

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: Appointment to Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission

Meeting Date: January 28, 2013
Department: Public Works
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Agenda Item Number: 2F
Staff Contact: Michelle Cahill
Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-8606

ISSUE STATEMENT

This is an action item to appoint one member to the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission to fill a position with a term which will expire January 31, 2016.

BACKGROUND

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 whom 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.

The recruitment for the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission was initiated in November 1, and concluded on December 31, 2012. There were three applicants. One of the applicants is Walt Meyer, who is reapplying for his position. The MWMC General Manager provided a letter of recommendation for Mr. Meyer.

The Mayor nominated Mr. Meyer for reappointment.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council working under an intergovernmental agreement.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council has the following options:

1. Appoint the applicant who has been nominated;
2. Appoint someone else;
3. Seek additional candidates for this position.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager has no recommendation on this item; the appointment is made by the council.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

I move to appoint Walt Meyer to Position 2 on the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission for a term beginning on February 1, 2013, and ending on January 31, 2016.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Applications
- B. List of Current MWMC Membership

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Interested Applicants

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Name **Joann . Ernst** Evening Phone **541-302-8003** Day Phone **541-30-8003**
Address **1295 Buck St** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **12 years**
Eugene OR 97402 Ward **8** Neighborhood **Churchhill Area Neighborhood**
Occupation **Environmental Chemist** Employer **Analytical Labs and Consultants**
Business Address **531 W. 5th** Fax E-Mail **ernstlabrat@yahoo.com**
Eugene OR 97401 How did you learn of this vacancy? **Web Site**

Optional Information

Gender **F** Age **56-65** Ethnicity **White/European American** Disability **N** Description

Additional Languages spoken **English**

Education / Training

Bachelors degree in Chemistry

Job Experience

I have worked in the field of water, including testing, treatment, and policy writing, for over 15 years. I understand waste water treatment, NPDES permits, how the use of treated water relates to waste water and how to best service customers

Community Service / Volunteer

Many committees including EWEB board member, LCOG budget committee, and other non-profits that help the community lead a healthy life style.

Personal Experience

I believe in the governmental system the city of Eugene has with a council, mayor, city manager and different types of committees (advisory being one). This is a great way to give everyone a voice their community.



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Personal Interest

I have a personal interest in how natural resources are used to benefit people. This includes water air and land. That is why I like to work on committes that deal with energy, garbage, water and waste water.

Contribution

Help the treatment plant to stay ahead of the newest technologies and so it can continue to provide the best sewer service to the customers at the lowest risk to the environment.

No Supplemental Answers



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Name **Walter J. Meyer** Evening Phone **503 360-7515** Day Phone **541 431-1280**
Address **3987 Brae Burn Drive** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **30 years**
Eugene OR 97405 Ward **2** Neighborhood **Southeast Neighbors**
Occupation **Engineer** Employer **West Yost Associates**
Business Address **1650 W. 11th Avenue** Fax **E-Mail walt.oregon@gmail.com**
Eugene OR 97402 How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of Mouth**

Optional Information

Gender **M** Age **56-65** Ethnicity **White/European American** Disability **N** Description

Additional Languages spoken **Spanish** **German**

Education / Training

Received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University. I am a registered professional engineer in environmental and civil engineering.

Job Experience

I work as a consulting engineer assisting communities with their planning, design and construction of potable water and wastewater systems. I have 43 years of experience and have worked with most major municipalities and Districts in Oregon.

Community Service / Volunteer

Serve on the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission. Active member of the Oregon ACWA and serve on its board and as a co-chair of the water quality committee. Served in the Peace Corps and with Habitat for Humanity.

Personal Experience

My wife Nancy and I are long term residents of Eugene and raised our five children in the community. I enjoy the livability of our community and wish to continue my service to the community.



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Personal Interest

I have a strong passion to continue our communities' work towards the protection of the environment while being fiscally prudent. As part of my statewide work in water quality, I am very interested in finding win-win solutions for environmental challenges. For example, I recently helped the City of Medford craft a NPDES permit and agreement with The Freshwater Trust to develop thermal credits through steambank restoration. I hope to continue my work on the commission as we face water quality challenges including toxicity control, asset management and wet weather compliance.

