#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07**

# A RESOLUTION CREATING ESTABLISHING BYLAWS FOR THE A-WEST LINN COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT FOR THE CITY OF WEST LINN, OREGON

WHEREAS, citizen involvement and two-way communication with residents is a West Linn priority;

**WHEREAS**, State law requires the City maintain a citizen involvement program that ensures the opportunity for citizens to be actively involved in the land use process;

WHEREAS, Goal 1 of Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals & Guidelines states that governing bodies shall adopt and publicize a program for citizen involvement that clearly defines the procedures by which the general public will be involved in the on-going land-use planning process;

WHEREAS, effective citizen involvement is essential to good government and responsible land use decisions;

WHEREAS, the following guiding principles are the cornerstones to West Linn's citizen involvement program:

- We believe active citizen involvement is essential to the future of West Linn.
- We respect and consider all citizen input.
- We encourage involvement opportunities that reflect our diversity.
- We promote participation, based on citizen involvement opportunities, of individuals and of community, business, and special interest groups.
- We provide communications to encourage citizen participation in city processes that are understandable, timely and broadly distributed.
- We organize involvement activities to make the best use of citizens' time and effort.
- We assure that citizens feel valued and respected through the process.
- We strive to achieve the highest value and efficient use of taxpayer dollars;

**WHEREAS,** prior to 2008 there are no City records indicating that the City Council of West Linn delegated the duties of the City's Committee for Citizen Involvement;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognized the West Linn Planning Commission as the City's Committee for Citizen Involvement ("CCI") in September 2008 thereby delegating the duties of complying with Goal 1 to the Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, the City Council reevaluated its program for citizen involvement at the beginning of 2014; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council decided that the importance of citizen involvement required <u>a broader cross-section</u> <u>of interests be represented</u> <u>the City Council to assume the responsibilities of on</u> the CCI;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WEST LINN RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The City of West Linn <u>formally</u> recognizes the Committee for Citizen Involvement in accordance with Attachment A, the City of West Linn Committee for Citizen Involvement Bylaws.

**SECTION 2.** The City of West Linn Committee for Citizen Involvement Bylaws are adopted.

This resolution was PASSED and ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2014, and takes effect upon passage.

OHN KOVASH, MAYOR	ATTEST:
	KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER
	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
	CITY ATTORNEY

#### **ATTACHMENT A**

# BYLAWS FOR A COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT FOR THE CITY OF WEST LINN, OREGON

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Committee for Citizen Involvement of West Linn, Oregon; hereinafter called the CCI.

#### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

The CCI shall be responsible for assisting with the development of a program that:

- 1. -Ppromotes and enhances citizen involvement in land use planning;
- 2. and eEvaluates the citizen involvement process; and
- 3. Mmakes recommendations to the City Council to improve the citizen involvement process.

#### **ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP**

The committee shall consist of the five elected members of the City Council, the appointed chair of the Planning Commission, the appointed chair of the Historic Review Board, <u>a citizen at large</u>, <u>and a business community member at large</u>.

#### **ARTICLE IV - TERM OF OFFICE**

The membership term shall be for the duration of the term of service on the City Council, Planning Commission, or Historic Review Board <u>for such members</u>. The two at large citizen members shall serve a two/four year term.

### ARTICLE V - VOTING

A quorum shall be a majority of the current CCI members. A vote shall be decided by a simple-majority of the CCI members present or by teleconference at a meeting at which a quorum is present. A quorum shall be a majority of the current CCI members.

#### **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

Meetings of the CCI shall be publicized in advance of the meeting date in accordance with state law.

## **ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS PRESIDING OFFICER**

The officers of the CCI shall be the Chair and Vice Chair. The Mayor shall serve as Chair.

# **ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the CCI.

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