



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING FOR OCTOBER 11, 2021

Present: Mayor Frank Bubenik, Council President Nancy Grimes, Councilor Bridget Brooks, Councilor Maria Reyes, Councilor Valerie Pratt, Councilor Cyndy Hillier, Councilor Christen Sacco

Mayor Bubenik called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Equity Committee Discussion.

Deputy City Manager Megan George presented information on the potential establishment of an Equity Committee. She stated the interest for the committee came from the Council Committee on Advisory Appointments (CCAA). Manager George stated the group met in July and has recommended an Equity Committee be formed. In addition they identified potential groups of people for appointments to the committee. She stated the primary objective of the committee would be to build and strengthen relationships and lessen barriers to public participation.

Councilor Pratt stated the CCAA is cognizant of having a diverse group of people serve on city committees. She stated an inclusive and engaged community is part of the council goals and this committee would encompass that. Councilor Pratt stated representatives on the committee would be from diverse backgrounds.

Councilor Brooks believes having citizen participation at a formalized level would be beneficial for the City.

Councilor Reyes stated the need for this committee would solidify the intention of diversity the Council desires.

Manager George presented a matrix sharing Equity Committees throughout the state.

Councilor Brooks stating the committee is suggesting forming an Ad Hoc Committee to establish the charter for the formal committee. She stated the group size should be similar to other committees so it is manageable.

Councilor Pratt stated the CCAA would like to be responsible for interviewing committee members.

Councilor Sacco concurred with the establishment of the committee. She wants to make sure there are clear guidelines for the group.

Councilor Hillier stated this is a perfect time to move this committee forward.

Mayor Bubenik stated he is in support of the committee. He stated there are other great cities out there doing this and the city needs to look at what they are doing to be successful.

Manager George asked what the size of the committee should be. Councilor Reyes stated she doesn't want to put a number on it yet. Mayor Bubenik suggested a maximum number of members instead so the numbers can fluctuate. Manager Lombos suggested the ad hoc committee look at what the number should be for the permanent committee.

Manager George asked if the rule regarding not allowing 50% or more than one diverse group on the committee should be included. Council concurred with the notion.

Councilor Brooks wants to leave room for intersectionality amongst group types.

Mayor Bubenik asked when the ad hoc committee could be formed. Manager Lombos stated staff will need to have further discussions on what staff will be involved and the potential need for a consultant.

2. Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable.

Councilor Sacco stated she attended the C4 Retreat.

Councilor Brooks stated she attended the Council Committee on Advisory Appointments meeting and the Regional Water Consortium meeting.

Councilor Hillier stated yesterday was World Mental Health Day.

Councilor Pratt stated she attended the C4 Retreat, the Council Committee on Advisory Appointments meeting, the Land and Indigenous Peoples Acknowledgement Committee meeting, and participated in the Atfalati Walk and Bike to School Day.

Councilor Reyes stated she attended the Council Committee on Advisory Appointments meeting.

Council President Grimes expressed appreciation to everyone who worked on the Diversity and Equity Ad Hoc Committee.

Mayor Bubenik stated he attended the Greater Portland Inc. Economic Summit, participated in the Walk and Bike to School Day, participated in a Tualatin Historical Society Interview, and attended the Washington County Mayors meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Bubenik adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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