

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
October 26, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Present: Councilmembers Bullock, Kepple, Litten (6:15 p.m.), Neff, O'Malley, Rader & Shachner

Also Present: Fire Chief Dunphy, Planning Director Leininger, Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett, Walter Wright, Chair of LCRAC; Colleen Zettler, Council appointee; Deputy Clerk Lascu, Clerk Bach taking minutes

Call to Order: 6:08 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of the September 30, 2020 Committee of the Whole.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2020 Committee of the Whole.

A roll call vote was conducted as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Kepple, Neff, O'Malley, Rader, Shachner

Nays: none

Absent: Litten

Motion adopted. Minutes approved.

Communication from Councilmember Kepple, President O'Malley, Vice President Litten & Mayor George regarding Anti-Racism Task Force Appointees. (*Referred to COW 9/8/20*)

Communication from Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission regarding appointments to the Anti-Racism Task Force in response to a communication referred by Council on September 8, 2020. (*Referred to COW 10/19/20*)

RESOLUTION 2020-53 - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, appointing (first appointee) , (second appointee) , (third appointee) , (fourth appointee) , and (fifth appointee) to the Anti-Racism Task Force.

Walter Wright, Chair of Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission and Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett discussed the Commission's process of reviewing the 30 applications to the new Anti-Racism Task Force. They emphasized that all

applicants were strong and that it was difficult to narrow the pool. A long time was spent deliberating.

President O'Malley thanked LCRAC for its work and expressed enthusiasm for the new Task Force. He credited Lakewood for its leadership on this topic and for looking to citizens for input.

Councilmember Kepple advocated for the Committee to recommend appointment of Angelina Steiner. Councilmember Kepple knows Ms. Steiner personally. She discussed Ms. Steiner's background, experience and personality, which she stated was well suited to the work of the Task Force.

Motion by President O'Malley to insert the name Angelina Steiner into the first blank of Resolution 2020-53.

Councilmember Rader recommended that William Yeung be appointed. He spoke about Mr. Yeung's interest in city government and engagement with the community.

President O'Malley amended the previous motion to insert the name Angelina Steiner into the first blank and William Yeung into the second blank of Resolution 2020-53.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Rader.

President O'Malley scheduled a follow up Committee of the Whole for the following Monday and asked members to take the week to consider the other applicants.

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Kepple, Litten, Neff, O'Malley, Rader & Shachner

Nays: none

Motion adopted. Resolution 2020-53 substituted.

RESOLUTION 2020-65 - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, appointing _____ to the Tree Advisory & Education Board for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

Clerk Bach reported that she reached out to Council's current appointee, Laura Balliett. Ms. Balliett was enthusiastic about continuing her service and is seeking re-appointment.

President O'Malley stressed that Ms. Balliett was appointed only one year ago and that it makes sense to allow her to continue as the Tree Board is just getting off the ground.

Councilmembers Rader & Bullock reported that all members of the Board have been engaged and enthusiastic when they have attended meetings and supported Ms. Balliett's continued service.

A motion was made and seconded to insert the name Laura Balliett into the blank in Resolution 2020-65. A role call vote was conducted as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Kepple, Litten, Neff, O'Malley, Rader & Shachner

Nays: none

Motion adopted. Resolution 2020-65 substituted.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend adoption of Resolution 2020-65 as substituted. A role call vote was conducted as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Kepple, Litten, Neff, O'Malley, Rader & Shachner

Nays: none

Motion adopted. Resolution 2020-65 recommended for adoption as substituted.

RESOLUTION 2020-66 - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, appointing _____ to the Planning Commission for the five year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2025.

President O'Malley reported that this vacancy was posted today on social media and that several applications have already come in. He spoke to the seriousness of the appointment.

Director Leininger remarked that the Commission is currently comprised of two planners, two real estate professionals and an attorney who is moving off the Commission. He suggested that professionals such as engineers, architects and attorneys would help to round out the Commission.

President O'Malley stated that the Committee will defer this item. He instructed the Clerk to collect applications and share them with Council once a large batch has been received.

RESOLUTION 2020-67 - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, appointing _____ to the Board of Nuisance Abatement Appeals for the three year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

Clerk Bach reported that she reached out to Council's current appointee, Jesse Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt was enthusiastic about continuing his service and is seeking re-appointment.

President O'Malley and Councilmember Bullock reminded members of the purpose of the Board. It was not originally included with the nuisance ordinance and was added for due process reasons. The Board does not meet frequently, and this is a testament to the success of the nuisance process. Most of the time the process does not escalate to the point where the Board must meet.

Motion by President O'Malley to insert the name Jesse Schmidt into the blank of Resolution 2020-67. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bullock. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Kepple, Litten, Neff, O'Malley, Rader & Shachner
Nays: none

Motion adopted. Resolution 2020-67 substituted.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend adoption of Resolution 2020-67 as substituted. A role call vote was conducted as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Kepple, Litten, Neff, O'Malley, Rader & Shachner
Nays: none

Motion adopted. Resolution 2020-67 recommended for adoption as substituted.

RESOLUTION 2020-68 - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, appointing _____ (**first appointee**) _____ and _____ (**second appointee**) _____ to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for three year terms beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

The Committee discussed the role of the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council. Council's current appointee, Colleen Zettler was present to express her interest in re-appointment.

Motion by President O'Malley to insert the name Colleen Zettler into the blank of Resolution 2020-68. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bullock. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Bullock, Kepple, Litten, Neff, O'Malley, Rader & Shachner
Nays: none

Motion adopted. Resolution 2020-68 substituted.

RESOLUTION 2020-61 - A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, appointing three members and one non-voting Council representative to the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan Task Force.

Clerk Bach updated the Committee that the Mayor is soliciting applications for this new Task Force. After the Mayor makes her appointments, she will share the remaining applications with Council.

Without objection, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 6:45 p.m.