

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
November 26, 2018
Auditorium

Present: Councilmembers Bullock, George, Litten, O’Leary, O’Malley, Rader

Also Present: Clerk Bach

Call to Order: 6:41 p.m.

Board & Commission Appointments

President O’Leary directed the Committee’s attention to the packets of applications for board and commission vacancies provided by Clerk Bach. He encouraged councilmembers to share the posting within their individual networks of contacts.

The Committee discussed the current roster of the Planning Commission and the importance of maintaining balance on the boards and commissions.

Clerk Bach provided background on the applicants. A few applicants originally applied in 2017 but have renewed their interest and availability to serve.

The Committee discussed when the public posting should be removed and agreed that there was a sufficient pool of qualified applicants to remove the posting.

The Committee discussed individual candidates.

Councilmember Rader expressed interest in following up individually with applicants. President O’Leary encouraged and welcomed that strategy. He also welcomed councilmembers to discuss individual applicants with the administration.

The Committee did not express the desire to hold interviews for these positions.

The Committee discussed vacancies on the Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board and the role of that Board. Different views on the appropriate size of LASWAB were discussed. Councilmember Rader, as Council liaison to LASWAB, shared some input from the Board on its role.

Deputy Clerk Hiring Process

President O’Leary shared that Director Yousefi received more than 40 applications for the Deputy Clerk position. None were repeat candidates from the Clerk position. Director Yousefi narrowed down the pool of candidates to the top 11. President O’Leary asked for suggestions as to how Council can narrow the pool down to 3-5 in order to hold interviews.

It was decided that Director Yousefi will email the top 11 candidates to all members and that members send their ranked choices back to Director Yousefi. The top 3-5 candidates will be invited for interviews.

The Committee did not discuss Ordinance 45-18 regarding the creation of a Youth Council as noticed.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:07 p.m.