

MINUTES

COUNCIL FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES and CITIZEN APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, May 22, 2023 – 11:00 AM
City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Aaron Baker, Chair, Council Member
Mac Morrow, Vice Chair, Council Member

Staff Present: Wilson Hooper, City Manager
Dean Luebbe, Finance Director
Kelley Craig, Human Resources Director
Becky McCann, Communications Coordinator
Denise Hodsdon, City Clerk

Guest: Nora Jane Montgomery, Resident

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Committee Chair Aaron Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:59 AM.

B. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by City Clerk Denise Hodsdon.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2023 Meeting

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Review of Committee Applications

The Committee reviewed applications and made recommendations for the following committees/boards:

1. Finance, Human Resources & Citizen Appointment Committee

Applicants: Susan Miller

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Baker to recommend to City Council the appointment of Susan Miller to the Finance, Human Resources & Citizen Appointment Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Downtown Master Plan Committee

Applicants: Lee McMinn, Parker Platt, and Reba Osborne

Downtown Master Plan Committee Feedback: Lee McMinn and Parker Platt have both served just one term and it was suggested to reappoint both in order to provide continuity at this time.

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Baker to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Lee McMinn and Parker Platt to the Downtown Master Plan Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee

Applicants: Nancy DePippo, Howie Granat, Jack Woerner, Wyn Birkenthal, Reba Osborne and John David "J.D." Powers.

Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee Recommendation: The committee voted to recommend the reappointment of Nancy DePippo and Howie Granat, and the appointment of Wyn Birkenthal, Reba Osborne and J.D. Powers.

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Baker to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Nancy DePippo and Howie Granat, and the appointment of Wyn Birkenthal, Reba Osborne and J.D. Powers to the Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Rosenwald Community Advisory Board

Applicants:

At-Large: Ursula Wynn, Royce Jenkins, Ella Jones

Current Rosenwald Community Advisory Board/MCJCC Board Members:
Randy Lytle, Susan Threlkel, Victor Foster and Edith Darity

Mr. Hooper noted that because the Rosenwald Community Advisory Board was missing a few of their members at last week's meeting, they did not discuss the applicants. They have called a special meeting for later this week for that

discussion. Mr. Hooper said I wanted to bring the applications to this committee anyway to let you decide whether to make recommendations of your own and then offer their feedback on the candidates to the full Council as supplementary information, or if you want to postpone your referral until you have heard from them, knowing that if we do that, we would have to postpone it a month to come back to you at your June meeting. Additionally, we received applications from Ella Jones and MCJCC Board member Edith Darity in May, which was past the agreed upon deadline. We don't yet know who the MCJCC Board is appointing as their four designated members and they will have to decide who their appointees are going to be at their meeting this week. We have two at-large seats to fill and we have three at-large candidates, but there is a little bit of controversy surrounding some of these candidates.

Mr. Morrow said he liked the two at-large candidates as they are truly at-large and they have both been involved in the community. Ursula Wynn has organized the basketball tournaments the last couple of years and Royce Jenkins helped raise money for the playground. They both have the know in the community and this is the kind of people we are looking for. Mr. Baker agreed but said of all the advisory boards, this is the one he would want to weigh in on a little bit.

Mr. Hooper mentioned that due to the schedule of upcoming committee meetings and Council meetings, if the committee decides to not make a recommendation now, it will probably be August before these seats are filled. If the committee does choose to make a recommendation now, you can do so without the formal feedback from the existing Rosenwald Community Advisory Board. Because Council ultimately makes the decision, they will receive the feedback from the Rosenwald Community Advisory Board.

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Baker to recommend to the full Council the appointment of Ursula Wynn and Royce Jenkins to the Rosenwald Community Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Committee Staggered Terms

Mr. Hooper informed the Committee that the Rosenwald Community Advisory Board had inquired about the possibility of staggering its members' terms. The committee considered the pros and cons of staggered committee terms and the decision was made to keep the current term structure for advisory committees at this time, but to revisit this matter in eighteen months prior to the expiration of upcoming member terms.

G. Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Finance & Human Resources Committee will be on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 11:00 am.

H. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM.

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Aaron Baker
Chair, Council Member

Minutes Approved: June 26, 2023

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Denise Hodsdon
City Clerk