CITY OF TROUTDALE

"Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge"

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Troutdale Police Community Center – Kellogg Room
234 SW Kendall Court
Troutdale, OR 97060-2078

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – 7:00PM

Mayor
Casey Ryan

City Council
David Ripma
Randy Lauer
Jamie Kranz
Glenn White
Nick Moon
Zach Hudson

City Manager
Ray Young

City Recorder
Sarah Skroch

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE.**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment on non-agenda and consent agenda items is welcome at this time. *Public comment on agenda items will be taken at the time the item is considered. Public comments should be directed to the Presiding Officer, and limited to matters of community interest or related to matters which may, or could, come before Council. Each speaker shall be limited to 5 minutes for each agenda item unless a different amount of time is allowed by the Presiding Officer, with consent of the Council.*

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
    3.1   **RESOLUTION:** A resolution accepting the November 5, 2019 Special Election results from the Director of Elections, Multnomah County, Oregon.
    3.2   **RESOLUTION:** A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Metro and the City of Troutdale for funding the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Metro and Local Government Annual Waste Reduction Program.
    3.3   **RESOLUTION:** A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for Electronic Equipment Services.

4. **REPORT:** A report from the Port of Portland on the Troutdale Airport and the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park.   *Emerald Bogue, Port of Portland*

5. **MOTION:** A motion accepting the Selection Committee's recommendation for appointments to the Budget Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, Historic Landmarks Commission, Parks Advisory Committee, and Planning Commission.   *Mayor Ryan*

6. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution amending Section 7, Parks, of the Fees and Charges Schedule adopted by Resolution 1954 and amended by Resolution 2040.

Fred Ostler, Public Works Director, and
Tim Seery, Parks and Facilities Superintendent

7. **DISCUSSION:** A discussion on Election Reform, including continuation on the STAR voting discussion from the November 11, 2019 meeting. *Paul Wilcox, Troutdale Resident, and*
Councilor Hudson

8. **DISCUSSION:** A discussion on Mayors' Square Parking Lot – Tree Well

Ray Young, City Manager,
Tim Seery, Parks and Facilities Superintendent, and
Carol Allen, Parks Advisory Committee Chair

9. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

10. **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Casey Ryan, Mayor
Dated: December 4, 2019

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

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – 7:00PM

1.   PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE

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

PRESENT: Mayor Ryan, Councilor Ripma, Councilor Kranz, Councilor White (7:01pm), Councilor Moon and Councilor Hudson.

ABSENT: Councilor Lauer (excused).

STAFF: Ray Young, City Manager; Sarah Skroch, City Recorder; Ed Trompke, City Attorney; Tim Seery, Parks & Facilities Superintendent; Fred Oster, Public Works Director and Ryan Largura, Environmental Specialist.

Mayor Ryan asked, are there any agenda updates?

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

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

Tina Tebbins, Troutdale resident, stated she was a former member of the Public Safety Advisory Committee and her husband, Carl Tebbins, served for 7 years on the Citizens Advisory Committee. She stated they care very much for their community. She explained her concerns about a property at 812 SW Hensley Road. She's concerned about the individual that lives there. There are some huge problems with 6 vehicles and things getting piled up. She's concerned about a possible vermin problem at the property.

3.   CONSENT AGENDA:
   3.1 RESOLUTION: A resolution accepting the November 5, 2019 Special Election results from the Director of Elections, Multnomah County.
   3.2 RESOLUTION: A resolution approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between Metro and the City of Troutdale for funding the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Metro and Local Government Annual Waste Reduction Program.
   3.3 RESOLUTION: A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for Electronic Equipment Services.

TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES   1 of 11
December 10, 2019
Exhibit A – Councilor Lauer's written statement for agenda item #5
Exhibit B - PowerPoint presentation STAR Voting by Councilor Zach Hudson

MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Hudson.
Motion Passed 6-0.

---

4. REPORT: A report from the Port of Portland on the Troutdale Airport and the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park.

<0:05:00>
Steve Nagy, Senior Manager for General Aviation and Ken Anderton, Senior Manager of Real Estate Development for the Port of Portland introduced themselves.

Ray Young gave the Council handouts on the Port of Portland and the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (a copy can be found in the meeting packet).

Steve Nagy explained the Port is in the process of implementing the 2016 Master Plan which the Council was very involved in. The Port is also completing a study for the lower half of the south side of the Troutdale Airport and is the area of future aviation development. In order to complete the runway reconstruction and the south side redevelopment, the FAA requires the Port to do an environmental analysis which is 2/3 of the way done. The runway reconstruction is planned for 2022.

<0:09:14>
Ken Anderton explained the TRIP property has been sleepy in terms of construction activity, but Amazon is up and running and FedEx is planning an expansion. Both companies are competing against each other and raising some of the hourly rates. The Port is making a conscience effort to focus on a sector of jobs and there needs to be more of a balance in terms of the types of jobs like manufacturing. The natural resource aspect of the project is going fantastic. The 40-Mile Loop trail is a project the Port is working on in partnership with Metro and ODOT. ODOT is doing the federal contracting and the trail is fully designed. The only problem is the Corps will be releasing soon its preferred options for the levee certifications through the Sandy River all the way down to the Willamette River. That could impact a couple sections of the trail. It's still slated for completion in 2021. CRG finished their building and have gone in for permits for a CNS Grocers and will have around 150 employees. The Port continues with recruitment efforts and bringing quality jobs to the community.

