

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is an action item to appoint members to the Budget Committee, Civilian Review Board, Historic Review Board, Human Rights Commission, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, Planning Commission, Police Commission, Toxics Board and Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee.

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 each body. For most standing committees created in the code, council is the appointing authority.

The annual recruitment for boards, committees and commissions was initiated on January 20, 2015, and concluded on March 27, 2015. The recruitment was publicized on the Internet, in newspapers, at City offices, and at City- and neighborhood-related meetings and events.

Members of the council were provided with copies of the applications. Applicants who received five or more votes to be reappointed, were automatically placed in nomination for formal appointment. Those who received at least three votes in any category were invited for an interview.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The boards, committees and commissions serve as advisory bodies to the City Council in the development of various City policies.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council may:

1. Appoint applicants who have been nominated;
2. Appoint other applicants from the pool, or
3. Seek additional candidates for these positions.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

Budget Committee

There are three vacancies on the Budget Committee. One incumbent reapplied and received enough votes for reappointment. From the eligible pool of candidates, the council chose to interview three applicants. One applicant withdrew, leaving only two candidates to be interviewed.

Move to reappoint Jill Fetherstonhaugh to Position 4 on the Budget Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to appoint Lori Mace to Position 6 on the Budget Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to appoint Scott Nowicki to Position 8 on the Budget Committee, for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Civilian Review Board

There are three vacancies on the Civilian Review Board; three incumbents (Bernadette Conover, George Rode, and Debra Velure) applied and received enough votes in the initial balloting process to be nominated for reappointment. The council also chose to interview three applicants (Lindsey Foltz, Heather Marek, and Natalie Medina). After the balloting which followed the interview process, only one incumbent (Bernadette Conover) received enough votes to be automatically nominated for appointment.

On April 22, 2015, a CRB subcommittee met to review the applications and recommend qualified candidates for council consideration. All eight applicants received a rating.

Move to reappoint/appoint _____ to Position 5 on the Civilian Review Board, for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to reappoint Bernadette Conover to Position 6 on the Civilian Review Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to reappoint/appoint _____ to Position 7 on the Civilian Review Board, for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Historic Review Board

There is one vacancy on the Historic Review board. Two applicants applied; however, one applicant withdrew. The Mayor and Planning Commission Chair Bill Randall interviewed the one remaining applicant.

Move to appoint Savannah R. Herrell to Position 6 on the Historic Review Board for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019.

Human Rights Commission

There are five vacancies on the Human Rights Commission; three incumbents reapplied and received enough votes for reappointment. From the eligible pool of candidates, the council chose to interview

six applicants.

Move to appoint _____ to Position 1 on the Human Rights Commission, an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2017.

Move to reappoint Debra Merskin to Position 7 on the Human Rights Commission, a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to reappoint Andrew Thomson to Position 8 on the Human Rights Commission, a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to reappoint Philip Carrasco to Position 9 on the Human Rights Commission, a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to appoint Edward McGlone to Position 10 on the Human Rights Commission, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Lane Regional Air Protection Agency

There is one vacancy on the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency; one incumbent reapplied and the Mayor recommended him for reappointment.

Move to reappoint Joseph Gonzales to Position 3 on the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Planning Commission

There are two vacancies on the Planning Commission. Four applicants, including two incumbents were interviewed.

Move to reappoint William Randall to Position 6 on the Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019.

Move to appoint Marshall Wilde to Position 7 on the Planning Commission for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019.

Sustainability Commission

There are four vacancies on the Sustainability Commission. All four are councilor-appointee positions and were filled by councilor appointment

Councilor Clark appointed _____ to the Ward 5 position for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019.

Councilor Evans appointed Alexis Biddle to the Ward 6 position for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019.

Councilor Syrett reappointed Sue Wolling to the Ward 7 position for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019.

Councilor Poling appointed Thomas Price to the Ward 8 position for a four-year term beginning July

1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019.

Toxics Board

There are two vacancies on the Toxics Board; one is for an “industry” position and one is an “advocacy” position. Two applicants applied for one of these positions and both were interviewed.

Move to appoint Marcus Baxter to Position 3, an industry representative on the Toxics Board for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to appoint Evan Shenkin to Position 6, an advocacy representative on the Toxics Board for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee

There are five vacancies on the Whilamut CPC. Four incumbents reapplied and the Mayor nominated all for reappointment. The Mayor also nominated the only applicant for the one remaining vacancy for appointment.

Move to reappoint Janette (Aryana) Ferguson to Position 3 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to reappoint Carolyn (Elizabeth) Koch to Position 4 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, for a term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to reappoint Bitty Roy to Position 7 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, for a term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to reappoint Timothy Werth to Position 10 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, for a term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

Move to appoint Colleen McCaffrey to Position 13 on the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Planning Committee, for a term beginning on July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.

ATTACHMENT

A. Results of Ballot for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

NOTE: A notebook containing all applications and related information was provided to City Councilors in April. Please refer to notebook for additional details on the applicants and committees.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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