

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-17**

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**A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION AND ADOPTING AN ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE AUGUST 23, 2022 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Lyles Smith submitted a letter of resignation effective April 22, 2022, attached as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, The resignation will create a vacancy in the position of mayor for the term ending December 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon City Charter Chapter III, Section 9 requires holding a special election at the next available date unless fewer than 180 days remain in the term; and

**WHEREAS**, There are more than 180 days remaining in the term of office for the Mayor's position, and

**WHEREAS**, The next available election date is August 23, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, The election statutes and the rules and policies adopted by the Oregon Secretary of State do not establish all necessary deadlines for the August 2022, special election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City calls a special election for the office of Mayor for August 23, 2022 and establishes the following procedures to be followed for that election:

(a) Petitions, and required signatures, for candidacy for the vacant mayoral position shall be submitted to the City Recorder or their designee no earlier than 9:00 AM on May 1, 2022 and no later than 5:00 PM on June 17, 2022.

(b) Declarations for candidacy for the vacant mayoral position shall be submitted to the City Recorder or their designee no earlier than 9:00 AM on May 1, 2022 and no later than 5:00 PM on June 20, 2022.

(c) Candidate withdrawals shall be submitted to the Office of the City Recorder no later than 5:00 PM on June 22, 2022.

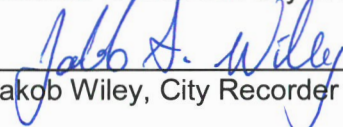
(c) The City Recorder or their designee shall deliver the certified list of candidates and other required documents to Clackamas County Elections by 4:00 PM on June 23, 2022.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission.

Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 20th day of April 2022.

  
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RACHEL LYLES SMITH, Mayor

Attested to this 20th day of April 2022:

  
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Jakob Wiley, City Recorder

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

  
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City Attorney



**Rachel Lyles Smith, Mayor**

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March 30, 2022

City Commissioners, City Manager Konkol, and Staff,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to you today to resign from the Mayor position of the City Commission effective April 22, 2022. I am resigning so that my husband and I can move out of state to be near our families. Over the last year our families have experienced multiple medical incidents that have heightened our awareness, desire and need to be near them. I think the last couple of years has reminded many of us the value of family and the irreplaceable time that can and should be spent with them. It is my desire to put family first and I can only hope that you would do the same for your family.

The last three years serving on the City Commission have been an honor and privilege and filled with many great accomplishments that I am very proud of. I still believe that we have one of the strongest, non-partisan set of volunteers on the City Commission that this city has ever had. We have demonstrated the importance of having different viewpoints on issues while also respecting other's opinions. We have taken on tough issues and been bold in our decision-making. I am confident you will keep up the good work and represent Oregon City well in the months and years ahead.

One thing I have learned during my time as a City Commissioner and Mayor of Oregon City is the excellence and dedication of City staff. You do your jobs with passion and step up whenever you are needed. We have experienced many new challenges over the last three years and you continue to show up and give your best. I am grateful to have represented this City and the work that YOU do to keep our City functioning. It has been my job to be the face and representative for Oregon City. But my job is 100% dependent on City staff, and I want to acknowledge your hard work. Without you Oregon City would not function and be a community that we all love to live and work in and others love to visit. Thank you.

One of my primary goals when I sought the Mayor position following the recall election of 2020, was to restore leadership to the Commission and be the best example I could be for those who will come after me to serve our city. I am confident that new leaders will step up

and serve Oregon City as they have done for many years. I wish the Commission, City staff, and the City as a whole, much success in the years to come. You will forever hold a special place in my heart and have given me many memories to take with me in the next chapter of my life. I am grateful.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rachel Lyles Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Rachel Lyles Smith  
Oregon City Mayor