

MINUTES
Troutdale City Council – Regular Meeting
Troutdale Police Community Center – Kellogg Room
234 SW Kendall Court
Troutdale, OR 97060

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – 7:00PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by Girl Scout Troop 12380

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL AND AGENDA UPDATE

PRESENT: Mayor Ryan, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Lauer, Councilor Kranz, Councilor White, Councilor Moon and Councilor Hudson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Ray Young, City Manager; Sarah Skroch, City Recorder; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Chris Damgen, Community Development Director and Erich Mueller, Finance Director.

GUESTS: See Attached.

Mayor Ryan asked, are there any agenda updates?

Ray Young, City Manager, replied there are no updates.

3. MOTION: Election of 2019 Council President

Mayor Ryan stated I will take nominees.

NOMINATIONS:

- Councilor Hudson nominated Councilor Ripma for Council President.

MOTION: Councilor Hudson moved to elect Councilor Ripma as Council President for 2019. Seconded by Councilor Lauer.

VOTE: Councilor Ripma – Yes; Councilor Lauer – Yes; Councilor Kranz – Yes; Mayor Ryan – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Moon – Yes; and Councilor Hudson – Yes.

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment on non-agenda and consent agenda items is welcome at this time.

Rich Allen, Troutdale resident, stated I think we're going to have a good Council for 2019-2020 and I look forward to it. I have a few things that I want you to be aware of. Never promise your vote. People will try to mislead you to get you to promise a vote and they'll hold you to that. People will overhear you speaking with others or others speaking to you and they'll attribute their comments to you and may get mad at you for what they said. Don't just read the packet, understand and verify with other sources. The best decisions are made with the best information. Consider different views and learn from each other. Gossip has motives and is usually wrong. Don't believe every item of gossip you hear. Don't be so quick to give responsibilities of your city away to other jurisdictions. If you don't do anything different than your surrounding jurisdictions it is impossible to be any better than your surrounding jurisdictions. Troutdale is a special place. Do what you can to keep it that way.

Paul Wilcox, Troutdale resident, stated I have a handout of my public comment (a copy is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A). Before I start I wanted to emphasize what the Mayor was saying as far as Councilor Ripma filling in for him. He's always done an excellent job. For the big portion of my commentary I'm going to read this (Exhibit A) because it's been a month in the making. I want to mention that this is related to Item #6 on tonight's agenda but it's not directly related. Paul Wilcox read from his handout.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 5.1 MINUTES:** November 27, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting and December 11, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting.
- 5.2 MOTION:** Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Lauer. Motion Passed 7-0.

6. MOTION: A motion accepting the Selection Committee's recommendation for appointment to the Parks Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, Budget Committee, Planning Commission and Historic Landmarks Commission.

MOTION: Councilor Lauer moved to approve the recommendations forwarded by the Selection Committees. Seconded by Councilor Hudson.

VOTE: Councilor Ripma – Yes; Councilor Lauer – Yes; Councilor Kranz – Yes; Mayor Ryan – Yes; Councilor White – Yes; Councilor Moon – Yes; and Councilor Hudson – Yes.

Motion Passed 7 – 0.

7. DISCUSSION: A discussion on City Council appointments to EMCTC, RDPO and MPAC.

Mayor Ryan stated I would like to nominate Jamie Kranz for the EMCTC. I have sat on that seat for the last 2 years. The first year I was good but this last year work has just taken me away from being able to be there. It is an important committee and one that needs to be attended often. It meets once a month on a Monday from 3 to 5.

Councilor Ripma asked, Jamie, are you willing?

Councilor Kranz replied I was going to ask if I could. That would be great.

Ed Trompke, City Attorney, stated go through them all and get a consensus and then do a roll call at the end with all three.

Mayor Ryan stated I can be the alternate for EMCTC. The next one is the RDPO which Councilor Lauer expressed some interest in that.

Councilor Lauer stated yes, absolutely. I'd be more than willing to do it.

Councilor Moon stated I'll throw my hat in the ring on that one.

Mayor Ryan asked, will we have an alternate on that too?

Ray Young replied yes. I had been kind of serving as the alternate and Rich had been the primary. If anybody has any questions, you could ask Rich Allen on how it operates. MPAC is rotating among the 3 cities. Councilor Morgan was our alternate 2 years and our primary last year. It's Fairview's turn for the primary and Wood Village is going to find the alternate.

Ed Trompke stated the appointment process is not by vote of the Council. Section 18(c) of the Charter says that the Mayor appoints Councilors or others to represent the City before a non-community and intergovernmental organization.

Mayor Ryan stated Councilor Kranz will serve EMCTC and I'll be the alternate. I'm going to choose Councilor Lauer for RDPO and Councilor Moon will be alternate. I also suggest that you guys do go together.

8. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ray Young stated the League of Oregon Cities Day at the Capitol is on January 24th. You've all been offered an opportunity. I'm going to register Councilor Lauer and myself. If anybody wants to go, email me tonight or tomorrow. It will be morning events from 9 to 12. We are closed on for Martin Luther King Day on January 21st. We have hired an electronic media specialist, Kevin Mooney. On January 22nd we're going to have a photographer here to update photographs for Council.

9. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Ripma stated Happy New Year.

Councilor Lauer stated Happy New Year and welcome, Councilors Kranz and Moon.

Councilor Kranz stated Happy New Year and I'm looking forward to working together.

Mayor Ryan stated thank you for your comments, Councilor (Rich Allen). My goal for 2019 is to keep up the positive motion that we've had over the last couple of years.

Councilor White stated Happy New Year. I agree with the Mayor in that there was a lot of wisdom in what Councilor Allen said during public comment. I want to welcome the 2 newest Councilors.

Councilor Moon stated thanks for the warm welcome. Everyone has been super nice.

Councilor Hudson stated I echo everyone's sentiments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Lauer. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.



Casey Ryan, Mayor
Dated: January 23, 2019

ATTEST:



Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder

Exhibit A

1/8/19 Council Mtg. Item #4

Since committee appointments are on the agenda tonight, I thought this would be an appropriate time to address issues with the committee member selection process.

The procedure, as described in Section 2.20.020 of the Troutdale Municipal Code, reads "The selection committee is comprised of the city council and the highest ranking officer of the respective committee, who will serve as chair of the selection committee. The selection committee shall interview all applicants for the position when feasible." A literal interpretation of this would be that there is a separate and distinct selection committee for each of the City's citizen committees. While each selection committee would have the entire Council in common, each selection committee would have a different chairperson, except where the same person was the highest ranking officer for more than one committee.

[This structure is also reinforced by the statement within each committee description that members are "Appointed by the city council.

Recommended by selection committee of the city council and the highest ranking officer of the Budget Committee" or any of the other named committees.]

However, for at least the last two years, what I would describe as a "super-committee" model has been utilized. In fact, the committee meeting agenda description for the Dec. 6, 2018 session reads "The Selection Committee, which includes the City Council and the Chair of each committee, will meet to interview applicants to serve on the Budget Committee, Planning Commission, Parks Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Historic Landmarks Commission." The meetings have also been run very differently than a collection of five different selection committees meeting consecutively. The pattern has been that the Mayor or Council President has acted as the de facto chairperson of this overarching super-committee, with every committee chairperson being free to participate and provide input on the selection of members for any and all of the various committees. One advantage I'll acknowledge in having all the chairpersons having access to all the applicants is that it provides an opportunity for them to "recruit" members for their committees who may not have applied to those particular committees. On the other hand, I don't see that the chair of the Budget Committee is especially qualified to be involved in the

selection of members for the Parks Advisory Committee, or vice versa, or any other combination of committees.

In any case, the most recent practices are not in accord with the TMC as written. If the Council wishes to adopt the super-committee model, the TMC should be revised to reflect that. The CAC could be tasked with that project, although City Manager Ray Young did suggest back in Nov. 2017 that the CAC review some other committee member selection practices, and the CAC never took it up. The language could also be simply revised and updated by the City Attorney.

Another related issue that came to the fore this past December was that due to Council elections every two years there's the potential for 3 or 4 Council members participating in the selection process not being in office subsequent to the applicants being appointed. Since the Council and the selection committee are the same bodies, it seems inappropriate for "lame duck" Council members to be involved in filling 3 or 4 year positions into the future, not to mention that any new Council members will not have had any say in those selections. Another aspect of this is if Council members leaving office have applied for committee positions. This could be easily avoided by scheduling the selection interviews in late January. The code already allows for committee terms to be extended beyond Dec. 31 if positions have not been filled.

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