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"Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge"

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## **REVISED AGENDA**

## **CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING**

➤ Troutdale City Hall – Former Council Chambers
219 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy. (Lower Level, Rear Entrance)
Troutdale, OR 97060-2078

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 7:00PM** 

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Dated: September 11, 2017

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Troutdale City Council – Regular Meeting Troutdale City Hall – Council Chambers 219 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy. Troutdale, OR 97060

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## 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE.

Council President Ripma called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

PRESENT: Council President Ripma, Councilor Lauer, Councilor Morgan via phone,

Councilor White, Councilor Allen and Councilor Hudson.

ABSENT: Mayor Ryan (excused).

STAFF: Ray Young, City Manager; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Kenda Schlaht, Deputy

City Recorder and Chris Damgen, Community Development Director.

**GUESTS:** See Attached List.

Council President Ripma asks, are there any agenda updates?

Ray Young, City Manager, responds on agenda item 2.1 on the consent agenda there was a slight change in the packet information. The job descriptions were slightly changed. It doesn't change the item on the agenda it just gives better clarity to the projects we're accepting that were completed. Also on agenda item 4 regarding the ordinance on the text amendments, we had a lot of vacations last week and it went back and forth. We had a complicated title then a simpler title and ended up with a complicated title and detail. They're both accurate and it shouldn't change the notice. Our City Attorney is confident that it's fine with that change back and forth. Finally, item 8, the discussion on term limits, Mr. Wilson who asked that to be on the agenda is ill and not able to be here tonight so it will be carried over to the 26th and will be stricken from tonight's agenda.

#### 2. CONSENT AGENDA:

**2.1 RESOLUTION:** A resolution recognizing the completion of the public improvements associated with the I-84 Corporate Center Truck Court development and accepting them into the City's fixed asset system.

MOTION: Councilor Lauer moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Allen.

VOTE: Councilor Lauer – Yes; Councilor Morgan – Yes; Council President Ripma – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Allen – Yes and Councilor Hudson – Yes.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment is limited to comments on non-agenda items.

Saul Pompeo, Ristorante Di Pompello, states I have good news. I bought the restaurant building last week. I am here for your help for the fire. Customers call me and ask me if Troutdale is open for business. Our sales are down 40% in the last 10 days. 80% of our employees live in Corbett and are dealing with lower income due to the fire. I would like you to make a statement to say Troutdale businesses are open for business.

Councilor White states I think Ray was planning on making a statement tonight. He just had a tour up on I-84 today.

Larry Holm, Troutdale resident, states I live on Troutdale Road near Chapman Street and there is a lot of traffic and nobody obeying the speed limit. Last week there was an accident there where one car rear-ended another car that had slowed down for pedestrians. People are coming down that road fast. It's becoming a dangerous road anymore. I have been talking to the police department about it. They need to have more patrol out there. It's an issue and something needs to be done.

Paul Wilcox, Troutdale resident, states I have a couple issues that I carried over from the last council meeting. I'm not saying anything that Councilors don't already know. This is for the public's benefit. When a staff person comes here to present their staff report, a staff report has been provided to the Councilors the Thursday or Friday before. When a staff member presents his verbal presentation, he doesn't touch on everything that's in the written report. The one I'm referring to in particular was agenda item #9 regarding the Eastwinds property in the URA area. I have the entire written staff report here. I'm going to quote a couple things that caught my attention that didn't come out in Erich Mueller's verbal report. On page 3 we have, "The updated demolition plan will need to include removal of all the buildings and structures from the newly acquired Eastwinds property, which may include the need to also remove the water tower." That reference to the water tower is what really caught my attention. There are a lot of people in Troutdale that consider that a landmark. I was surprised that not a single member of the Council that asked about that didn't bring it to the public's attention that this was in the staff report. On the following page, "The intent is to completely clear the combined site of all structures and materials resulting in a clean, empty. shovel ready site prepared for development. It is crucial that the site be free of any obstacles to full and flexible redevelopment use." There was an item on the Capital Improvement Plan regarding the park that's supposed to go along the waterfront in the URA and in reference to that is, "Additionally surveying and subdividing off riverfront parcels is needed for the riparian zone and trail, as these yet to be created parcels would not be resold to future developers." I want to emphasize that the 8 acres that are being purchased for Eastwinds, the Capital Improvement Plan calls for sectioning off 2 acres of that for the park for a price tag of \$4 million dollars which the URA is supposed to pick up the tab for. The other item is the request that the Chamber and Rip Caswell made for sponsorship of the Fall Arts Festival. I tried to track down where those funds were coming from in the budget. I thought they were in community services. I checked back with Erich Mueller and he referred me to a different section in the budget which is on page 46, line item 82-11 and the sub-section is called "Special Events/Hospitality Insurance." The budgeted amount for that entire classification is

