

Open Work Session

Discussion on Process for Selecting Members to the Compensation and Allowance Commission

October 19, 2021

Mrs. Hurley said they have only received five resumes so far, and Chapter 18 actually says the Commission shall consist of 11 members. She then suggested they postpone the Closed Session until the November 2nd meeting, and they can re-advertise and extend that through the end of this month.

Mr. Holloway asked, if they do not get enough candidates to appoint, can the Council fill them in, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, Council is supposed to make the appointments, so they would have to ask Mr. Mitchell whether or not that would be ethical.

Mr. Cannon asked if they could possibly still be waiting for some of the individuals who were on the Commission the last time to apply, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, she reached out to all of the individuals who served on the Commission the last time, except for one who she was not able to get the contact information for. She said two of the eleven previous members resubmitted their resumes.

Mr. Holloway said he has someone who is interested who is on the Charter Review Committee, but they were worried about a conflict with time. He said Mrs. Hurley explained that she has to be at both of the meetings, so there will not be any conflict. He said he will reach out to the individual again to see if they are interested.

Mr. Dodd said he has a lady who is on the Charter Review Committee who he asked yesterday and she was also concerned about the time and he told her he thinks they will have time after the Charter Review Committee is done, so she is interested. He said they need the rest of the Councilmembers to appoint someone.

Mrs. Hurley suggested Council take advantage of this opportunity to talk about how they intend to select the members once they have enough resumes, if they get more than eleven and have to narrow it down.

Mr. Holloway asked if they can get away without eleven members as long as it is an odd number, to which Mr. Dodd responded, it says "shall." Mrs. Hurley agreed, it says it shall consist of eleven members, so she thinks they need to have eleven members serve. Mr. Holloway asked, what will they do if they do not get them, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, they need to try harder.

Mr. Dodd said, after he talked to Mrs. Hurley yesterday, he got a phone call from the lady, and he asked her then, so he thinks it is just simple that they all reach out and ask somebody, and then hopefully they will have people to choose from.

Mr. Hastings said he thinks they can do that, but he thinks it is just that a lot of the people who would typically be pulled for this are serving on other committees, and this is a tough time of year.

Mrs. Hurley asked if everyone agrees to extend the advertising through the end of the month, and then they can meet again on November 2 to discuss this.

Mrs. Acle asked if Mrs. Hurley will reach out to the applicants who submitted their resumes so they know what is happening, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, yes.

Mrs. Hurley said, just in case they get more than eleven applicants, does Council want to talk about how they intend to select the eleven? She then suggested that each Councilmember could select one individual, and then for the remaining four they could select whichever applicants have the most tallies. Mr. Cannon said that is similar to what they did with the Charter Review Committee.

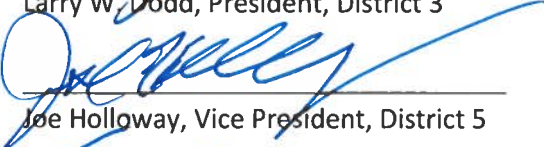
Mr. Dodd said he thinks seven Councilmembers should be able to pick one, and then they can vote on the additional people to fill the eleven.

Mrs. Hurley said the Council is also responsible for designating the Chair because that is also dictated in the Charter.

There was no further discussion.



Larry W. Dodd, President, District 3



Joe Holloway, Vice President, District 5




John T. Cannon, At-Large

absent

William R. McCain, At-Large



Ernest F. Davis, District 1



Nicole Acl, District 2

Josh Hastings, District 4



Laura Hurley, Council Administrator