchise to Astound Broadband, LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company, to Conduct a General Telecommunications Business and Granting a Right to use Public Rights of Ways within the City of Forest Grove.** The second reading of Ordinance No. 2014-10 by title and final vote will occur at the meeting of October 13, 2014.

**Public Hearing Opened:**

Mayor Truax opened the Public Hearing and explained hearing procedures.

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**Written Testimony Received:**

No written testimony was received prior to the published deadline of September 22, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

**Proponents:**

No one testified and no written comments were received.

**Opponents:**

No one testified and no written comments were received.

**Others:**

Fred Miller, Astound Broadband, LLC, representative, gave some highlights about Astound Broadband and current and future types of telecommunication services Astound plans to provide to the community.

No one else testified and no written comments were received.

**Council Discussion:**

In response to Uhing's concerns pertaining to franchise fees, Downey explained Astound is relatively new to Oregon, noting the City will collect a five percent (5%) franchise fee, which is the same as other franchise agreements the City has with other providers. Downey also explained Section 6 of the agreement allows Astound to provide telecommunications or other services to the City, in lieu of all or a portion of the franchise fee, noting any offset of the franchise fee would require separate negotiation by both parties.

In response to Lowe's concerns pertaining to pole use and installations, Cress explained the City's requirements pertaining to pole use agreements and load capacity, noting there soon could come a time when the City reaches capacity on its poles.

In response to Kidd's concerns pertaining to Section 6 of the franchise agreement, Downey explained Astound is interested in providing services to the City, in lieu of all or a portion of the franchise fee, noting the language in the franchise agreement is standard and gives both parties the flexibility to negotiate such provisions in the future. In response to Kidd's inquiry pertaining to MACC, Downey advised the franchise agreement does not grant Astound the authority to provide cable services, noting Astound would need to negotiate a separate franchise

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with MACC.

Hearing no further discussion from the Council, Mayor Truax recessed the Public Hearing as noted below.

**Public Hearing Recessed:**

Mayor Truax recessed the Public Hearing until the next Council meeting of Monday, October 13, 2014.

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-70 AMENDING THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC) BYLAWS; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-27**

**Staff Report:**

Gamble and Winters presented the above-proposed resolution for Council consideration, noting the proposed resolution is requesting to amend the Public Arts Commission's (PAC) Bylaws. Gamble reported the proposal was initiated by PAC, who voted at two consecutive meetings as required by the PAC's Bylaws, to amend its Bylaws to appoint members who have interest in public arts instead of making appointments by organizational affiliations. In conclusion of the above-noted staff report, Gamble and Winters summarized other minor language amendments to the PAC's Bylaws as outlined in the staff report and Exhibit A.

Before proceeding with Council discussion, Mayor Truax asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-70.

City Attorney Elsner read Resolution No. 2014-70 by title.

**MOTION: Councilor Lowe moved, seconded by Councilor Miller, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-70 Amending the Forest Grove Public Arts Commission (PAC) Bylaws and Amending Resolution No. 2009-27.**

**Council Discussion:**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Councilors Johnston, Kidd, Lowe, Miller,**

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Thompson, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: None. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-71 MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION (PAC)**

**Staff Report:**

Gamble and Winters presented the above-proposed resolution for Council consideration, noting the proposed resolution is requesting to appoint Emily Lux, who Council interviewed on August 11, 2014, to the Public Arts Commission (PAC), term expiring December 31, 2016. In conclusion of the above-noted staff report, Gamble and Winters advised the vacancy position on PAC was brought about by the recently-amended PAC's Bylaws.

Before proceeding with Council discussion, Mayor Truax asked for a motion to adopted Resolution No. 2014-71.

City Attorney Elsner read Resolution No. 2014-71 by title.

**MOTION:** Councilor Lowe moved, seconded by Councilor Kidd, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-71 Making Appointment to the Forest Grove Public Arts Commission (Appointing Emily Lux, Term Expiring December 31, 2016).

