
City of Newberg

City Council

January 4, 2021

Meeting held electronically due to COVID-19 pandemic

WORK SESSION –

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilors Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Denise Bacon, Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Stephanie Findley, Julia Martinez Plancarte, Bryce Coefield, and Mike McBride.

Staff Present: City Manager Dan Weinheimer, City Attorney James Walker, Judge Larry Blake, Jr., and City Recorder Sue Ryan.

WORK SESSION:

Agenda Review: Councilor Findley suggested a refresher on what the City committees and boards did before they decided on Council liaison assignments. City Recorder Ryan said this topic was already scheduled for a Work Session in February. Mayor Rogers introduced James Walker, of Miller Nash Graham & Dunn as the city's new legal counsel.

Council Committee Reports: Mayor Rogers reported on the Downtown Coalition and how Molly Olson retired. Polly Peterson replaced her. The next Equity Task Force meeting would be January 7. CR Ryan reminded the Council about OGEC filings that were due in March.

Community Wellness Collective: Councilor Yarnell Hollamon presented on the Collective. This included:

- Background on the members and purpose.
- 2020 accomplishments and future plans.

The Council discussed:

- Collaboration with the Library, and Latinx Parent Group at the School District, and churches.
- COVID-19 vaccinations for houseless population.
- Serving runaway youth at the Harvest House.
- Having a 24/7 contact line.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Dan Weinheimer reported on CARES Act funding allocations, remote work agreements, COVID-19 vaccinations, new legal service, Council Work Session topics, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director

departures, the need for an interim Finance Director, and internal assessment for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Councilors Present: Mayor Rick Rogers, Councilors: Denise Bacon, Elise Yarnell Hollamon, Stephanie Findley, Julia Martinez Plancarte, Bryce Coefield, and Mike McBride.

Staff Present: City Manager Dan Weinheimer, Judge Larry Blake, Jr., City Attorney James Walker, City Recorder Sue Ryan, and Public Works Director Russ Thomas.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

Judge Larry Blake, Jr. conducted the swearing in for the Councilors for terms of 2021-2024 District 1 – Elise Yarnell Hollamon; District 3 – Denise Bacon; District 5 – Mike McBride.

Election of Council President: – Mayor Rogers read the description of the Council President from the Council Rules and City Charter.

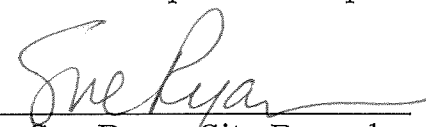
Action:	Appoint Stephanie Findley as Council President for 2021
Motion:	Councilor Yarnell Hollamon
Second:	Councilor Bacon
Vote:	7 Yes 0 No

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action:	To approve Resolution 2021-3714
Motion:	Councilor Findley
Second:	Councilor Bacon
Vote:	6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Rogers)

Councilor McBride asked about giving money to businesses who were closed right now due to COVID-19. CM Weinheimer explained what the City had done to help businesses during the pandemic. There was consensus for staff to look into other options and partnerships.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.


Sue Ryan, City Recorder

ATTEST:


Rick Rogers, Mayor