---

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

<0:18:36>
MOTION: Councilor Ripma made a motion to appoint Tanney Staffenson for Position #4, Sandy Glantz for Position #5 and Paul Wilcox as Alternate for the Budget Committee. Seconded by Councilor White.

Ray Young read a written statement from Councilor Lauer (attached as Exhibit A to these minutes).

TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES   2 of 11
December 10, 2019
Exhibit A – Councilor Lauer's written statement for agenda item #5
Exhibit B - PowerPoint presentation STAR Voting by Councilor Zach Hudson

Councilor Ripma stated last year's Selection Committee was a fiasco. The reason the committee decided to accept Tanney Staffenson's application was because there were fewer applicants than the positions available. Last year there more applicants than positions available. He thinks the committee should consider late applications if there are not enough applicants.

<0:24:16>
Councilor Kranz stated the selection process has always been clunky at best. The process needs to be streamlined so communication mistakes are not made again. Councilor Lauer brings up some good points. There was a deadline and it was missed. It's the committee's job to be fair and consistent with the rules. If the decision made at the Selection Committee meeting is amended, it's just one year and there will be another year.

<0:27:41>
Mayor Ryan explained his opinion about last year and what happened to Mr. Canfield was not okay. Coming into this year there was a rule that if you were late with your application, you were late. There were 4 applicants for the Budget Committee, 3 turned in on time and 3 openings. The one person that didn't get their application in on time was Tanney Staffenson. Why would the committee ask one of the 3 people who got their applications in on time and asked to be on the Budget Committee specifically to go serve on another committee?

<0:31:47>
Councilor White stated he feels the opposite. The committee used to automatically reinstate the chairs/veterans. It's often hard to get enough volunteers for open positions. There are going to be more openings on the Budget Committee. Kyle recently emailed that he has scheduling conflicts and would not be re-applying.

<0:36:31>
Councilor Moon stated he was not at the Selection Committee meeting because he was working. Tanney is a great guy but a rule is a rule and if you're late you're late.

Councilor Hudson stated he would like to speak in support of Tanney. Tanney explained there was an emergency. Some years ago, someone came in 45 minutes late to their interview because of an emergency and it was understood, and the committee proceeded with that interview.

<0:40:10>
Councilor Ripma clarified the 3 people that asked to be on the Budget Committee with applications turned in on time were appointed.

Mayor Ryan opened public comment.

TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES   3 of 11
December 10, 2019
Exhibit A – Councilor Lauer's written statement for agenda item #5
Exhibit B - PowerPoint presentation STAR Voting by Councilor Zach Hudson

Rob Canfield, Troutdale resident, stated last year he applied to be reappointed to the Budget Committee and that he submitted his application late. He didn't believe that would be an issue because the City had emailed him an acknowledgement of his application and gave him an appointment time for an interview with the Selection Committee. On the evening of the interviews he received a phone call from the City asking if he could come in earlier for his interview because the other interviews had finished early. After arriving for his interview Councilor Ripma informed him that he wasn't eligible for being on a committee because his application was not turned in on time. He was shocked, embarrassed, angered and humiliated by the Selection Committee and the City's actions. He explained he has never been treated with such disrespect and contempt. He was told that this year's Selection Committee had received a late application from Tanney Staffenson. But according to the rules that Council implemented last year, Tanney should've been made ineligible because his application was turned in late. He then found out that the City had recommended Tanney be reappointed to the Budget Committee even with a late application. At the Selection Committee meeting several of the City Councilors said that due to Mr. Staffenson's long history of service on city committees, he should be reappointed to Budget Committee. If you appoint anyone that submitted a late application this will show corruption. He urged Council to step back from the precipice and obey the rules that they set.

<0:52:48>
Paul Wilcox, Troutdale resident, stated he was at the Selection Committee meeting as an applicant. One of the first things Ray mentioned was that there were 2 late applications, Tanney and Jon Lowell. He explained that Jon's wouldn't be accepted because there were 5 applicants for the Citizens Advisory Committee but Tanney's would for the Planning Commission because there weren't enough applicants. Mr. Staffenson is not eligible for the Budget Committee based on his late application.

<0:54:52>
Ray Young stated Mr. Staffenson's application came in the day after the deadline so the City had time to do the background check on him so he could be on the list. There are 5 current vacancies right now and are actively recruiting for another round of interviews.

Diane Castillo White, Troutdale resident, stated she knows Tanney Staffenson. She is on a couple of committees and attends Council meetings and Planning and Budget meetings for 14 years. Tanney does a fabulous job on Budget Committtee. He is polite, gives everyone a chance to speak fairly and he doesn't have biases or an agenda. He has a wisdom as a Chair on the committees. You can tell he really cares. Although others have applied, she can't imagine them having more background and City knowledge than Tanney does.

<0:59:07>
Tanney Staffenson, Troutdale resident, stated he would like to apologize because Council has been put in a difficult position. He stated his application was late, but he doesn't think it's necessary to be lectured on being on time. It was brought up that

someone with County budgeting experience didn't get appointed to Budget Committee and that was Rob Kodiriy and he was appointed to Budget Committee. This is a tough position for the City. Pending the decision, he would like the opportunity to address the committee again.

