NEWBERG COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES District 3 Vacancy Process December 16th, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Councilors Peggy Kilburg, and Jefferson Mildenberger

Staff Present:

City Manager Will Worthey

DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS FOR DISTRICT 3 INTERVIEWS

A discussion ensured on folding in the 2 extra questions the sub-committee had received into the first 5 questions in the appropriate places. It was agreed by Councilors Kilburg and Mildenberger that the partisanship question would be addressed by Question #5 from the main list. Some discussion ensured around wordsmithing Question #5.

There was a discussion about taking one element away from Question #1. Further discussions were made around removing a few words from Question #5. There was consensus among the subcommittee around these small changes and the main list of questions were substantially adopted with only minor revisions. Next a discussion occurred about how the questions might be asked and especially how this would occur if Mayor Rogers does not show up. No decision was made at this point on this issue.

The discussion moved to logistics. It was agreed to keep the questions secret from the candidates and that they would be seated in the lobby until invited to enter the chamber. There was consensus that the questions would not be issued in advance.

It was agreed that because it might be a long night that the candidates should be invited to bring a book to read. It was also agreed that the candidates should be instructed to stay off their mobile devices so as to not gain any unfair advantage.

The authorizing resolution and its modification amendment were studied. It was reiterated that the candidates would appear in order of their cut from a deck of cards. It was agreed that Council President Yarnell Hollamon would play the role of master of ceremonies in the event of the nonattendance of Mayor Rogers. It was further agreed that this role would include thanking candidates for their interest in the position.

A discussion ensued about how the score taking or note taking would be carried out. City Manager Worthey and Councilor Kilburg discussed the options until the idea of a note taking / scoring grid was approved. CM Worthey committed to making such a grid, and to highlight that it was not the ballot itself to avoid possible confusion on Monday night.

Lastly it was agreed that if Mayor Rogers does not attend the meeting a non-voting member of council such as the City Attorney or City Manager will ask the last question each time.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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