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**City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
Homelessness: Time, Place, and Manner**

**Monday, April 10, 2023
Zoom Community Auditorium**

Minutes are unofficial until approved by City Council.

1. **ROLL CALL: COUNCIL PRESENT:** Donna Gustafson, Council President; Michael Marshall; Karen Martinez; Timothy Rippe (via Zoom); Elena Uhing (via Zoom); Mariana Valenzuela; and Malynda Wenzl, Mayor; **COUNCIL ABSENT:** None.
2. **STAFF PRESENT:** Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager; Paul Downey, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director; Ashley Driscoll, City Attorney (via Zoom); Henry Reimann, Police Chief; and Anna Ruggles, City Recorder.
 - A. 5:55 PM – COUNCIL WORK SESSION (HOMELESSNESS: TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER):

Mayor Wenzl called the work session meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. via in-person and Zoom Webinar Video Conference.

Staff Report:

Ashley Driscoll, City Attorney, presented the Staff Report via PowerPoint, giving an overview of the County's draft ordinance, enforcement, and concepts for Forest Grove to consider when creating the City's ordinance and any related policies regarding camping on public property.

During discussion, Council reached the following consensus:

- Daytime camping would be prohibited
- Staff would prepare a GIS map with the following prohibitions:
 - Within 500 feet of schools
 - Close proximity to school or transit bus stops
 - Front and rear entrances to businesses
- Waste clean-up would include animal waste
- Enforcement would be difficult but should include alternatives to monetary fines such as diversion therapy and public service
- Mayor Wenzl and Staff would each ask the County about funding for additional staff to provide outreach and enforcement

- When the time comes, community partners would also be included when planning to educate and inform the community of the ordinance so housed and unhoused can be equally advised

In response to Mayor Wenzl's question, VanderZanden replied Staff had enough information to get started on the ordinance, but they would probably need another work session to talk about some of the layers and get additional clarity on enforcement issues.

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

B. Adjournment:

Mayor Wenzl adjourned the work session at 7:02 p.m.