

**FOREST GROVE CITY COUNCIL
WESTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY CITIES
JOINT LEGISLATIVE WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
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*Minutes are unofficial until approved by Council.
Council approved minutes as presented September 22, 2008.*

1. ROLL CALL:

The Forest Grove City Council and Cities of Banks, Cornelius, Gaston (not present), Hillsboro, and North Plains City Council and other invited guests met for dinner and work session with the League of Oregon Cities, Johnson Gardner, LLC, and Columbia Pacific Economic Development District to discuss jointly legislative issues and concerns. Mayor Kidd called the Work Session to order at 7:00 p.m. **ROLL CALL: COUNCIL PRESENT:** Thomas Johnston, Victoria Lowe, Camille Miller, Ronald Thompson, Peter Truax, Elena Uhing, and Mayor Kidd. **STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Sykes, City Manager; Rob Foster, Public Works Director; Jon Holan, Community Development Director; Jeff King, Economic Development Coordinator; and Anna Ruggles, City Recorder.

1. A. ERIC G. STEWART AWARD PRESENTATION:

Mayor Kidd presented the *2008 Eric G. Stewart Award* to McMenamins' on-duty manager who received the award on behalf of Mike and Brian McMenamin. Mayor Kidd reported the McMenamins were recognized by the Historic Landmarks Board for their outstanding service and support in preserving Forest Grove's history, noting the McMenamins preserved the Grand Lodge and adapted the building to a new use without significantly altering the building's history.

2. INTRODUCTION OF MAYORS, COUNCILORS, AND OTHER INVITED GUESTS:

Mayor Kidd called for introductions from everyone present.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

Johnson Gardner, LLC:

Bill Reid and Jerry Johnson, Johnson Gardner, LLC, reported on and addressed inquiries pertaining to the following material handouts: Five-City Economic Opportunities Analysis Long-Term Land Need Issue Examination by Jurisdiction; Five-City Economic Opportunities Analysis Employment Growth and Residential Need Growth Model Relationships; Five-City Employment Opportunities Analysis Product Cycle Theory and Economic Development

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Implications; Five-City Economic Opportunities Analysis Share Metro Area Employment Growth Captured by Each County Over the Last Ten Years (1997-2007); Five-City Economic Development Analysis Primary Labor Import Markets (Employee Community Trends) Hillsboro; and Five-City Employment Opportunities Analysis Sources of Domestic Migration in Washington County (2000-2006).

League of Oregon Cities:

Craig Honeyman and Mike McCauley, League of Oregon Cities, reported on and addressed inquiries pertaining to the League of Oregon Cities' (LOC) Legislative Priorities for 2008, noting 101 Cities have responded to the survey submitted by the LOC. Honeyman and McCauley reported the LOC has identified three key issues for 2008: 1) ethics reporting requirements; 2) transportation funding, and 3) water and sewer infrastructure.

Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District:

Mary McArthur, Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District (Col-Pac), reported on and addressed inquiries pertaining to Col-Pac and its Legislative Priorities for 2008. McArthur reported Col-Pac has identified three key components of Oregon's economic development: 1) recapitalization of infrastructure funding; 2) support for regional and local economic development service delivery capacity; and 3) continue to provide region-based lottery funding for local development projects as determined by local needs and issues.

3. LEGISLATIVE OPEN DISCUSSION:

Sykes facilitated the following exercise, noting the purpose of the exercise was to identify the legislative issues and concerns for Western Washington County Cities. Sykes opened the floor and roundtable discussion ensued as the various Cities participated in the exercise of identifying their legislative issues and concerns. At the conclusion of the above exercise, the Cities identified 15 priorities and ranked each of the priorities on a scale of 1 to 3 (1 being the highest); refer to Exhibit A for the results of the above exercise.

In addition, Sykes solicited feedback on whether or not the Cities found the joint work session to be beneficial, to which the Cities voiced eagerness in holding a joint session every year and suggested that each City take turns

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hosting a session.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Council took no formal action nor made any formal decisions while at the work session.

Mayor Kidd adjourned the work session at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna D. Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder