

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

April 10, 2017
5:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Mayor Vinis opened the April 10, 2017, meeting of the Eugene City Council.

A. WORK SESSION: Process for Appointment of Ward 4 City Councilor

Council Support Manager Beth Forrest and City Attorney Glenn Klein gave an update and background information on the Ward 4 appointment and possible election process.

Council discussion:

- Prefer longer recruitment to give people time to make the decision to serve.
- Process should be consistent with the Ward 6 recruitment in 2012.
- Allowing more time could enhance candidate pool.
- Goal should be to choose replacement as expeditiously as possible.
- Need to be thoughtful, deliberate, and inclusive as possible, but also recognize need to have full complement of councilors.
- Support extending the timeline without jeopardizing the process.
- Important issues will be deliberated; Ward 4 should have equal representation.
- Election process needs to be clear to everyone with an interest in serving.
- Ensure adequate time for council discussion.

MOTION AND VOTE *with friendly*: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to extend the application deadline to May 19, 2017. **PASSED 4:3**, Councilors Semple, Clark, and Evans opposed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to direct the City Manager to bring back a resolution related to the election on the Ward 4 2018 term. **PASSED 7:0**.

B. WORK SESSION: Process Session

City Manager's Office Division Manager Mia Cariaga, Council Support Manager Beth Forrest and Council Support Coordinator Rawson Baylor-Pino, gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the 2017 Boards and Commissions recruitment process, information on outreach strategies, summary of applicants, and potential process moving forward.

Council discussion:

- Candidates should receive at least four votes to proceed to interview and be given three minutes to speak at the interview.
- Support the idea of scheduling all interviews during regular council meeting time.
- Support requesting that candidates deliver prepared remarks rather than respond to questions.
- See value in retaining option to reappoint incumbents; support shortening interview process.
- Consider changing interview vote threshold once Ward 4 vacancy has been filled.
- Provide interview prompts in advance so candidate can prepare to speak. (E.g., “Tell us why you want to be a committee member and what your qualifications for this position are.”)
- Support limiting the number of votes for interviews to three times the number of vacancies for each advisory group (e.g., three vacancies on board = maximum of nine votes for interview).
- Pleased with this year’s outreach efforts and the response from interested applicants.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest

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1. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Jerry Diethelm – Supported changing the name of Broadway Plaza to Kesey Square.
2. Mike Cetto – Supported exporting water to help the world and more shade around the city.
3. Stefan Strek – Encouraged the government to listen to citizens’ concerns.
4. Sue Sierralupé – Gave an update on Occupy Medical and requested handwashing stations.
5. Drix – Expressed pleasure about how supportive the Eugene community is.

Council discussion:

- Appreciate hearing all voices; public forums are very important.
- Support handwashing stations downtown and renaming Broadway Plaza.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Clark, moved to approve the items on the consent calendar. **PASSED 7:0**

3. PUBLIC FORUM UPDATES

City Manager’s Office Division Manager Mia Cariaga gave an update to council about potential changes and additions to the public forum, including video recordings of testimony as an additional way for people to be heard.

Council discussion:

- Support video pilot program; videos should be made available to everyone.
- Support limiting the number of speakers rather than reducing speaking time.
- Analysis needed of the number of speakers per meeting; important to maintain flexibility.
- Public Forums are wonderful; bad idea to reduce people’s speaking time.
- Support the idea of videos as a supplemental engagement option; public forums are essential.
- Support two-minute rounds for testimony.

- Quantify the effectiveness of video testimony by counting the number of hits.
- Favor a lottery system for speakers rather than first come, first served format.
- Quality is better than quantity; prefer to limit forum to 90 minutes.
- Suggest piloting an additional sign-up sheet where speakers can nominate one speaker to testify on behalf of group, all come up to podium where their names would be read.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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