

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
March 18, 2019
Auditorium

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

Also Present: IS Manager Mike Coletta, Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett, Deputy Clerk of Council Lascu, Clerk Bach taking minutes

Call to order: 7:05 p.m.

AGENDA: Council Website Presence

President O’Leary noted that Council had previously discussed the Council website at its Saturday morning Committee of the Whole “retreat.” In response, he had met with Ms. Garrett to relay some of Council’s requests. Ms. Garrett was quickly able to implement many of them.

Ms. Garrett updated Council on the following website improvements:

- Added new City Council tab directly on the home page
- Added a new picture of Council on the background of the Council page
- Created an individual page for each councilmember
- Created a new interactive “find my ward” map
- Created a new calendar on the Council page of Council meetings and committee meetings
- Created a photo gallery

Councilmember Rader praised the improvement and requested that information about Council committees be added to the page.

Other councilmembers complimented Ms. Garrett on the improvements and agreed that they met Council’s stated needs.

President O’Leary directed Councilmembers to filter additional website suggestions through Clerk Bach.

Councilmember Bullock expressed interest in adding additional pictures to the website. He expressed concern about the usability of the website as a whole and asked if there were any plans in the works to address this.

Ms. Garrett responded that the site was fully redesigned in 2015 and there are no plans at this time to do any additional major changes. She pointed to additional recent improvements that will hopefully improve the navigation such as the addition of the City Department tab/button.

The Committee discussed the search function of the site and some of the limitations of it.

Mr. Coletta noted that the previous City web page was too dense and organized and was problematic for this reason. When the redesign happened in 2015 it was oversimplified to address this concern. Melissa's reforms are much needed and trying to strike a balance between the two different types of websites. He expressed confidence in the search engine but welcomed continued feedback on it and other aspects of the website.

President O'Leary also added that Ms. Garrett made changes to better direct web site visitors to view tonight's live streaming meetings.

Youth Council Planning Task Force

President O'Leary directed Councilmembers to the three resolutions to appoint members to the Youth Council Planning Task Force as well as the pool of applicants provided by Ms. Garrett and the administration. He expressed his intention to begin a process of evaluating the applicants and making decisions.

The Committee discussed whether or not seniors should be considered for an appointment and it was decided that they would be.

It was clarified that Council, the Mayor, and LCRAC will all appoint from the same pool of applicants and that Council will appoint first.

It was noted that two of the three students who originally appeared before Council on this topic, Jack Hueter and McKenzie Lane, submitted applications.

Based on his knowing Jack Hueter and his remarks to Council, Councilmember Anderson moved to recommend inserting the name Jack Hueter into Resolution 9057-19. President O'Leary seconded the motion.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

President O'Leary motioned to insert the name McKenzie Lane into Resolution 9058-19. Vice President Anderson seconded the motion.

All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Councilmember Rader expressed desire to allow more time before Council makes its final appointment. President O'Leary was agreeable to this request and announced that Committee of the Whole would reconvene on April 1st to make its third recommendation.

Councilmembers mentioned specific candidates they found appealing and would be interested in appointing.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:38 p.m.