

SHERWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 22560 SW Pine St., Sherwood, Or

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March 28, 2022

WORK SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Mays called the work session to order at 5:05 pm.
- 2. COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Keith Mays, Council President Tim Rosener, Councilors Doug Scott, Kim Young, Sean Garland, and Renee Brouse.
- **3. STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Keith D. Campbell, City Attorney Josh Soper, IT Director Brad Crawford, and City Recorder Sylvia Murphy.

4. TOPICS:

A. Interviews for Vacant Council Position

Mayor Mays explained that the purpose of the work session was to allow Council to interview applicants for the vacant City Council seat. Council interviewed applicants Taylor Giles, Kierin Noreen, Kevin Owens, and Daniel Standke.

Record Note: See email correspondence to the City Council (see record, Exhibit A).

5. ADJOURNED:

Mayor Mays adjourned the work session at 6:43 pm.

SPECIAL MEETING

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Mays called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.
- **2. COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Keith Mays, Council President Tim Rosener, Councilors Doug Scott, Sean Garland, Renee Brouse, and Kim Young.
- **3. STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Keith D. Campbell, City Attorney Josh Soper, IT Director Brad Crawford, and City Recorder Sylvia Murphy.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Vacant Council Position

Mayor Mays explained that the purpose of this meeting was to appoint someone to fill the vacant Council seat. He reported Council had interviewed four applicants and he thanked the applicants Taylor Giles, Kierin Noreen, Kevin Owens, and Dan Standke for applying for the position and meeting with Council. Mayor Mays stated that filling a council seat was a 45-day process, which was initiated when the City declared the vacancy and asked City Attorney Josh Soper to explain the next steps in the process. Mr. Soper commented that a streamlined process for filling a Council vacancy was currently being worked on by staff. He explained that under the current Municipal Code, the current step in the process called for nominations from Council members to fill the vacancy. After a Council member nominated one of the candidates, Mr. Soper would ask if the nomination was seconded. If the candidate was both nominated and seconded, the candidate would then go on a list of candidates to be considered for that nomination and a vote would follow. He continued that if a nomination was not seconded, then that person would not be considered. When there were no further nominations, the list of candidates who had been nominated and seconded would be read back to Council. A roll call vote would follow in which each Council member would be asked which candidates from the list they were voting for. The City Recorder would keep a tally of the votes (see record, Exhibit B) and once the voting was complete, the City Recorder would read aloud the results. Mr. Soper explained that if one of the candidates received at least four votes, that would be the candidate who was appointed to the vacant Council seat. If there was no candidate with at least four votes, the voting process would be repeated with the top two candidates from the previous vote. Mr. Soper explained that in the result of a tie, the voting process would be repeated until someone was selected or a top two were chosen. Councilor Garland asked what would happen if Council were unable to come to a decision in the 45-day window? City Attorney Soper replied that there were no built-in consequences for failing to come to a decision in the 45-day window, but he could foresee an interested or affected party seeking a writ of mandamus from a court, in which the court would order the Council to fill that vacancy. Councilor Scott asked when the 45-days ended? Mr. Soper replied that April 15th was the end of the 45-day window. Mayor Mays asked if Council was comfortable starting the voting process at this meeting? Several Council members stated they were comfortable voting at this meeting. Councilor Scott suggested that Council hold the first round of nominations and voting and then deliberate on the results.

City Attorney Soper asked for nominations. Councilor Young nominated Taylor Giles. Council President Rosener seconded the nomination. Councilor Brouse nominated Kierin Noreen. A second was not received. Councilor Garland nominated Dan Standke, Councilor Brouse seconded the nomination. With no further nominations, City Attorney Soper reported that Taylor Giles and Dan Standke were the top two nominations. Mayor Mays asked for discussion on the two nominees. Councilor Scott thanked both Kierin Noreen and Kevin Owens for applying and stated he thought both were very well spoken in their interviews and that he hoped to see both of them serve on a board or commission. Councilor Scott spoke on Taylor Giles and stated that Council was voting on a nine-month position and Mr. Giles was currently serving on the Planning Commission, a board that was most similar to Council in terms of time commitments and depth of role. He commented that he felt that Mr. Giles would be able to "hit the ground running" during the nine-month term. Councilor Young stated she agreed with Councilor Scott and commented that there were four great applicants. She commented that Mr. Giles was already serving on the Planning Commission, he had already run for Council previously, he had already had votes from the citizenry to be on Council, and that it seemed like he intended to run for Council again in the future. She stated that Mr. Standke also had a good interview and would bring a lot to the Council, but she felt that having someone who already had experience serving on a board or commission would help during their nine-month term. Councilor Brouse voiced that if Mr. Giles was selected, it would result in the Planning Commission losing a board member and needing to fill the

vacancy. Whereas if Council selected someone who was not currently serving on a board or commission, there would be no vacancy created and that she felt that either candidate would do very well in the Council position. Councilor Garland stated he appreciated those who had applied and that both Mr. Giles and Mr. Standke would both bring a lot of experience and capacity for teamwork, which was important when serving on Council. He stated he was looking for someone to fit and understand the role and that both candidates had done their homework, knew what the role called for, and were ready to step-in. Council President Rosener stated that there were four great candidates and that he enjoyed speaking to all of them and that each of the candidates wanted to make the Sherwood community a better place. He stated he felt that any of the four candidates would do well in the Council role and that he liked both Mr. Giles and Mr. Standke. He stated they both gave good, nuanced answers to Council's questions and that he felt both Mr. Giles and Mr. Standke would do well in the role. He referred to Mr. Giles's serving on the Planning Commission and his previous run for City Council and stated Mr. Giles had done a lot of good work in the community which made him stand out as a candidate. Mayor Mays stated that Sherwood was blessed as a community to have four applicants and that both Mr. Giles and Mr. Standke would be good choices. He stated that they both had had good interviews and that he was pleased with either option. Mayor Mays stated that he had served on the Planning Commission prior to Council and he felt that the experience of doing so was invaluable. With no other discussion from Council, City Attorney Soper called for a vote.

Those in favor of Taylor Giles: Councilor Scott, Councilor Young, Council President Rosener, and Mayor Mays. Those in favor of Dan Standke: Councilor Brouse and Councilor Garland. The City Recorder reported that there were four votes for Mr. Giles and two votes for Mr. Standke. City Attorney Soper stated that pursuant to the City Charter and the Municipal Code, Taylor Giles had received the votes of a majority of the remaining members of the City Council and was hereby declared to be appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilor Russell Griffin. He stated that Taylor Giles would be seated as a City Councilor upon taking the oath of office, which would occur on or before the April 5th regular City Council meeting. He stated that pursuant to the City Charter, the term of office for this appointment would expire when the person elected at the November 8, 2022 election took office in January 2023. Councilor Young asked that staff let the other candidates know which boards and commissions had vacancies.

5. ADJOURN

Mayor Mays adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Attest:

Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Recorder

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