**Council Discussion:**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** AYES: Councilors Johnston, Kidd, Lowe, Miller, Thompson, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: None. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-72 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENDORSE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY (WCCCA), AMENDMENT NO. 2**

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Fire Chief Kinkade presented the above-proposed resolution for Council consideration, noting the proposed resolution is requesting to authorize the City Manager to endorse Amendment No. 2 of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) (Exhibit A) between the City of Forest Grove and Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency (WCCCA). Kinkade advised the IGA has been in place for about 15 years, noting the existing IGA authorizes WCCCA to provide a public safety emergency communications system, inclusive 9-1-1 to 19 participating agencies. Kinkade reported he and Council President Johnston participated in a multi-agency workgroup who reviewed and recommended a user fee cost allocation model that better aligns costs for WCCCA services for each participating agency, noting based on the new formula for calculating the shared cost allocations across all WCCCA users, the City could potentially have an increase in law enforcement fees and a decrease in fire fees based on the percentage of shared costs. In conclusion of the above-noted staff report, Kinkade summarized other minor language amendments to the proposed IGA as outlined in the staff report and Exhibit A.

Before proceeding with Council discussion, Mayor Truax asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-72.

City Attorney Elsner read Resolution No. 2014-72 by title.

**MOTION: Councilor Kidd moved, seconded by Councilor Lowe, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-72 Authorizing the City Manager to Endorse Amendment No. 2 to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Forest Grove and Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency.**

**Council Discussion:**

In response to Uhing's inquiry pertaining to equipment replacement, Kinkade advised the proposed IGA does not cover equipment, noting staff will schedule a work session with Council at a later date to discuss replacement equipment.

Council President Johnston commented that he is also involved at the State level and with the League of Oregon Cities, concurring that a Council work session is needed to discuss equipment replacement.

Sykes commended Council President Johnston and Kinkade for their

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diligence and extra efforts to include the City's finance personnel in the workgroup discussions.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Councilors Johnston, Kidd, Lowe, Miller, Thompson, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: None. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

**11. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-73 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR 2015-2016 PROGRAM YEAR**

**Staff Report:**

King and Foster presented the above-proposed resolution authorizing staff to submit applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for 2015-16 Program Period, noting staff has identified Firwood Lane Area Sanitary Sewer Project as a priority for 2015-16 funding cycle. King reported there are 27 homes in the Firwood Lane/26<sup>th</sup> Street area that lack City sanitary sewer, noting it is estimated that it would cost each property owner \$10,000 or more depending on property size to connect to City sanitary sewer. King reported the total CDBG grant amount to be submitted is \$240,000 and the entire project cost is \$555,000, including \$20,000 from Washington County for road paving overlay as part of the island annexation. King advised if the grant is funded, staff is proposing to allocate \$5,000 from CDBG grant funds for plumbing and decommissioning costs to each property owner who connects to sanitary sewer and allow property owners who connect to finance the SDC fee of \$5,000 over 10 years as allowed by State law. In conclusion of the above-noted staff report, King advised there is no general fund budgetary impact to the City, noting matching funds for the project will come from Sewer System Development Charges, in-kind work from City personnel, and property owners who decommission septic systems and connect to City sanitary sewer.

Before proceeding with Council discussion, Mayor Truax asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-73.

City Attorney Elsner read Resolution No. 2014-73 by title.

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**MOTION: Councilor Miller moved, seconded by Councilor Thompson, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-73 Approving the Submission of Applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for 2015-2016 Program Period (Forest Grove Firwood Lane Area Sanitary Sewer Project).**

**Council Discussion:**

In response to Council President Johnston's inquiry pertaining to the proposed project, Foster advised the project is similar to what the City did for Sunset Drive sanitary sewer project, noting property owners who agree to connect to sanitary sewer would receive a \$5,000 incentive to decommission their septic systems and have the option to finance the sewer SDC. In response to Council President Johnston's inquiry pertaining to interest rates, Downey advised the interest rate is currently around 4.25%. Sykes added the properties would also have a window of opportunity to participate, noting the intent is to improve infrastructure in an area that qualifies for assistance.

In response to Uhing's concern pertaining to other annexed properties, Foster explained the project area is classified as low-to-low-moderate income, qualifying for CDBG funding within this area only, noting other annexed properties, not within this area, would most likely need to pay the full amount.

Mayor Truax pointed out that before island properties were annexed into the City, they were receiving City services without paying for these services; regardless, if a septic system fails, the property must connect to City sanitary sewer (pursuant to code requirements).

