



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Monday, June 8, 2020
Keizer Civic Center, Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:

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

Staff:

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

DISCUSSION

a. Keizer Charter Review

City Attorney Shannon Johnson reviewed his staff report explaining the process the Charter Review Committee took to reach the proposed draft. He pointed out that the matrix provided to Council has an additional column which shows input received from outside Counsel.

Council reviewed the matrix. Mr. Johnson provided clarification and explanation as needed.

Discussion followed regarding municipal court emergency locations, accessibility, home jurisdiction and virtual appearances at court proceedings.

Mr. Johnson noted that outside counsel had suggested removal of the sections regarding public improvements and condemnation since they are covered by state laws. He added that the Charter Review Committee members were detail oriented and very thoughtful and had accomplished the review commendably.

Further discussion took place regarding scheduling ongoing charter review, reimbursable expenses, the advisability of Councilor stipends and the filling of vacancies. Mr. Johnson noted that scheduling future Charter review would be more appropriately done through a resolution.

Mr. Johnson then explained he will make the tweaks from outside counsel and follow up on the times requested by Council and have a draft for the June 15 meeting. After June 15 and July 6 Public Hearings Council can give direction to staff. This can be done at the July 6 meeting or the one

following.

Mayor Clark expressed gratitude to the Charter Review Committee noting that the changes made make the document easier to understand. Councilor Smith, who served as Chair of the Charter Review Committee, echoed Mayor Clark’s comments and gratitude.

Mr. Johnson thanked his assistant, Tammie Harms, for coming to the meetings and keeping everything straight. He pointed out that the gender-neutral language was harder to do than anticipated and thanked Tammie for her help with that. He also noted that the Committee had discussed including inclusivity language but he had recommended not having it in the Charter; but to have Council deal with it in a resolution.

Mayor Clark verified that there would be two public hearings and then Council would deliberate and the Charter would go to the voters in the November general election.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:40 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

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