



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Monday, July 8, 2019
Keizer Civic Center, Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Kim Freeman, Councilor
Marlene Parsons, Councilor (phone)
Laura Reid, Councilor
Roland Herrera, Councilor
Elizabeth Smith, Councilor
Dan Kohler, Councilor

Staff:

Chris Eppley, City Manager
Shannon Johnson, City Recorder
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

City Attorney Shannon Johnson announced that Council Procedures do not allow for attendance via phone so Council would need to suspend the rules to allow Councilor Parsons to participate in the meeting via telephone.

Councilor Freeman moved to suspend the rules so that Councilor Parsons could participate in the meeting by phone. Councilor Herrera seconded.

Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Clark, Reid, Freeman, Parsons, Herrera, Smith and Kohler (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

DISCUSSION

a. Charter Review Committee

Mr. Johnson reviewed his staff report and went through the options.

Mayor Clark clarified the Charter Review Committee options and the importance of the City Charter. City Manager Chris Eppley explained the role of the Charter.

Discussion followed regarding committee appointment processes.

Mayor Clark then explained that one of the recommendations that Council will make to the Charter Review Committee will be to remove Chapter 44 and make sure the language is updated throughout the document. The committee will do the detail work and then bring Council their findings.

Council will develop the ballot title.

It was noted that the Charter covers all residents – voting or not - so it is important to have as many different perspectives on the committee to include a wide variety of voices.

Mayor Clark noted that she would be appointing two councilors to be on the Charter Review Committee and that the Volunteer Coordinating Committee had recommended five qualified people. At this time those volunteers are required to be registered voters. This is an option of Council and can be altered with a clear, equitable reason.

Councilors shared their thoughts regarding requirements of Charter Review Committee members, the ‘elector’ vs. ‘citizen’ requirement, the Volunteer Coordinating Committee process, Councilor expectations of their appointee to the VCC, and input they had received regarding the elector requirement.

Mayor Clark noted that because there was a lot of sentiment toward changing the requirement from ‘elector’ to ‘resident of the city’, this matter would be addressed at the July 15 Council meeting.

The next item to be addressed would be how to make the change in the committee. Following discussion on the options, Mayor Clark noted that the options that would be brought to Council on the 15th would be a direct appointment for a position or to reopen the recruitment for two positions through the VCC. Council will choose whether or not to accept the recommendation of the VCC for the five members and then provide direction for the other two positions or possibly send all recommendations back and begin recruitment anew.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

Cathy Clark

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor #1 – Laura Reid

Councilor #4 – Roland Herrera

Councilor #2 – Kim Freeman

Councilor #5 – Elizabeth Smith

Councilor #3 – Marlene Parsons

Councilor #6 – Daniel R. Kohler

Minutes approved: 08-05-19