<1:01:50>
Tana Canfield, Troutdale resident, stated as a Troutdale citizen she has always been very proud of Troutdale. She came to meetings in support of different issues. What she finds in the last year or so is that she's disappointed and frustrated. She hopes Council will bring back integrity.

Councilor Ripma explained that when he talked to Mr. Canfield on the night it was decided his application wouldn't be considered it had been discussed for quite a while. Mr. Canfield was polite but hurt. It was a disaster. The committee is not committing some sort of corruption. It's following a rule established last year but not established very clearly. It's a good rule.

<1:09:58>
Councilor Kranz stated there are too many inconsistencies in the selection process.

Councilor White stated Ray clarified before the meeting started that Tanney's application would be accepted. Tanney had a death in the family and he doesn't get paid for anything he does. The rules need to be tightened up at this point. The alternative would be to not fill that position on the Budget Committee.

Mayor Ryan stated this isn't personal. There is a rule. The applicants were given 3 months to get their applications in. The City has failed to have rules that are black and white.

<1:14:54>
Ray Young stated if staff had foreseen another late application the rule would have been clarified. Staff won't let this happen again but that won't solve it for this year.

Councilor Ripma suggested not appointing the Budget Committee now and opening it up for applicants again.

Mayor Ryan stated that would be best.

Rob Canfield stated he thinks a do over is a good idea.

Mayor Ryan stated he wants to make it clear that he doesn't want future Council members to go through this again and it should be discussed at the Goal Setting meeting coming up.

TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES   5 of 11
December 10, 2019
Exhibit A – Councilor Lauer's written statement for agenda item #5
Exhibit B - PowerPoint presentation STAR Voting by Councilor Zach Hudson

<1:21:33>

Councilor Ripma withdrew his motion for Budget Committee appointments.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma made a motion to appoint David Wheation for Position #2, Timothy Erich for Position #3, Alexander Lumiere for Position #4, Shelly Reynolds for Position #5 and Heidi Hinshaw for Alternate for the Citizens Advisory Committee. Seconded by Councilor Hudson.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma made a motion to appoint Erin Janssens for Position #2 and Sharon Nesbit for Position #3 for the Historic Landmarks Commission. Seconded by Councilor Kranz.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma made a motion to appoint Shelly Reynolds for Position #2, James Gurtisen for Position #4, Natalie Rasmussen for Position #5 and David Wheaton for Position #6 for the Parks Advisory Committee. Seconded by Councilor Kranz.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION: Councilor Ripma made a motion to appoint Tanney Staffenson for Position #6, Sandy Glantz for Position #7 and Timothy Erich for Alternate for the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilor White.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

6. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution amending Section 7, Parks, of the Fees and Charges Schedule adopted by Resolution 1954 and amended by Resolution 2040.

TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES   6 of 11
December 10, 2019
Exhibit A – Councilor Lauer's written statement for agenda item #5
Exhibit B - PowerPoint presentation STAR Voting by Councilor Zach Hudson

<1:25:55>
Ray Young directed Council to look at agenda item #6, Exhibit A with the existing and proposed changes in rental fees.

Fred Ostler, Public Works Director, gave a brief overview of the staff report.

Tim Seery, Parks & Facilities Superintendent, asked if there were any questions about the proposed changes.

Councilor White asked if the number of rentals is declining or increasing.

Tim Seery replied he hasn't seen any change. He's noticed a different clientele.

Councilor White asked why rates are being raised $300.00 for a full day.

Tim Seery explained that it's cost recovery and Troutdale is middle of the road compared to other cities that were surveyed.

MOTION: Councilor Hudson moved adoption of a resolution amending Section 7, Parks, of the fees and charges schedule adopted by resolution 1954 and amended by resolution 2040. Seconded by Councilor Moon.

VOTE: Councilor Ripma – Yes; Councilor Kranz – Yes; Mayor Ryan – Yes; Councilor White – No; Councilor Moon – Yes; and Councilor Hudson – Yes.

Motion passed 5-1.

Councilor White asked if the City could track the usage of the shelters and buildings to see if there is a decline or not.

7.   DISCUSSION: A discussion on Election Reform, including continuation on the STAR voting discussion from the November 11, 2019 meeting.

<1:37:22>
Paul Wilcox, Troutdale resident, gave a brief overview of the slides in his STAR Voting discussion presentation (included in the meeting packet). There was a charter amendment in November of 1976 (Paul read from agenda item #7 in the Council packet). Question: Shall members of the City of Troutdale Council be elected by position? Explanation: Under the present City of Troutdale Charter everyone seeking a position on the Council runs at large, each against all the others. The three candidates who receive the most votes are elected. If amended as proposed, each candidate would run for one of the three open positions as he or she may choose. For example, if a candidate wanted to challenge the councilman holding position number 2, he would file for that position. Each council position would be elected separately. When the voters approved this there was some unforeseen consequences which are represented in column 1 of the presentation slide with a whole slew of unopposed candidates. The way the amendment was proposed, it talks about challenging the councilmen,

TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES   7 of 11
December 10, 2019
Exhibit A – Councilor Lauer's written statement for agenda item #5
Exhibit B - PowerPoint presentation STAR Voting by Councilor Zach Hudson

so it's implying that you have an incumbent running. About 1/3 of the time in all the elections between 1978 and now, there wasn't an incumbent running. It averages out to about 5 candidates per election. On average, every election there's going to be 1 candidate running unopposed. Every 2 elections there's 2 candidates running unopposed. At any one time on average, you're going to have 2 sitting councilors who will run unopposed. The two main reasons for running opposed is lack of candidates and the distribution of candidates. Paul read from the Lake Oswego City Charter and reviewed the 6 numbered examples of Top 3, term limits, resign to run, two-year term for Mayor, Council-appointed Mayor and reduce number of Councilors from 6 to 4 (included in the packet agenda item #7).

<1:56:03>
Councilor Hudson stated that Clay and Annie from STAR Voting are in attendance and can answer questions. At the last discussion on STAR voting questions came up about what good it would do and there hasn't been a problem before. Councilor Hudson showed the Council a PowerPoint presentation (attached as Exhibit B to these minutes). STAR voting and Top 3 voting are compatible and could happen together. He's suggesting referring to the voters in November the option to adopt STAR voting and Top 3 voting and neither of them to be contingent upon the other.

Councilor Kranz asked if it was referred to the ballot in November, would there also be an option to just keep it how it is?

Councilor Hudson replied if no was voted on both then the current system would remain. And that could be explained in the voter's pamphlet.

<2:10:27>
Councilor Ripma stated the City Council should not refer these. It should be done by the people. People in Troutdale have the right to petition to change the Charter. They have that right and they can exercise it and it will look better coming from them rather than us. He is confident that he would have been elected each time he was elected had it been Top 3 voting because of name recognition. If someone is doing a bad job, you can challenge them but with Top 3, all you can do is run and hope that you and your colleagues make that person come in fourth. It's hard to make a Councilor accountable to the voters. For STAR voting the same argument applies, it should come by a petition from the people of Troutdale. There is a big committee for STAR voting, and they may have the resources to circulate that in Troutdale. STAR Voting has not been adopted anywhere. He doesn't think Council should adopt it.

<2:16:55>
Councilor Hudson stated if the notion that voting is democracy and STAR voting is a gameshow, are we trying to establish whoever can win or are we trying to get information from the voters about who they want? If democracy means letting the voters choose who best suits them then we must support STAR voting. There are game theory simulations that can test contentions. It is true that no system is perfect but there are better systems. Paul Wilcox did try to circulate a petition and followed the rules by not approaching houses with no soliciting signs.

TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES   8 of 11
December 10, 2019
Exhibit A – Councilor Lauer's written statement for agenda item #5
Exhibit B - PowerPoint presentation STAR Voting by Councilor Zach Hudson

<2:22:30>
Councilor Moon stated this is a much better presentation and he thinks having it organically grow through the public does look better.

Councilor Kranz stated she thinks it would be great to put this out to the voters however it gets on the ballot. She is opposed to term limits.

Mayor Ryan stated the presentation was way better than the last one. He doesn't understand why it would make the Council look bad if they sent this to the voters. He thinks the voters should decide one way or the other. This item should be on a future agenda, STAR Voting and Top 3, so the Council could take an official vote on it.

<2:25:34>
Ray Young stated he would call Multnomah County to see what costs would be for processing these types of ballots.

Diane Castillo White explained she has done some research on STAR Voting to better understand it (a handout was distributed; a copy can be found in the meeting packet). Lane County voted no but it's coming back again. Eugene is working on it. It hasn't gone through Multnomah County yet. Lane County and Multnomah County are both going through a petition process. It has not proven itself in the State of Oregon and she prefers Troutdale not be a case study.

<2:36:23>
Paul Wilcox stated he forgot to mention earlier that resign to run is mostly to prevent candidates neglecting their current position to run for another position. Locally if you don't have resign to run then you get a mid-term Councilor elected Mayor, his seat is vacated for the next 2 years and then you have an appointed Councilor. In his opinion they should be elected. In Benton County they passed ranked choice voting, which is very similar, but they haven't had a chance to use it yet.

---

8.   **DISCUSSION:** A discussion on Mayors' Square Parking Lot – Tree Well.

<2:41:38>
Ray Young gave a brief overview of the staff report.

Mayor Ryan asked if the Parks Advisory Committee has approved the tree well.

Tim Seery, Parks & Facilities Superintendent, replied the committee has approved it and support it.

Councilor White stated this item has history and it's been voted down with past councils. A live tree takes ongoing care and it's subject to damage with the city's winds. A live tree provides flexibility to a prime location with limited space and multiple uses. It's an important to look at the overall potential uses of that space. A lot of people rely on income from selling Christmas trees.

TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES   9 of 11
December 10, 2019
Exhibit A – Councilor Lauer's written statement for agenda item #5
Exhibit B - PowerPoint presentation STAR Voting by Councilor Zach Hudson

Councilor Kranz stated she looked at the marks outlining the potential well and it doesn't look too intrusive.

Councilor Ripma stated he thinks there would be disadvantages to a live tree like Glenn mentioned. To put in the well at the time that the parking lot is being redone is the most economical time to do it. He asked if the PAC is okay with making the decision of what kind of tree later.

Brenda Austin, Parks Advisory Committee Vice Chair, replied yes.

<2:48:24>
MOTION: **Councilor Ripma moved to put in a tree well in Mayor's Square Park now and discuss the tree later. Seconded by Councilor Moon.**

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

Motion passed 6-0.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

<2:48:54>
Ray Young provided the following staff communications:
- Next Council meeting is January 14th
- City offices closed December 25th and January 1st
- Friday Night is the Holiday Movie Night

10. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

<2:49:48>
Councilor Ripma wished everybody Happy Holidays.

Councilor Kranz stated she applied for a policy committee with the League of Oregon Cities to serve as a transportation policy committee member and was accepted.
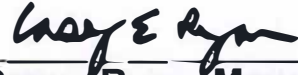
Councilor White stated the City is getting closer to having their community resource officer on board and the code enforcement officer is starting soon.

Councilor Hudson stated he loves the idea of having an ad hoc committee regarding the committee and commissions recruitment process and volunteered to be on the committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Exhibit A – Councilor Lauer's written statement for agenda item #5
Exhibit B - PowerPoint presentation STAR Voting by Councilor Zach Hudson
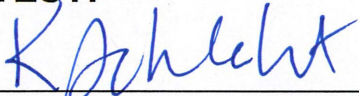
Meeting adjourned at 9:51pm.

Casey E Ryan
Casey Ryan, Mayor
Dated: January 30, 2020

ATTEST:

K Schlaht

Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder

TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 10, 2019
Exhibit A – Councilor Lauer's written statement for agenda item #5
Exhibit B - PowerPoint presentation STAR Voting by Councilor Zach Hudson

11 of 11

CITY OF TROUTDALE

City Council – Regular Session
7:00PM
Tuesday, December 10, 2019

PLEASE SIGN IN

Name – Please Print	Address	Phone #
Tina Tebbews	1140 SW Harwsley	508 661-6845 503 66
Brenda Austr	1521 SE Evans Ave	253 709 6995
Tara Canfield	217 SE Swallsraw Cove	43.839.9279
Robert Canfield	Troutdale	503-995-5524
Annie Kallen	120 SE 126th Ave Portland	503-841-8427
Ken Anterdon	603 C W. Cv. 'S Av	503-415-6575
Paul Wilczz	TROUTDALE	
Diane Costillo	Troutdale	503 888-1405
Tannsy Staffenson	1820 Wiss Col Riv Nm	503-319-9732

Ray Young

From:	Randy Lauer
Sent:	Tuesday, December 10, 2019 8:38 AM
To:	Casey Ryan
Cc:	Ray Young
Subject:	December 10th, 2019 - Agenda Item #5

Council, Staff, and Public in Attendance,

I wanted to first apologize for my absence at tonight's meeting. My wife and I are celebrating our 2nd anniversary and could not be here tonight. Also, I'd like to apologize for my confusion during the committee interviews and the process we all thought we agreed to during last years interview fiasco.

It was my understanding we agreed to the policy that if you turned in your application to a citizen committee late, your application will not be accepted (we'll call this the "Canfield Clause").

Now, somewhere along the way we muddied the waters a bit by amending the policy to allow late applicants if the committee they applied to had more vacancies than applicants. I'm not sure when and where this was agreed to but this serves as the point of my confusion during the interview meeting. I do not and did not agree to this amendment.

Let me be clear here: I value ALL our citizen volunteers and the time they invest in their community. It's a thankless task they take on and one that we as a council appreciate greatly.

In saying that, I view the application process, and subsequent committee interviews, as a job application and job interview process. If you want the job you seek, you must apply for it on time and in the manner presented to you. No question. And, if you and your application want to be considered, you must interview in-person for the position applied for. No question.

This is the only way we can assure that we as a council, and selection committee, remain impartial, fair, and transparent during this process.

Unfortunately, this invalidates the application of Tanney Staphensen, for the budget committee.

I appreciate the time Tanney has devoted to the city's budget committee and processes but I cannot in good faith, continue with my recommendation to approve Mr. Staphensen's appointment to the budget committee. I invite Tanney to apply, on-time, for the budget committee during the next application process.

Thank you,
Randy Lauer

Sent from my iPhone

STAR Voting

What is the current problem?
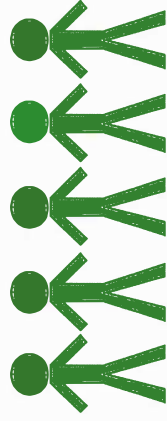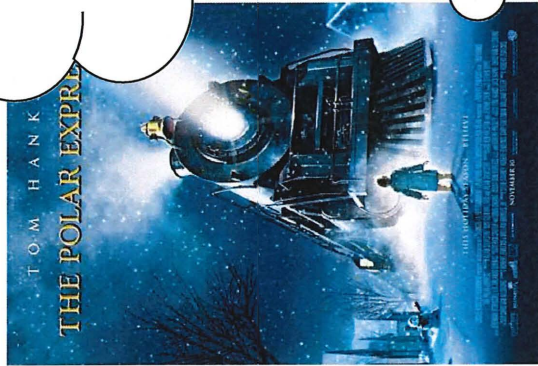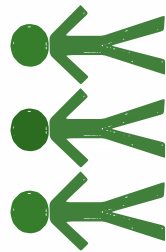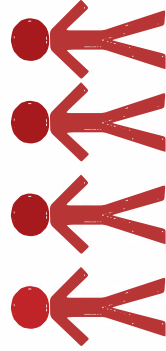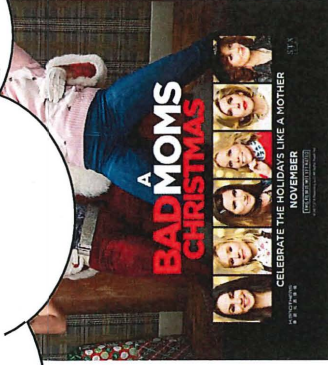
What is the current problem?
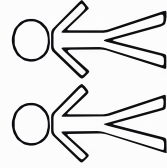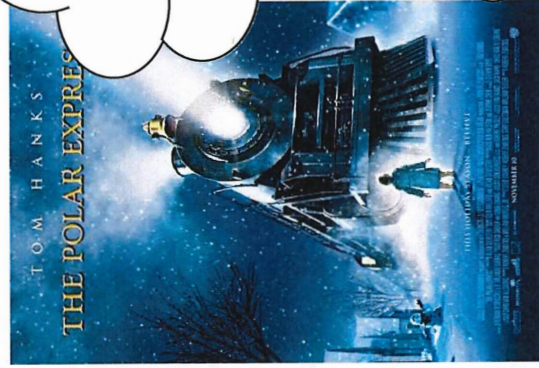
Maybe I shouldn't actually vote for my favorite.
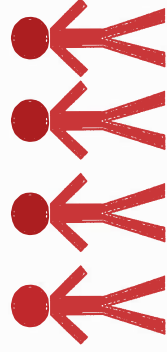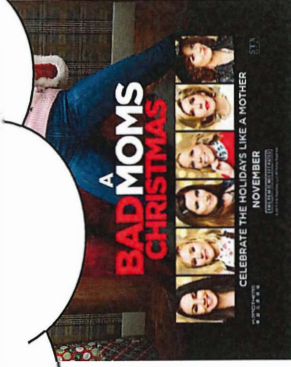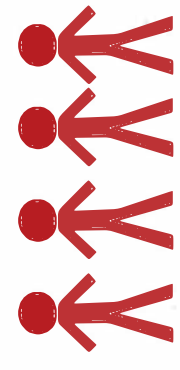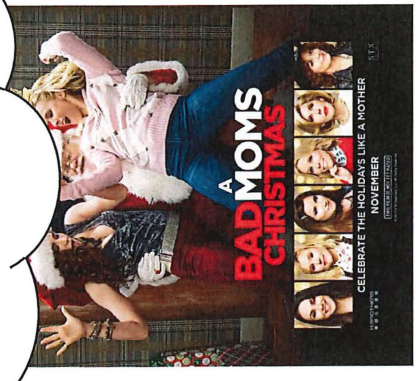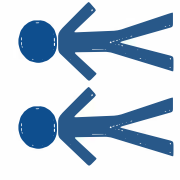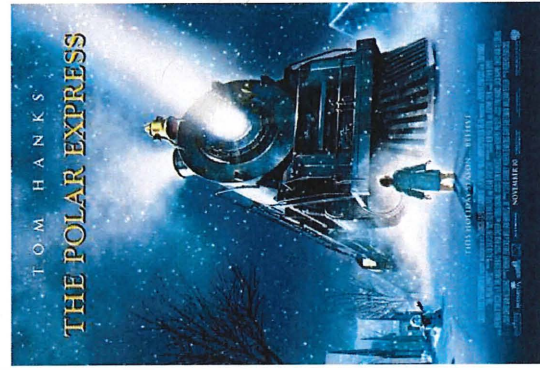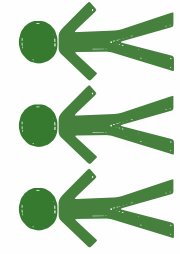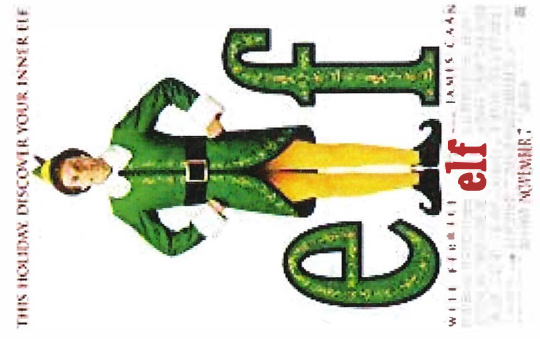
"One of Hamlin's favorite examples of the failures of first-past-the-post voting is the 1991 Louisiana gubernatorial election. There was a moderate candidate: widely liked Democratic incumbent Gov. Buddy Roemer. Among the other candidates were the notoriously corrupt Democrat Edwin Edwards, later sentenced to a decade in federal prison for racketeering, and former Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard David Duke, a Republican.