Contribution

I hope to continue fostering a positive relationship between the Cities of Eugene and Springfield and Lane County on the commission. Our challenge in the next several years will be to satisfy the temperature requirements related to our discharge and I hope to be an active participant in finding effective solutions. MWMC can also help its members through support of their respective asset management programs as well as wet weather flow management. I hope to bring my experience to the commission so we can continue our important mission.

No Supplemental Answers



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Name **Zach F. Mulholland** Evening Phone **541-419-4041** Day Phone **541-419-4041**
 Address **3470 Alder St.** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **3 yrs. 6 mo.**
Eugene OR 97403 Ward **2** Neighborhood **Southeast Neighbors**
 Occupation **Student** Employer **University of Oregon**
 Business Address **1585 E. 13th Avenue** Fax E-Mail **zachm@uoregon.edu**
Eugene OR 97403 How did you learn of this vacancy? **Web Site**

Optional Information

Gender **M** Age **26-35** Ethnicity **White/European American**

Additional Languages spoken **English**

Education / Training

Pursuing a B.S. in Physics, University of Oregon, graduation date December 2013
B.S. in Political Science, University of Oregon, December 2010

Community Service / Volunteer

Board Member, Oregon Organic Coalition, Eugene, Oregon (4/16/2012-present)
State Board Vice-Chair and UO Chapter Chair, Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, Eugene, Oregon

Job Experience

Legislative Aide and Intern, Oregon House of Representatives, Salem, Oregon (7/15/2011-9/1/2011 and 1/10/2011-7/1/2011)
Server, Chao Pra Ya, Eugene, Oregon (12/29/2010-

Personal Experience

I think that my experiences as a legislative aide, as a server, and as a canvasser for clean water and conservation issues prepared me to work with the public and my coursework in Public Planning and board experience should help me on the board.



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Personal Interest

I want to help people and I think that volunteering for a local board or commission is one of the best ways to do that. It sounds like an opportunity to get into the nitty gritty of issues that affect people's lives and to have a positive impact on the community. With regards to the Wastewater Management Commission, I like wrapping my head around systems and seeing how different parts work together to make systems that work better and I expect that this is a commission that could use this type of approach.

No Supplemental Answers

Contribution

I would like to do what I can to ensure Eugene has an efficient and forward thinking wastewater management system. This could include water conservation and reclamation efforts similar to those underway in Las Vegas and other water-poor cities. In addition to keeping down costs, some of these practices, like using reclaimed water for irrigation, can keep more water in the river to begin with. It would be my goal to provide the best possible balance between cost, quality, and minimizing environmental harm.

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CHARGE

The purpose and objective of the Commission is to provide wastewater treatment services on a regional basis for the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area and to take action necessary or convenient to perform its functions and duties.

Source of Existence: Intergovernmental Agreement - February 9, 1977
(Eugene, Springfield, Lane County)

Bylaws: Yes
Code: --

Sunset Date: Mandatory/Council

Membership: 7 (1 Springfield elected official, 1 citizen member)
Number: (1 Eugene elected official, 2 citizen members)
(1 County elected official; 1 citizen member)

In City: } Bylaws do not specify residence requirement
Out City: }

Terms: 3 years or at pleasure of governing body
Ward: No
Qualifier: See Membership

Appointed By: City Elected Official: Mayor/Council recommendation
County Elected Official: Lane County Board of Commissioners
Citizen members: City Council/Lane County application

Meeting Time: At least one meeting each month at a time specified.
Occasional night meetings

Funding Source: MWMC

Staff Liaison: Ron Bittler, Environmental Services/MWMC General Manager
Len Goodwin, DPW Director/ MWMC Executive Officer
Michelle Cahill, Eugene Wastewater Director

Council Liaison: Marilee Woodrow, Springfield City Councilor
George Brown, Eugene City Councilor

STAKEHOLDERS**Metropolitan Wastewater Mgmt****Active**

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Total Stakeholders in the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission - 7