

WESTFIR CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

In person at City Hall with audio/video teleconference

MINUTES

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Melody Cornelius called the Special Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Councilor D'Lynn Williams, Councilor Edward Johnstone, and Councilor Kelly Packard were present. Councilor Katherine Bishop was absent.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION / DECLARE A VACANCY

Mayor Cornelius made a motion to accept the resignation of Relief City Recorder Arron Cobb and to declare a job vacancy. Councilor Williams seconded, and the motion carried, 4-0.

AYES: Cornelius, Williams, Johnstone, Packard **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTENTIONS:** 0

TRANS CASCADIA EXCURSIONS CAMPING REQUEST:

The Council considered an email from Nick Gibson of Trans Cascadia Excursions (TCE) that was sent to City Hall. In the email, Mr. Gibson explained that TCE would be hosting a volunteer work party to perform trail work, June 16-19. Mr. Gibson asked permission to accommodate around 25 volunteers in the open field on the TCE property. He stated that no fee would be charged for camping, and he was providing free meals to the volunteers. Mayor Cornelius stated that she had no issue with the camping, since the visitors were donating their time and TCE was not charging them to camp. Councilor Williams expressed concern that some of the residential neighbors might be upset because they had been told that camping would not take place until the terms of the Conditional Use Permit were met. Councilor Williams said that she had no doubt about the integrity or work quality of the volunteers, but it was important to enforce the City's agreements. City Recorder Nicole Tritten pointed out three additional work party dates posted on TCE's website (although the location of work future work parties was not specified). The Council decided to approve camping for the June event but to request that TCE find alternative camping sites for future events, in particular the mill site or the Forest Service land just upstream from the water treatment plant. The Council had no issue with meals being served on the TCE site as that use was already allowed.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Mayor Cornelius moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilor Packard seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

AYES: Cornelius, Williams, Johnstone, Packard **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTENTIONS:** 0

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Cornelius, Mayor

ATTEST:
Nicole Tritten, City Recorder

DATE