

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Appointment to Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission

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Department: City Manager's Office
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is an action item to appoint a Eugene representative to the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC).

BACKGROUND

Interim appointments are made, when needed, to various boards, committees, and commissions outside the regular annual recruitment process. A vacancy on the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission will occur when Terry Gould's term expires on January 31, 2010. A recruitment was begun on November 30 and closed on December 31. As a result, one application was submitted.

The purpose of the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission is to act as the governing and policy-making body for regional wastewater management activities. Seven persons compose the commission, three of which represent the city of Eugene: one elected official and two citizen at-large members. The Mayor appoints the elected official and nominates the citizen representatives for three-year terms. The City Council then votes on the Mayor's citizen nominations.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

No policy issues are related directly to this action.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council can vote to approve the nominee. It can also request additional information or background on the applicant and delay the vote, or reject it entirely.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends approval of the proposed nomination.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to appoint Walt Meyer to Position 2 on the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission, for a term beginning on February 1, 2010, and ending on January 31, 2013.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Application of Walt Meyer
- B. List of Current MWMC Membership

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Interested Applicants

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I have previously served on the MWMC Commission as a City of Eugene lay representative and resigned when my wife and I joined the Peace Crops. Also active in Habitat for Humanity and the Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies.

My wife Nancy and I are long term residents of Eugene and raised our five children in this community. I enjoy the outdoors and love to fish and hike. Most important, I want to remain active in the community through service.

Personal Interest

My interest in the outdoors and my professional life have combined to further my interest in improving our stewardship of water. Cities in Oregon have made huge strides in the improvement of our streams and more can be done. Future steps for water quality improvement will require a broader participation in the way we live inside of our watersheds including urban practices, farming and forestry. I believe that MWMC has been and can be an effective partner to facilitate water quality improvements in the Willamette River.

Contribution

MWMC has been an excellent example of local governments working together for the common good of its citizens. This relationship has improved significantly in the last decade and as a commissioner, I will continue to work collaboratively with the City of Springfield and Lane County for effective management of our wastewater. Our environment is important and equally important is the prudent management of our limited fiscal resources. As commissioners, we have a duty to both the environment and the rate payers and need to find the appropriate balance. Commissioners have the responsibility to ask the difficult questions while being respectful of the staff as they do the work of the commission.

No Supplemental Answers

Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission

The MWMC is made up of seven commissioners: The City of Eugene appoints three members, the City of Springfield two, and Lane County two members for a total of seven. One appointee from each jurisdiction is an elected official, the others are lay representatives. The meetings of the commission are held once per month, and are open to the public.

1. Bill Inge, Lane County Citizen, 4th term 2/6/08-2/1/11
2. Faye Stewart, Lane County Commissioner, 2nd term, 01/01/07 - 02/01/10
3. Fred Simmons, Springfield City Councilor, 1st term
4. Doug Keeler MWMC Vice-President, Springfield Citizen, 4th term, 02/05/07-02/01/10
5. Terry Gould, Eugene Citizen, 1st term, 12/23/07-02/01/10
6. Jennifer Solomon, Eugene City Councilor, 1st term, 01/01/09 - 02/01/12
7. Hilary Loud, MWMC President, Eugene Citizen, 2nd term, 01/01/09-02/01/12