Roemer did overwhelmingly better than Edwards in head-to-head polling. Roemer also did overwhelmingly better than Duke in head-to-head polling. But he lost to both of them in the three-way open primary, so the general election was between a racketeer and a white supremacist — even though the electorate of Louisiana preferred Roemer over either of them, according to Hamlin."

Kelsey Piper on Vox.com, November 15, 2018

People have preferences beyond "yes" and "no".

- A good voting system must allow for "better" and "worse".

- What is the real purpose of a vote?

- Who makes the best leader?

  The candidate who is most people's #1 favorite?

  OR

  The candidate whom most people can agree on?

It's not complicated.

Customer reviews

⭐⭐☆☆☆ 4

2.0 out of 5 stars ⌄

5 star	50%
4 star	0%
3 star	25%
2 star	0%
1 star	25%
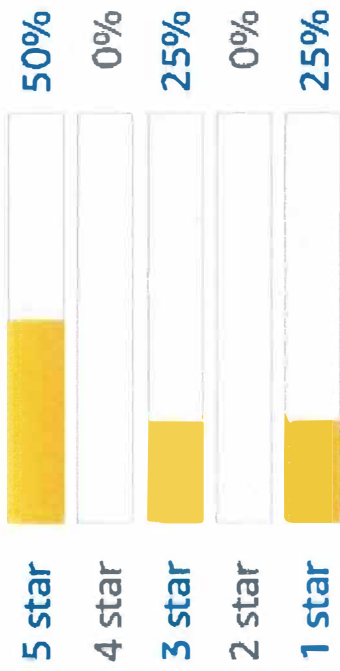
Share Your Feedback

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I believe this product is made of high quality materials	○	○	○	❯	○
I would recommend this product to someone else	○	○	○	○	❯

Submit

Top Three Voting

Since City Councilors don't represent districts, why do we elect them to specific seats?

- Separate races limit voter choice.
- Separate races make races less competitive.
- Separate races encourage rivalry and negativity.

Scenario #1: one challenger.

Seat 1   Seat 2   Seat 3

A   B   C

D
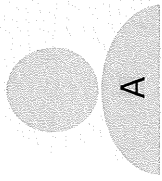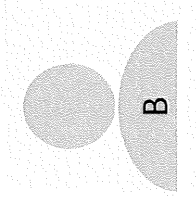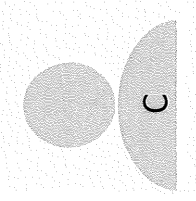
- Challenger must select one incumbent to challenge.
- Two incumbents get a free ride.
- Challenger has too much influence on the outcome.
- Voter choice is limited.

Scenario #2: multiple challengers.

Seat 1   Seat 2   Seat 3

A   B   C

D   F

E
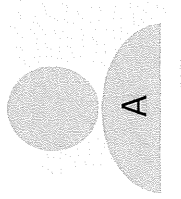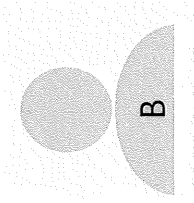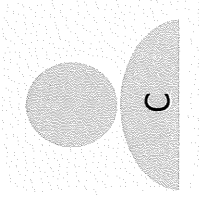
- Potential imbalance in challenged seats.
- Voter choice is limited.
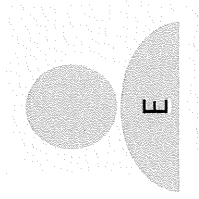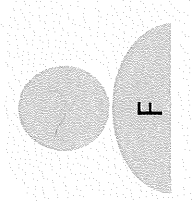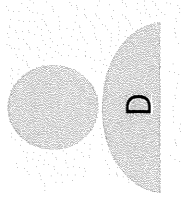
Scenario #2: multiple challengers.
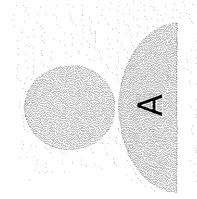
Seat 1	Seat 2	Seat 3
A	B	C
D	E	F
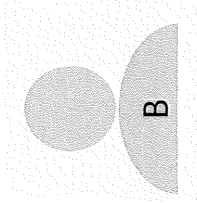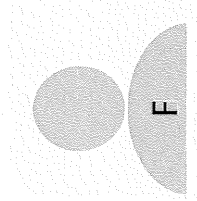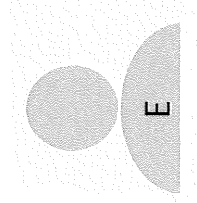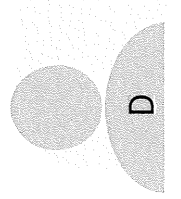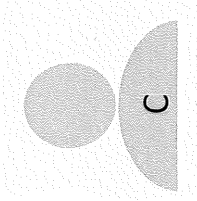
- Increased likelihood of forming coalitions.
- Voter choice is limited.

Scenario #3: open seat.

open

B

C

D

E

F

G

H
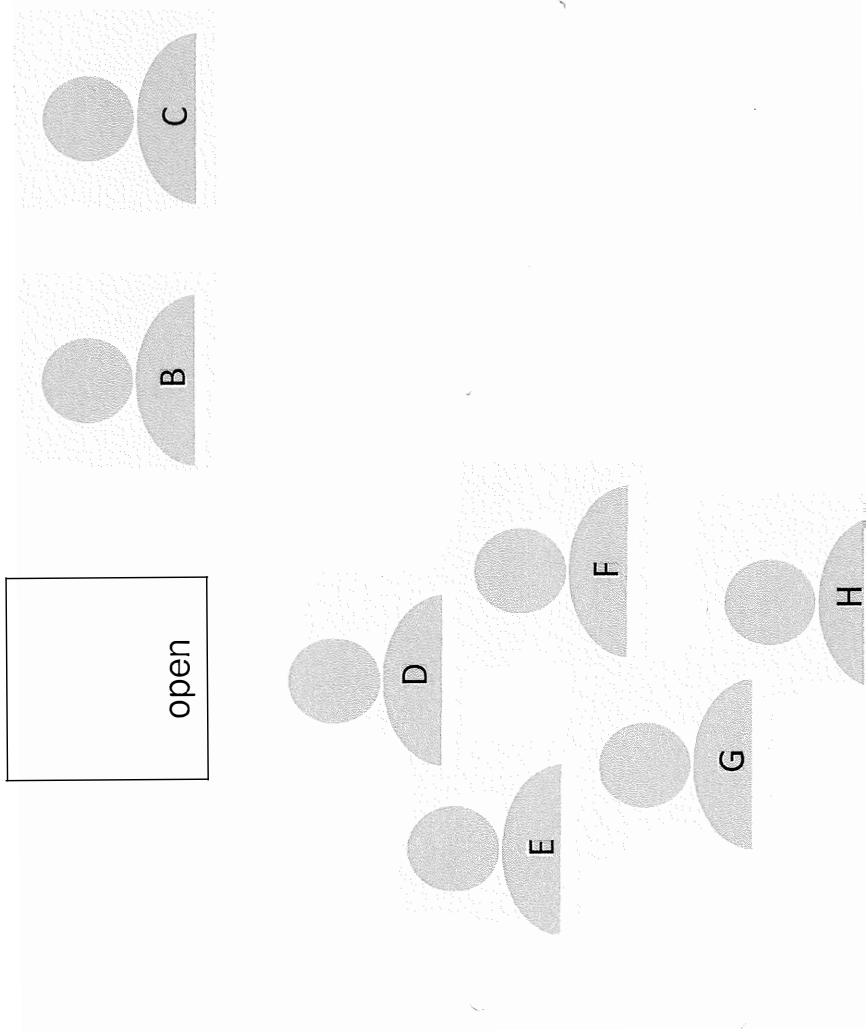
- Likely imbalance in challenged seats.
- Incumbents likely unchallenged.
- Voter choice is limited.

In each of these scenarios, voters are not free to pick their three favorite candidates.

- Candidates themselves have too much influence on the lineup.
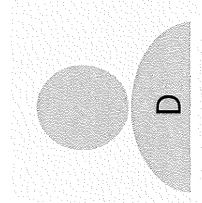
- Races are often imbalanced.

Under the current system, there are **eight** different combinations of three that could be elected in this scenario.

Seat 1   Seat 2   Seat 3

A   B   C

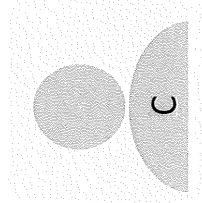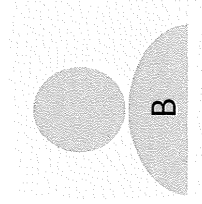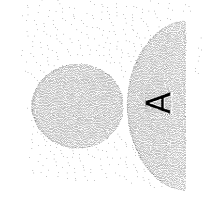D   E   F
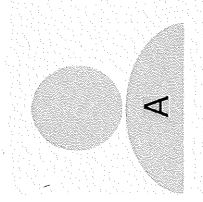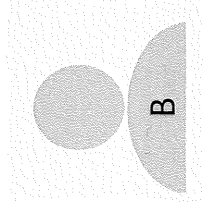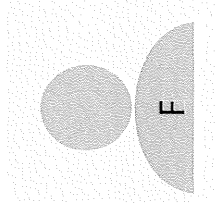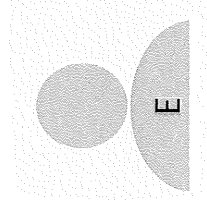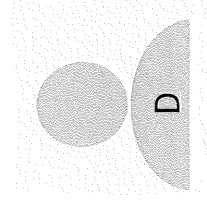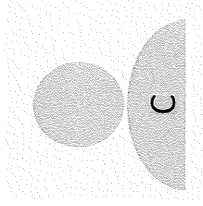
Under PAL, there are **twenty** different combinations of three that could be elected in the same scenario.

Seat 1   Seat 2   Seat 3

"Choose three candidates."

A   B   C   D   E   F
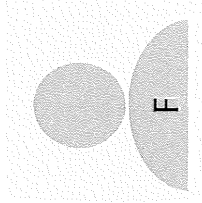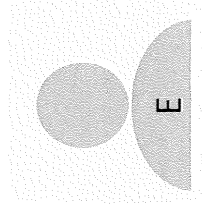
Can STAR voting work with Top-Three voting?

Yes.

May we refer to the voters for <u>November</u>...

- STAR voting?
- Top-Three voting?
- Both, to be approved separately?