

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



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## Appointment to Police Commission

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Meeting Date: November 8, 2010  
Department: Police  
*www.eugene-or.gov/policecommission*

Agenda Item Number: 2C  
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### ISSUE STATEMENT

This item is the appointment by the City Council of a new member to the Police Commission to serve the unexpired term of Marilyn Nelson.

### BACKGROUND

Each year, the council makes appointments to boards, committees and commissions. Chapter 2 of the Eugene Code addresses standing committees to the City Council and the appointment process. For most standing committees created in the Code, the council is the appointing authority. The normal recruitment period for boards, committees and commissions begins in January unless a resignation occurs mid-term. The Mayor nominates candidates and the council appoints members to this commission.

Due to Ms. Nelson's resignation, one vacancy has occurred on the Police Commission. Ms. Nelson's term is set to expire on June 30, 2011, and her replacement will assume the remaining part of this term. Recruitment for this position yielded four applicants. A committee of the Police Commission met with the candidates to answer questions about the work of the Police Commission and to meet the candidates. Subsequently, the commission forwarded a memorandum to Mayor Piercy, offering the commission's recommendations regarding the four candidates. Two of the four applicants responded to the Mayor's invitation and completed interviews with Mayor Piercy. One applicant has also applied for a vacant position on the Human Rights Commission. From the two candidates, Mayor Piercy recommends appointing Mr. Bob Walker.

### RELATED CITY POLICIES

The Eugene Police Commission is a 12-member citizen body that acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council, Chief of Police and the City Manager on police policy and resource issues. The Police Commission was created by City Ordinance No. 20136 in December 1998.

### COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council may:

1. Appoint the candidate nominated by the Mayor.
2. Appoint another candidate after reviewing all of the applications.
3. Choose no candidate at this time.

**CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION**

The City Manager has no recommendation on this item; the appointments are made by the City Council.

**SUGGESTED MOTION**

Move to appoint Bob Walker to Position 7 on the Police Commission, filling the unexpired term of Marilyn Nelson, ending on June 30, 2011.

**ATTACHMENTS**

A. Police Commission Applications (Bob Walker and James Manning)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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# Interested Applicants

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## Police Commission

Name **James I. Manning Jr** Evening Phone **541.653.8604** Day Phone **541.729.0284**  
 Address **1170 Throne Dr** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **3 years**  
**Eugene OR 97402** Ward **6** Neighborhood **None**  
 Occupation **Operations Manager** Employer **Weyerhaeuser**  
 Business Address **195 N Bertlesen Rd** Fax **E-Mail manningst@comcast.net**  
**Eugene OR 97402** How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of Mouth**

### Optional Information

Gender **M** Age **56-65** Ethnicity **African American** Disability **N** Description

Additional Languages spoken **English**

### Education / Training

**MA Organizational Leadership (3.8 GPA), Chapman University, Fort Lewis/McCord, Washington Campus (Certificate in Human Resource Management)**  
**BA Criminal Justice Administration (4.0 GPA), Columbia College University, Columbia, Missouri**

### Job Experience

**Operations Manager (2010 – Present)**  
**Assistant Plant Manager/Operations Manager (2007 – 2010)**  
**Operations Manager, U.S. Army, Fort Lewis, Washington (2005 – 2007)**

### Community Service / Volunteer

**Pearl Buck Center Board of Directors, board member 2009-present**  
**Royal Creek Homeowners Association Board of Directors, Board President 2010-present**

### Personal Experience

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## Personal Interest

**As a fairly new member of our community I feel a personal obligation to continue to support our community. A seat on the commission would be a good fit for my talents and experience.**

## Contribution

**I have first had experience in policing and corrections. I understand the relationship and trust instilled in law enforcement by our community and its citizens. I my talents and experiences will be positive assets to the boards.**

1 What is your understanding of the role of the Police Commission within the community?

**As I understand the role of the commission is to serve as a member for the purpose of reviewing police policies and procedures.**

2 What do you see as the role of the Police Commission relative to City government?

**I understand the role of the Police Commission to City Government is an advisory board in support of Mayor's office and Eugene Police Department.**

3 What community issues, related to the work of the Police Commission, are of interest to you?

**Maintaining a positive professional department dedicated to the service and protection and trust of all our citizens and the community.**



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## Police Commission

Name **Robert E. Walker** Evening Phone **541-344-8421** Day Phone **541-520-7490**  
Address **2575 Jackson Street** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **15 years**  
**Eugene OR 97405** Ward **1** Neighborhood **Friendly Area Neighbors**  
Occupation **Retired** Employer  
Business Address Fax E-Mail **rewmole@comcast.net**  
How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of Mouth**

### Optional Information

Gender **M** Age **56-65** Ethnicity **White/European American**  
Additional Languages spoken **English**

### Education / Training

**High school graduate. Some college course work.**

### Job Experience

**Retired Detective Sergeant. Homicide Investigator for the city of Richmond, Virginia, 29 years. U.S. Marshal's Court Security Program, Eugene Oregon. Retired after 12 years as Lead supervisor.**

### Community Service / Volunteer

**In 1995, I served on the Eugene Human Rights Commission as an advocate for citizens who had been discriminated against. I now volunteer with the Eugene Library; Eugene Police Department, Image Retrieval Team; Violent Crimes unit and Cold Case Squad.**

### Personal Experience

**I come from a varied background. Born in New York, where I graduated high school. Served my country in the Navy and raised 3 children while on the police department. Proud to be grandfather to 7 and soon to be a great grandfather.**



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## Personal Interest

My interest in a career in law enforcement began in high school and I never looked back. I have made the study and professionalization of policing a life's work. I have always been in service to my country, city and neighborhoods. I have enjoyed interacting with people and helping people in both bad circumstances and those who could not help themselves. I Helped charter and served on the Virginia Silver Star Foundation, which assisted widows and orphans of Police and Firefighters killed in the line of duty. I was appointed by the Governor of Virginia to serve on the Virginia Juvenile Justice Commission to oversee the revamping of the laws dealing with young people in Virginia. I believe Eugene should have the best and most professional police department. The citizens of Eugene deserve no less.

## Contribution

I would contribute by bringing the benefit of over 40 years of experience in law enforcement to the commission. My perspective may be a bit different because I served in a different city with different methodologies and policies than Eugene. My skills and knowledge of the various Police divisions I worked over my career make me an excellent candidate for this commission. I have a continuing desire to serve my community and to see that we constantly strive to better ourselves by making the right moral choices that will benefit us all in the long run.



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1 What is your understanding of the role of the Police Commission within the community?

**The Police Commission Serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council, City Manager and Chief of Police. It may make suggestions as to policy and review current or proposed policy. Most importantly, The commission provides a forum for citizens express their concerns and to better understand the workings of the police in their community.**

2 What do you see as the role of the Police Commission relative to City government?

**City government must necessarily rely on commissions in a general sense to help inform it of specific and technical issues related to its need to govern. The Police Commission, because of its diverse composition will provide feedback from the community in an unbiased and thoughtful manner. Objective information helps government do its job in a more efficient and equitable manner.**

3 What community issues, related to the work of the Police Commission, are of interest to you?

**I am interested in all of the aspects of the commission. The obvious issues of use of force, Taser policy and crime in the downtown area are the most controversial at the moment but I believe if the policies put in place are sound in the methodology and professional in their context. These issues can and will be worked out. Having the input of the community to assist the commission in decision making is one of the more interesting aspects for me personally. I feel a strong community input is essential to building trust.**