

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Bellbrook City Council Community Affairs Committee
February 7, 2022

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mrs. Middlestetter called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Mr. Brady Harding

Mr. Ernie Havens

Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter

ALSO PRESENT:

Rob Schommer, City Manager

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Board Vacancy Appointment Process

Mrs. Middlestetter stated there is a vacancy on the Planning Board and other board members are up for consideration for reappointment.

Motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss the appointment of a public official.

Motion made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mr. Harding.

Voting Yea: Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mrs. Middlestetter

The Committee exited into executive session at 5:04PM

Motion to exit executive session returning to regular session.

Motion made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mr. Harding.

Voting Yea: Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mrs. Middlestetter

The Committee returned to regular session at 6:02PM

Mrs. Middlestetter noted candidates were reviewed and discussed and the committee was now ready to discuss any recommendations.

A motion to bring all three Planning Board applicants in for interviews with the Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Harding, Seconded by Mr. Havens.

Voting Yea: Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mrs. Middlestetter

Motion to recommend to Council the reappointment of the following Board members:

Denny Bennet

Meredith Glick Brinegar

Philip Ogrod

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Jacqueline Greenwood
Jeff Owens
Dwight Bartlett
Shane Russell

Motion made by Mr. Havens, Seconded by Mr. Harding.

Prior to the vote, audience member David Buccalo asked if there could be public comment on a motion, noting a decision is being made. Mrs. Middlestetter stated the Committee was only making a recommendation, that Council will be making the actual decision for appointment. Mr. Buccalo commented there should be public comment, and Mrs. Middlestetter noted the discussion of the individuals being appointed does not include public discussion, but the meeting is open to the public. It was noted there was a motion and Second, and Mr. Schommer called the roll.

Voting Yea: Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mrs. Middlestetter

Mr. Buccalo commented again asking if there would be public comment at this meeting and explained his position and desire to have public comment at all meetings. Mrs. Middlestetter again noted that appointments of people is like hiring them, and the discussion of that is done by the committee members and not subjected to public comments. She noted that the people listed in the motion were currently serving on the boards, and the committee will recommend to Council their reappointment.

Mr. Buccalo then asked if there will be public comment about the process, stated that was not discussed in public. Mr. Schommer reviewed the process that was discussed, recommended, and approved by motion of the Committee at this meeting for the recommendation of the Planning Board applicants which includes interviewing the candidates by the Committee at a future date. Mr. Buccalo then stated the board positions should be open for anyone to apply. Mrs. Middlestetter stated all members applied to a public posted announcement that was open to anyone in the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business coming before the Committee, Mrs. Middlestetter declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25PM

Elaine Middlestetter, Chair

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council