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**City Council Joint Session Meeting Minutes
Cornelius City Council &
Forest Grove School Board of Directors**

**Monday, October 28, 2019
5:30 p.m.
FG School District, 1728 Main Street**

***Minutes are unofficial until approved by Council.
Council approved minutes as presented November 12, 2019.***

1. CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The Forest Grove City Council met in Joint Session with Cornelius City Council and Forest Grove School Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and social at Forest Grove School District, 1928 Main Street. The joint session was called to order at 5:49 p.m.

ROLL CALL: COUNCIL PRESENT: Timothy Rippe; Ronald Thompson; Elena Uhing; Adolph “Val” Valfre; Malynda Wenzl; and Mayor Peter Truax. **COUNCIL VACANCY:** 1.

STAFF PRESENT: Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager; Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director (in the audience); J. F. Schutz, Police Chief (in the audience); Colleen Winters, Library Director (in the audience); and Anna Ruggles, City Recorder. Special Guest: Susumu Ogawa, Executive Director of Superintendent of Education Nyuzen, Japan (in the audience).

2. JOINT SESSION: FOREST GROVE CITY COUNCIL, CORNELIUS CITY COUNCIL AND FOREST GROVE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

David Parker, Forest Grove School District Superintendent, facilitated the exercise and presented a PowerPoint presentation overview pertaining to the timeline for the Student Success Act, including decision points and complicating factors; attaining a quality education; state requirements and priorities; determining local needs and priorities; developing a plan to spend new resources; community engagement and input; Forest Grove School District’s 2019-20 Strategic Plan; and next steps. In addition, Parker opened the floor and roundtable discussions ensued as Councilmembers and Board of Directors were divided into smaller groups and each group participated in a facilitated discussion, which resulted in the following desired outcomes emerging (in no specific order):

Partnerships:

- Neighborhood/community meeting, i.e., facilities, parks, grounds, fields, open gyms

- Leverage libraries, i.e., city libraries, school libraries, mobile libraries, virtual hangouts, social media in positive ways
- Food/nutrition programs, i.e., community gardens, school gardens
- Community service projects/civic engagement/leadership opportunities for students
- Enhance internship for students, i.e., city departments and agencies
- Ways to keep student engaged, i.e., athletic programs, recreation, youth sports after school programs, summer programs, increase kid-related events in Cornelius
- Communication about opportunities; joint activities
- Youth advisory group (peer/peer)
- Public service partnerships (police/fire/medical)
- Walkability/rideability/safe access to schools/increase awareness of Grovelink territory
- Affordable Housing
- Access to meals
- Cornelius school identity
- Community center – combat isolation
- Education/communication on Council Goals
- East side park/enhance Rogers Park development
- Continue working on facility plans for both cities and district
- Continue coordination of drills, i.e., fire, earthquake
- Enhance inclusivity efforts

At conclusion of the above-noted exercise, the group collectively concurred to hold another joint session in spring of 2020.

Council took no formal action nor made any formal decisions during the joint session.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

The joint session was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna D. Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder