

## JOINT (CITY/PORT) WORK GROUP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Meeting Notice and Agenda  
Thursday, October 25, 2018  
7:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers**

1. Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome and Self-Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approval of August 30, 2018 Minutes
4. Citizen Input
5. City/Port Issues:
  - a. Discussion of the JWGED members to determine if any information or facts needs to be sent to the broader community.
  - b. City Economic Development Activities.
  - c. Port Economic Development Activities.
6. Reports from Other Agencies.
  - a. Presentation Regarding Long Range Electric Service Management
  - b. Energy Conservation in Rural Communities
7. Other Matters.
8. Next Meeting: November 29, 2018
9. Adjournment.

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1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.** The meeting was called to order by PP Groves at 7:00 PM. Members present: PP Jess Groves, PGM Paul Koch, CA Gordon Zimmerman, Mayor Tom Cramblett, Mount Hood Community College (MHCC) Representative Doug Scribner, and CM Busdieker. Others present were Deputy Recorder Marilyn Place and Cascade Locks Elementary School Principal Amy Moreland.
2. **Welcome and Self-Introductions.** All in the room introduced themselves.
3. **Adoption of meeting minutes of July 26, 2018. Motion:** Mayor Cramblett moved to approve the minutes from July 26, 2018, PP Groves seconded. The motion passed unanimously by PP Groves and Mayor Cramblett. CM Busdieker abstained because she was not present for the July 26, 2018 meeting.
4. **Citizen Input.** PP Groves said he would like to move Cascade Locks Elementary School Principal Amy Moreland and her presentation up in the agenda to this position.

Ms. Moreland said there have been discussions regarding a child care and a preschool program at the elementary school along with new upgrades to the school and grounds to create a more appealing school for newcomers to the community. Mayor Cramblett asked if Ms. Moreland had information regarding what the \$500,000.00 bond/levy will accomplish for the school. Ms. Moreland said the money will be used for roof repairs, upgrades to the front entrance where kids get on and off the bus and a low fence around the playground will be installed.

Ms. Moreland said inside the building new door handles on all class room doors will be installed. She said currently the handles have to be locked and unlocked from the outside which is not compliant with Homeland Security. She said a swipe card entry system will be installed for afterhours so it will activate and deactivate the alarms.

Ms. Moreland said a portion of the funds will be used to upgrade the landscaping around the building with native species that do not require as much maintenance and water. She said repairs will be done to the covered play area in the back.

PGM Koch said Ms. Moreland could carry a message to the school superintendent that the Cascade Locks community would like to see improvements to the school grounds. He said visually appealing school grounds will attract people who wish to relocate to our community inject tax dollars towards operating our school and preschool.

**5. City/Port Issues:**

**a. Port report on economic development activities.** PGM Koch said there will be a follow up community Town Hall meeting for the Airport Feasibility Study on September 12, 2018 at the Port Pavilion. He said the meeting will be to discuss what the land at the airport will look like in ten years.

PGM Koch said the State Economic Development Office is planning a meeting with all the businesses in town on how to develop resiliency. He said the meeting will take place in late September or early October.

PGM Koch said pFriem is moving forward with their warehouse plans at the Industrial Park. He said the Port received approval from the State of Oregon to start spending the \$500,000.00 from the legislatures Christmas Tree fund to encourage economic development at the Port Industrial Park.

PGM Koch said the Port has begun the enhancement updates to the Port Pavilion building which will increase revenue for the Port.

PP Groves said pFriem is one of the biggest beers nationwide and they will be bottling and canning beer here in Cascade Locks at their new 20,000 square foot facility in the Industrial Park. He said they will employ about 20 people.

PP Groves said Hueker Brothers plan on beginning a 20,000 square foot tilt up structure for their fish packing business at the Port Industrial Park. He said they will have between 12 and 15 employees. PP Groves said Willis Boyer and his business partner are ready to begin developing the lot across from the East Wind Drive In for their brew pub, Gorgeous Beer.

**b. City report on economic activities and public infrastructure.** CA Zimmerman said the City is getting the necessary work done so Oregon Mines, the bit coin company, can begin their operations here in the next couple of months.

CA Zimmerman said the City has been successful petitioning to become an Opportunity Zone. He said an Opportunity Zone is similar to an Enterprise Zone but geared towards the needs of the City and Port.

CA Zimmerman said the letter for the EDA Grant will be going out the next day. He said it's a 3.3 million dollar grant and the funds will be used to harden our electrical system.

CA Zimmerman said the City received another \$75,000.00 grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation for the Gorge Hubs project. He said the total amount received so far is \$275,000 and the budget for the project is \$300,000. He said, however, tomorrow a small grant application will be submitted which will get us another \$20,000.00 and most likely we can adjust the project to fit the budget.

CA Zimmerman said there will be significant projects happening around town summer of 2019. He said Thunder Island Brewing and Gorgeous Beer will be building their new facilities, the state will be upgrading all 56 handicap ramps and sidewalks, WaNaPa will be paved and the Gorge Hubs project, which refurbishes the Overlook Park will be going on.

**6. Reports from Other Agencies.**

**a. Principal Cascade Locks School, Amy Moreland updating preschool funds.** Ms. Moreland's presentation was moved to No. 4.

**b. Transportation report by MCEDD outlining regional transportation systems.** PGM Koch said MCEDD was unable to be here for the meeting. He said they will reschedule and when they do they'll be reporting about tying several transportation systems together in the near future.

**7. Other Matters**

**a. Approve Principal Cascade Locks School, Amy Moreland request for JWGED membership representing the school district.** CA Zimmerman asked if the group would be in favor of approving Amy Moreland's request for JWGED membership representing the school district. The group agreed to have Ms. Moreland become a non-voting member and her name will be added to the email list for meeting information.

PGM Koch said he would like to thank Ms. Moreland for stepping forward and being willing to participate with the rest of the community on the economic development efforts by the JWGED.

MHCC Representative Mr. Scribner said he is working with Aaron Sorenson to pull together a report so he can present some useful information and in turn listen to the economic development needs of the community. He said he thought it was a great idea having Ms. Moreland representing the school district at the meetings going forward.

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PP Groves said the Port and the City will be looking to MHCC for work force training for the community as companies such as pFriem move into to the Port Industrial Park and seek qualified workers.

8. **Next Meeting: October 25, 2018 7PM**
9. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

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APPROVED:

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Jess Groves, Port President

