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**City Council Work Session Minutes
Reimagining Policing Part II**

**Monday, July 13, 2020
8:30 p.m., Community Auditorium**

***Minutes are unofficial until approved by Council.
Council approved minutes as presented August 10, 2020.***

1. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Peter Truax called the Work Session to order at 9:23 p.m. via Webex Video Conference.

COVID-19: Due to the emergency declaration resulting from COVID-19 (Coronavirus disease) and protocols, the **City Council conducted the Work Session remotely by video conferencing.** The meeting was remotely video conferenced by City Recorder Ruggles at the Community Auditorium.

ROLL CALL: COUNCIL PRESENT ATTENDED BY WEBEX REMOTELY: Kristy Kottkey; Timothy Rippe; Elena Uhing; Mariana Valenzuela; Adolph “Val” Valfre; Malynda Wenzl, Council President; and Mayor Peter Truax.

STAFF PRESENT ATTENDED BY WEBEX REMOTELY: Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager (Webex remotely); Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director (Webex remotely); Michael Kinkade, Fire Chief (Webex remotely); Henry Reimann, Police Chief (Webex remotely); and Anna Ruggles, City Recorder (in the Community Auditorium).

2. WORK SESSION: REIMAGINING POLICING PART II

Police Chief Reimann and VanderZanden facilitated the above-noted work session, noting the purpose of the work session was to provide an opportunity to keep the community and Council informed about the Police Department’s immediate benchmark strategies that they have identified to improve the current relationship with the community by creating a culture of inclusiveness, openness and transparency. Reimann reported at the Council work session held June 22, 2020, staff presented the department’s pertinent policies and web links that are now published on the city’s webpage, including use of force and stop data, which was the first goal. Reimann reported the second goal was to examine the membership and purpose of the Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC), noting staff feels that perhaps it is time to move in a new direction, not only in the name of the commission but also a new mission. Reimann presented a PowerPoint presentation overview of the newly proposed Forest Grove community policing commission, noting the new commission would be advisory and provide a link between the community, City Council and FGPD and will be centered on providing ongoing citizen input and recommendations to major police policy areas, such as use of force,

community policing and community relations as well provide recommendations regarding special programs. In addition, the objective of the new commission is to help define community norms and standards and to reflect the diverse interests of the City and its residents in the practice of community policing. In conclusion of the above-noted staff report, Police Chief Riemann, reported the proposed membership is inclusive and diverse, composed of underserved and geographical representation, including LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning), racial justice, mental health, police, and community members at large and the College of Understanding, a subcommittee, will be the primary initiative of the commission. The commission will also provide an additional avenue to the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program for community engagement.

Council Discussion:

Mayor Truax opened the floor and roundtable discussion ensued as Council discussed the newly proposed commission's duties and responsibilities as well as the proposed membership composition, i.e., business representative, representative from each neighborhood watch or from each geographical quadrant in the city, no former law enforcement officers and requiring that members reside in the city limits and no more than nine members. Next, roundtable discussion ensued as Council discussed the dissolution of PSAC. In response to Mayor Truax's inquiry pertaining to the Fire Department having any concerns if PSAC was dissolved, Fire Chief Kinkade indicated that he had no concerns, noting it was time to be separated from PSAC, and he preferred not to be included in the composition of the new commission. In conclusion of the above-noted roundtable discussion, Council collectively concurred that in light of recent events, it was time to move in a new direction and completely dissolve PSAC and create a new structured commission with a new vision and membership. VanderZanden advised staff will bring back for the next Council meeting in August a proposed resolution dissolving PSAC and a proposed resolution establishing a new commission, to which Council concurred.

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

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Truax adjourned the work session at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna D. Ruggles, CMC, City Recorder