\$3000.00 a year. At this point at an annual basis you've allocated 3 times what you budgeted. The Chamber of Commerce has their own separate source of funding from the lodging tax. That went from \$72,000.00 plus in 2016-17 fiscal year to \$88,000.00 plus in 2017-18. That's an increase of \$16,000.00. The main thing with the funding of the Fall Arts Festival is it seems to be a commercial endeavor. You have artists that come in and sell their products or creations. Why should they be given city money compared to somebody like the Bigfoot Festival? I didn't see Bigfoot organizers in here asking for sponsorship. The Cracked Pots people went with the Community Enhancement grants. I'm just questioning that there doesn't seem to be any staff or council guidelines for who gets sponsorships.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE (Introduction):** An ordinance amending Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Troutdale Development Code by correcting errata, complying with changes to state statute and re-establishing provisions for shared housing standards and type I variances.

Chris Damgen, Community Development Director, states tonight the item before you is the proposed text amendments to the Troutdale Development Code. This is the opening of a legislative hearing that will be conducted here tonight. Any amendments proposed will be through ordinance and will be heard at the second hearing at the next Council meeting on the 26th. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 30th and has forwarded a unanimous recommendation of approval to you folks on these items. One particular topic that you need to know is that there are a couple substantive items which I will discuss with you a little bit at length. There is a number of non-substantive amendments being proposed. We just finished up 3 ½ years of looking at the Development Code and as is usual sometimes when you really go through the book and really dive into details sometimes you realize you missed a thing or two. What's prompting this meeting's attention is there is a couple of preapplications out there that are awaiting action on this in order to move forward. These items are items that staff felt required immediate attention. Most of these are straight forward and I'll be happy to answer any questions. In Chapter 2, our procedures for decision making chapter, we have 2 substantive amendments proposed. The first is a Type II procedure section where there's been some change at the state level in which certain state agencies or regional agencies now have a clause where we have to give 15 days-notice instead of a typical 14 day notice. Why they need the extra day I'm not sure. That is something that came through the legislation this past session. We are proposing a 1 day bump from 14 to 15 days for all review entities whenever we receive a land use application. A couple sections down we talk about hearing noticing and what the requirements are for that. Type III applications which are decided upon by Planning Commission and Type IV which are decided by City Council have a notification requirement. We're talking about a property specific land use application such as a rezoning or a subdivision we're required to notify the neighborhood. In the code right now you established a 500 foot notification buffer around the property for all Type III but it's silent on what's used for Type IV applications so we're proposing if a Type IV application is received it receives the same notification area as a Type III. In Chapter 3, which is the zoning district chapter, there's one amendment that is being proposed in one of our residential zoning districts, that's R5 medium density residential zone, there was inadvertently setback information that was left out. We don't know why. We're proposing to re-insert the same standard that was in the previous code because that's been the practice we did for all the other zoning districts. Chapter 5 is the miscellaneous uses, standard and exceptions chapter. There's a substantive amendment proposed for this chapter and it has

to do with what we previously had called congregate housing. In the previous development code congregate housing had a special section tied with it. When you talk about congregate housing the idea was that certain types of housing arrangements have less of the land use impact on the transportation systems or open space requirements and thus made more a special consideration. One of those considerations was a "density bonus." Staff is in a predicament right now where we had an applicant that came in for a pre-application under the old code and designed a site with those allowances in place and is now prepared to have a land use application but in the new code those standards went away. We believe that was inadvertent. What happened was the standards were previously located in a chapter that we didn't think was quite right. In the meantime the state also updated its definitions and advised communities to move away from the congregate housing definition and start using what they call shared housing. What we're proposing here is an insertion of the new section called shared dwellings and what it does is it takes 4 key points from the previous congregate housing language and re-inserts them in its own section back in the code. We're confident that with us being able to do that that we can entertain an application for what we're proposing. We feel like it's common sense and shared dwellings you should know are allowed by conditional use and almost always reviewed by Planning Commission in most of the residential zoning districts. In Chapter 6 there is one substantive amendment proposed. This is what we call administrative adjustment provision or a Type I variance procedure. If you have an application and you had a 30 foot setback requirement, let's say due to site conditions or just how you've been able to arrange things that you can only get to 28 feet. Technically under the current code we would have to do what we call a full Type II review and we would have to give 14 days for the agencies to be notified of this. We feel and the previous code also felt that when we have a small adjustment capability like that and the number is 10% or less, if a figure has to be adjusted by no more than 10% it can be handled administratively by staff.

Council President Ripma asks, the Planning Commission has reviewed this?

Chris Damgen responds correct and they subscribe to that unanimously. They feel comfortable with it. That is the conclusion of the substantive changes that's being proposed. You have an Exhibit B in your packet where we have a number of errata that are being corrected for the record such as numerical issues and cross reference errors.

## Council President Ripma opens the public hearing 7:28pm.

Tracy Brown, Land Use Planning Consultant, Sandy, states I've been a planner for about 25 years. I attended the Planning Commission hearing and I also represent a potential applicant that would benefit from the shared dwelling provision that Chris just went through. We are in very much support of the provision. I think the Type I variance is a prudent method. The cities I have worked in previously in Lane County and Sandy have that provision and I think it helps the Planner out a little bit and it makes a lot of sense without going through a lengthy process. We're in support of the changes.

Council President Ripma closes the public hearing 7:29pm.

5. **RESOLUTION:** Main Streets on Halsey Corridor Strategic Economic Acton Plan.

Chris Damgen states in your packet there is Exhibit A which is the actual finalized version of the Main Streets on Halsey Strategic Economic Action Plan report and Exhibit B which talks about the Halsey Community Collaborative Compact or HC3. There's really 2 items before you as part of this resolution tonight. First is to adopt the finalized version of the Main Streets on Halsey plan. This is also a matter that's before the Wood Village City Council as well as Fairview's City Council. Back in July Erika Palmer from the City of Fairview came in and gave a presentation about the work that had been conducted by the 3 Cities along with Multnomah County Transportation about this effort. This is a true product of the Council Goal that you guys set a year and a half ago which was to work on a Gateway Halsey corridor plan that would identify development opportunities that had economic information behind it and to map out some future strategies for continued partnership among the 3 cities. Particularly when it comes to grant funding. What we've noticed as a practice across the state is that grant funds now going to communities, especially smaller communities, that choose to work together. Those communities generally see a higher rate of return when seeking grants for improvements from state, local or federal sources. That is one of the key outcomes of this plan in addition to having a lot of good information at our fingertips. One of the key recommendations that came out of this plan was the formation or the continued work of the cities through a compact or collaborative and that's what this HC3 effort is. That would be effectively allowing the City Manager and the Mayor to enter into this compact with the other communities where 2 stakeholders from the City were appointed then an elected official would serve on this compact. It's important to note that this is not creating a new bureaucracy. This is an agreement to agree on future steps. It does not hold the City to any sort of promise to do anything of financial impact, not without full consideration of Council. It's really to continue the conversation that's been conducted on the report to seek opportunities for grant funding but it still maintains the intent that each city still maintains its own financial and policy based desires.

Ray Young states this does not change any of our zoning, does not commit us to change any of our development codes, it does not commit us to do anything to change anything we're already doing in terms of the Town Center Plan or our Municipal Code planning.

Chris Damgen states to follow up on those comments, this is a separate initiative from the Town Center Committee and the Town Center Planning that we will be talking about later tonight.

Councilor Allen states I'm concerned that the Halsey Corridor would distract from our other efforts considering the amount of money that we'll be committed to spending and the fact we have about a 16,000 person town. I don't want this to take precedence over the Enterprise Zone, the Urban Renewal or the schools because we've committed resources to the Halsey Corridor. Although I like the idea of cooperating with the other 2 cities, I do realize that their needs and their focus are different than our own.

Ed Trompke states there is no commitment made for financial resources or staff resources at any particular point in the future. There is a general move that we're going to look at this as we can.

Ray Young states I think it would be fair to say that our vested interest in Halsey Corridor plan is probably not as great as Fairview and Wood Village. A lot of our section is already TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – September 12, 2017

developed. McMenamin's has been involved in the process of the Halsey Corridor plan. They are very much involved in what they would like to do. The thing that's only come up at this point is that we may need \$8000.00 from each city for the grant request and we have already budgeted for this. The nice thing about that is that the grant request is for a free economic study that will cover a great part of the Town Center area so that we will benefit also under out Town Center planning. This agreement does not require us to pay \$8000.00 but it's budgeted.

Councilor White states I appreciate Councilor Allen bringing up the priorities. I think it's a legitimate concern. I think it is a higher priority in our neighboring cities. We have some more pressing business we started with a long time ago that we need to finish. I own property along Halsey and I don't believe it will affect my decision making in any way. I just want to make full disclosure.

MOTION: Councilor Lauer moved to adopt the resolution for the Main Streets on Halsey Plan authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement to create the Halsey Community Collaboration Compact. Seconded by Councilor Allen.

VOTE: Councilor Lauer – Yes; Councilor Morgan – Yes; Council President Ripma – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Allen – Yes and Councilor Hudson – Yes.

Motion passes 6-0.

6. **RESOLUTION:** Approval of IGA between the Port of Portland and the City regarding the Troutdale Airports Master Plan and the annual report required therein; and economic development cooperation.

Ray Young states I'm going to invite up Ken Anderton and Emerald Bogue from the Port of Portland. As the staff report points out we've had a long and successful partnership with the Port of Portland. They have been instrumental in economic development. The intergovernmental agreement that we are proposing to enter into with the Port primarily deals with continuing to cooperate with development in the Enterprise Zone. Our Enterprise Zone expires in June of 2018 and knowing that that's an issue within the community, some people would prefer not to have it for various reasons, so we need to make sure that we have a discussion as a Council as to whether we renew it or not. Erich Mueller and I met with the other 2 cities and Fairview and Wood Village are hot to trot on continuing the Enterprise Zone and continue to partner with us because they have found it very valuable for them. They would like to see us continue with that. The Port is here if you have any questions and to give an annual report on how things are going at the TRIP property.

Emerald Bogue, Port of Portland, states we're always happy to be here. We're very proud of our working relationship with the City of Troutdale. This IGA was born from the Troutdale Master Plan process as a recommendation of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC). We take that really seriously. We thought that the right term would be until the end of the next Master Plan process. That's what it says in the IGA and I wanted to let you know that that term only happens about every 10 years. That certainly would not mean an end to this IGA

but we figured at that point it would be right before a refresh. This IGA puts on paper practices that are already very well established between the Port of Portland and the City of Troutdale. The Master Plan is a long phase process and we're only 1 year into it. We're going to continue to do these annual reports but do feel free to be in touch with us at any time. In light of current events out in the Gorge, we got some questions about the Super Tanker and landing at Troutdale. It's not a type of aircraft that is very good for fighting fires in the Gorge because it's designed to fly low which is not something that is very safe with limited visibility in steep terrain. It is at the disposal of the Governor should she choose to use it.

A handout on the 2016-2017 report on activities at the Troutdale Airport and the TRIP property was distributed to Council. A copy can be found in the meeting packet.

Ken Anderton, Port of Portland, states I want to go over some highlights and also pass along that without your support we would have never been able to land Amazon and prior to that Fed-Ex. There's a lot of things that went on in the background that made it happen. Chris was a huge key to that and Ray and the whole team. TriMet got wind that this is becoming an employment center so they're going to be offering bus service when Amazon comes on line. We sensed with Phase II construction in TRIP being such a massive project we phased it because we couldn't do all the lots at the same time. We still have 2 smaller lots, lots 4 and 5, I'm happy to say that as of today we're getting started on those lots. We're actively recruiting companies to come in and fill those lots. Switching from TRIP, we also have another facility with Troutdale, the Troutdale Airport. Things don't happen overnight in the aviation world so you have to go through planning with the FAA and you have to get their file on the Master Plan and get grant funding. We're trying to go through the steps as this point. Right now you're seeing the early implementation stages of the Master Plan. We're getting the airport layout plan submitted and then looking for a funding package. The next step in planning is to really look at the south side and consolidating, certain facilities are aging. After that will be the north side study. Also looking at road improvements. Graham Road is reconstructed, Sundial has had improvements made and Swigert Road was extended. A lot of things have happened and will continue. If you ever have questions our door is open.

Councilor Allen states I appreciate the work you've been doing. It's been very nice. When I was reading through this I see a lot of inter mixture between TRIP and the Troutdale Airport in the agreement. I like the development that's going on in TRIP and I do think that we have a lot of warehouses and so forth. I would also like to maintain a viable airport for aviation purposes that has more to do with diversification. Also on the engineering side I have a tendency to keep up with engineering trends. I see aviation technology becoming more efficient in the near future with more opportunities to use aircraft and small aircraft as well. I'm thinking about Oregon being a very rural state. We see quite a bit of the population center here but once you get outside of this metro region it becomes rather sparse and they have their local airports as well. I see aircraft being a viable transportation mechanism within Troutdale as the costs to operate go down. I'm hoping that the plan is to continue to operate the airport and I look forward to its future success.

Ken Anderton states we certainly share your vision. It's great to see Troutdale as a destination for aviation training.

Councilor White states I agree with Councilor Allen. There are long term businesses down there that we care a great deal about. I appreciate the Port's agreement to keep an open mind before it gets torn down if and when that happens. I'm curious as to how much land is left down in the Enterprise Zone.

Ken Anderton responds there's lot 4 and 5 that's roughly about 30 to 45 acres between the 2 of those. They're oddly shaped because of the natural resources. We have lot 11, lot 12 and lot 9.

Councilor Allen asks, are we still the third busiest municipal airports?

Ken Anderton responds I believe we are. Our operation levels remain really steady and stable.

Ray Young asks, do you have any idea what's going on with the Forest Service's 10 acres?

Ken Anderton responds I believe it's being surplused.

MOTION: Councilor Hudson moved to approve the IGA between the Port of Portland and the City regarding the Troutdale Airports Master Plan and the annual report required therein. Seconded by Councilor Lauer.

VOTE: Councilor Lauer – Yes; Councilor Morgan – Yes; Council President Ripma – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Allen – Yes and Councilor Hudson – Yes.

Motion passes 6-0.

7. **DISCUSSION:** Review and discuss the applications received for the Town Center Committee and how to select the membership.

Council President Ripma states we were going to meet on September 5<sup>th</sup> to go through the applications but the room was taken over by first responders and emergency planners. It was hardly as urgent a matter as the fire. I'm not sure how you want to approach this.

Councilor Hudson states if you're opening for a discussion I wanted to raise an issue we might consider.

Ray Young states we have 15 applicants for 14 slots. Now that you have the applicants we thought it would be good to continue the discussion tonight as to how you want to proceed in selecting the rest of the committee. That's what Mr. Damgen has up on the screen to look at. Chris, do you want to explain what your asterisks mean?

Chris Damgen responds the asterisks indicate if they are in fact a town center resident of which some of the board appointed positions are, as well as some of the residents. The double asterisks indicate non-residents who actually owns property within the city but live outside the city. To clarify, the board appointed positions were 6 reserved positions that you

carved out from Planning Commission, Citizens Advisory Committee and Parks Advisory Committee. Diane Castillo did submit an application but it was just a timing situation.

Councilor Hudson states in looking at non-residents it's great to know who owns property in the town center because obviously they have an interest in it. Ed Krankowski is the principal of Troutdale Elementary School and since the elementary school is within the town center it was suggested that members of the education community apply. I reached out to Mr. Krankowski and he said he would love for somebody from Troutdale Elementary to be on the committee. He applied and he said if there's a teacher that wants to do this he would love for a teacher to have that spot. He wants somebody from the school.

Chris Damgen states Brent Ricks is the general manager of the Columbia Gorge Outlets and Karen Schaaf is a local realtor who has had several commercial properties listings on the Historic Highway.

Councilor Hudson states we have 21 applicants for 20 positions. A part of me would want to say let's take all 21 since the number of 20 was a suggestion given by staff.

Councilor Lauer states my suggestion would be, why not take the first 5 non-residents that applied from the list of non-residents?

Chris Damgen states to Councilor Lauer's suggestion, I think staff could figure that out for you. That's a possibility.

Council President Ripma asks, are you thinking rather than having another session to go over these that we pick tonight? Is that the Council's sense?

Councilor Hudson responds I would suggest to pick all 21 applicants.

Councilor Allen states it looks like a pretty good group of people. I'm not so sure that I would trim that.

Ray Young states I would suggest that if you're going to amend it to 21 you could just as easily amend it to 7 non-residents and your ratio is still 2 to 1 residents versus non-residents.

Councilor Hudson states they have no decision making power, they have suggestion making power. I would feel comfortable with 7 non-residents.

Councilor White states after seeing this list, I know pretty much everyone on it, my comfort level goes way up. I agree with your suggestion of allowing 7 non-residents and bring everyone on.

Councilor Morgan states I'm fine with all applicants.

Council President Ripma states we'll bring it back for a consent agenda item if that's agreeable and all 21 applicants approved.

### 8. DISCUSSION: Discussion on Term Limits.

This item was moved to the September 26th Council meeting.

#### 9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Ray Young states first of all let's talk about the fire. I'm happy to report that I think we're all safe. The fire itself is tending to burn a little south of Bull Run and east toward Hood River but the growth of the last 5 days has been 31,000 to 33,000, very minimum growth. The weather looks very favorable over the next 5 to 6 days. I cannot tell you why we're still under a level 1 for part of the city. That's something I need to track down. It seems initially that it may be overly cautious but then again I'd rather that than the alternative. If media reports are correct, in the next couple days, I-84 westbound will be opening. The reason that eastbound lanes are still closed is because sections of the hillside have very large trees that were burned and their stability, especially if it rains, is not good. I toured the Gorge area up to Warrendale today and my initial impressions are the news media has done a wonderful job of telling you how horrible it looks up there. There are some sections that are horrible looking and there were homes that were lost and people put in danger but my overall impression is that it's not so bad. It still looks beautiful. The fire is amazing and what it does. Up until Bridal Veil past Crown Point you don't see any evidence of a fire at all. When you take the exit at Bridal Veil you can see hot spots and smoldering. I would suspect that the Historic Highway will be closed for weeks and portions of it may be closed until next spring. In looking at Multnomah Falls, I stood there beneath the falls and the view looks 80 to 90% as good as it always did. The fire is not taking away from the Gorge looking good. We need to communicate better or ask The Outlook to communicate better how great things are looking in the Gorge despite the fire and how much Troutdale is wide open for business. Next Tuesday we may be back in the new Council Chambers, we'll let you know later this week if that's going to happen. The Imagination Station RFPs went out last Friday so we are now collecting proposals.

Council President Ripma states on the open for business subject another thing we might do is post on the website that Troutdale businesses are open for business right now.

### 10. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilor Lauer states I want to thank all the fire fighters, first responders, their support staff and Ray for all the updates.

Council President Ripma states on behalf of the City, Mayor and Council, our heartfelt thanks to first responders who are out there right now and trying to save us. I did want to respond to Larry Holm's comment about traffic on Troutdale Road. There's no question that our sheriff's department is tied up right now but there hasn't been as much patrolling along Troutdale Road. I live on Troutdale Road and maybe we could encourage our sheriff's department to give it a little attention. I also wanted to say the City is going to end up owning the water tower and there will be a monumental fight if we end up proposing to tear it down. They'll have to deal with Sharon Nesbit first. We're not going to let it happen.

Councilor White states the fire is quite a ways from Troutdale and there's no smoke in the air. The first night was the worst. It really gave you appreciation for the guys that are right

next to the fire breathing in that amount of smoke. Troutdale is open for business. I was really impressed with the community and how everyone came together and helping each other out. Something I would like to see happen on Troutdale Road is those speed limit signs that flash how fast you're going.

Councilor Hudson states I would like to thank the city staff and everybody else involved in helping us through this fire.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Councilor White moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Lauer. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Casey Ryan, Mayor

Dated: 12/2017

ATTEST:

Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder

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