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Councilors Johnston, Kidd, Lowe, Miller, Thompson, Uhing, and Mayor Truax. NOES: None. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.**

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

Sykes reported on upcoming events as noted in the Council calendar and reported on other various upcoming local meetings and community-wide events as noted in the City Manager's Report. Sykes commended Fire Chief Kinkade for his leadership and fire and rescue crews for their work

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and services, noting 19 crews responded to the Scoggins Creek Fire near Hagg Lake, which is still actively being contained. Sykes distributed a copy of his written report, which outlined various meetings he attended and provided updates on various City department-related activities, projects, and upcoming city-wide events. In conclusion of his report, Sykes distributed a note to Council, reading into the record: *“I want to remind the Council that I own residential property near the former Times Litho property. The property is one of 75 properties located within 300 feet of the Times Litho property. Given that my property was both in different zone and designation, was fully developed and was only one of relatively large number of properties in proximity to the Times Litho property, I did not believe that I had a potential or actual conflict of interest if I was involved in actions the City took relative to the property. However, based on discussion with our City Attorney, I believe it is a good idea to ask for a formal opinion from the State Ethics Commission as to whether my situation presents either a potential or actual conflict of interest for me. It is my understanding that if the Ethics Commission believes I have a potential conflict of interest, I could continue to participate in efforts to develop this site with the consent of the City Council. However, until the Ethics Commission issues a formal opinion on the matter, I believe it is in the best interest of the City to have the Council assign another staff person, or persons, to address issues related to this site.”* In response to City Manager Sykes's request as mentioned above, Mayor Truax made a recommendation to Council to consider assigning Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director; no objections from Council were heard on the above-noted recommendation.

**13. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council President Johnston reported representing the Mayor at the Annual Corn Roast Event, noting it was a very successful community event. Johnston announced the Police Department's Prescription Drug Turn-In Event is Saturday, September 27, 2014, and Fire Department's Public Safety Open House is Saturday, October 4, 2014. Johnston reported he plans to attend the Annual League of Oregon Cities Conference in Eugene, September 25-28, 2014. In addition, Johnston reported on other matters of interest and upcoming meetings he was planning to attend.

Kidd reported on Historic Landmarks Board (HLB)-related activities, noting HLB is working on design guidelines, grant applications, and is actively recruiting members. Kidd distributed a copy of HLB's newsletter titled *“Forest Grove at a Crossroads: Historic Preservation, Urban Growth, or Both?”*, noting the article was written by Holly Tsur, HLB Vice-Chair.

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Kidd reported he plans to attend the Annual League of Oregon Cities Conference in Eugene, September 25-28, 2014. In addition, Kidd reported on other matters of interest and upcoming meetings he was planning to attend.

Low reported she plans to attend the Annual League of Oregon Cities Conference in Eugene, September 25-28, 2014. In addition, Low reported on other matters of interest and upcoming meetings she was planning to attend.

Miller reported on Public Arts Commission (PAC)-related activities, noting the Meet The Artist Dinner was a huge success, raising approximately \$1,000 for the Community Sundial Project. In addition, Miller reported on matters of community interest and upcoming meetings she was planning to attend.

Thompson reported on Community Forestry Commission (CFC)-related activities, noting CFC is reviewing the Urban Forestry Plan and is working on special plans in celebration of the City's 25<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA, along with Arbor Day activities occurring in 2015. Thompson reported the Forest Grove Senior and Community Center has submitted a copy of its adopted budget to the City Manager. Thompson reported he plans to attend the Annual League of Oregon Cities Conference in Eugene, September 25-28, 2014. In addition, Thompson reported on other matters of interest and upcoming meetings he was planning to attend.

Uhing reported on Economic Development Commission (EDC)-related activities, noting EDC is working on its strategic work plans. Uhing reported she is not planning to attend this year's Annual League of Oregon Cities Conference. Uhing distributed copies of reports titled "Washington County / Portland Metro Area Economic Indicators" and publication articles from Travel Oregon.

Mayor Truax announced dates of various upcoming activities and meetings as noted in the Council Calendar. Mayor Truax announced the City Club, due to lack of volunteerism, is no longer obligating its services to the Holiday Light Parade, noting the City needs to collaborate with the Chamber and businesses to ensure this event continues in the community. Mayor Truax read a news article in remembrance of David Easton who recently passed away, noting Easton was a longtime resident

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of Forest Grove and co-owner of Ace Hardware. In addition, Mayor Truax reported on other various local, regional, Metro, and Washington County meetings he attended and community-related events he was planning to attend.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Truax adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Anna D. Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder