

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-23

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE CITY COUNCIL
ADOPTING CITY COUNCIL TEAM AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Forest Grove City Council is the duly elected governing body for the City of Forest Grove; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter, Section 10, specifies that the City Council shall determine its own set of rules to govern its meetings and proceedings beyond those specified in the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Council Rules of Procedures, Section 5, specifies the rules of decorum and order; and

WHEREAS, the City Council met in Council Work Sessions on February 20, March 14 and March 28, 2016, and collectively reviewed and discussed their Council Team Agreement; and

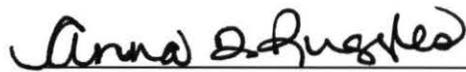
WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt their Council Team Agreement attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City of Forest Grove City Council hereby adopts their City Council Team Agreement attached as Exhibit A.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 11th day of April, 2016.



Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 11th day of April, 2016.



Peter B. Truax, Mayor

CITY COUNCIL TEAM AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2016-23, the Agreements for Conducting Council Meetings and Business

1. Attendance at Council meetings is first priority; if unable to attend, please contact the City Recorder.
2. Be on time to meetings and read the packet prior to the meeting - be prepared to work.
3. Mayor will take the lead in keeping the meeting and discussion focused.
4. Distribute information in advance of Council discussion.
5. Mayor will recognize Councilors when indicating they wish to speak.
6. Put a time limit on audience testimony and ask them not to repeat previous speakers.
7. Use formal procedure (point of order, call for question, etc.) to focus the meeting. Formal procedure may be used when necessary for effective discussion in lieu of Council's usual, more informal, process. Individuals should use procedure appropriately and courteously.
8. Council meetings are televised live; this requires Council to act professionally by:
 - Treating the public and each other with courtesy;
 - Speaking in turn and on the issue;
 - No interrupting;
 - No engaging in side conversations; and
 - No use of personal communication electronic devices while conducting business at the dais.
9. Refrain from personal attacks, including to presenters, staff, and Council.
10. Agree to be diplomatic about disagreement; leave disagreement at the dais and do not try to polarize other Councilors.
11. Call the City Manager or designee with questions and requests prior to the meeting.
12. Information available to one council member will be available to all, in a timely manner.
13. Every effort shall be made to adjourn meetings by 9:30 p.m. Council recess shall be called if meeting extends past 9:30 p.m.
14. Councilors may request on their own accord one-on-one meetings with the Mayor.

Individual Council Member Conduct Agreements

Council Members agree to:

- Be straightforward about goals and issues.
- Cultivate exchange of views with other councilors.
- Avoid saying or doing anything that would discredit or harm the City.

Commitments as a Council

Council strives to:

- Continue to improve citizen involvement, awareness and participation.
- Improve follow-up and resolution of citizen concerns or complaints.
- Act as an advocate for the City.