

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-60

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FOREST GROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION VOTING MEMBERS AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-45**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2007-45 established the Forest Grove Economic Development Commission (FGEDC), which consists of 19 voting members appointed by City Council, including one voting member for Utility: Forest Grove Light and Power or Verizon; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the FGEDC to not have current City employees serve as voting members of the FGEDC; and

WHEREAS, The role of utilities is an important element in economic growth and development; therefore, it is the desire of the FGEDC to maintain a voting member for Utility position to the FGEDC; and

WHEREAS, the FGEDC has reviewed the proposed amendments.

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

Section 1. The Forest Grove City Council hereby approves amending Resolution No. 2007-45, establishing Forest Grove Economic Development Commission, Section V, Size of Committee and Meeting Frequency, Public & Non Profit or Private Business Members, Item 5. Utility :~~Forest Grove Light and Power or Verizon.~~

Section 2. The City Council hereby declares the voting member "Utility" position vacant.

Section 3. This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 11th day of September, 2017.



Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 11th day of September, 2017.



Peter B Truax, Mayor



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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2017

PROJECT TEAM: Jeffrey King, Economic Development Manager

SUBJECT TITLE: Amend 1 of 19 voting member positions on Forest Grove Economic Development Commission

ACTION REQUESTED:

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X all that apply

BACKGROUND:

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2007-45 establishing the Forest Grove Economic Development Commission (FGEDC), which consists of 19 voting members appointed by City Council, including one voting member for Utility: "Forest Grove Light and Power or Verizon". Subsequently, the Forest Grove Light and Power Director was appointed to fill the Utility position when the FGEDC was established.

There is concern that having a city employee appointed as a voting member on any board or commission poses a conflict of interest. FGEDC is the only commission that designates a city employee be appointed as a voting member. To address this issue, staff is proposing an amendment to re-designate the position from "Forest Grove Light and Power or Verizon" to "Utility". Given the important role of utilities, be it water, power, gas, rail, broadband telecommunication or others, staff recommends the "Utility" position be retained; however, that it not allow a city employee appointed to this position.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve the resolution amending one of 19 voting members on the FGEDC from "Forest Grove Light and Power or Verizon" to "Utility" and declaring the position vacant so it can be filled appropriately.