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Minutes

Thursday, March 8, 2018

6:00 PM

Willamette View Terrace Auditorium,
12705 SE River Road, Portland, OR, 97222

Council meeting

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Meeting Overview

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. He stated that when Councilor Collette resigned her Metro Council seat in January 2018, the Council began the appointment process to choose her successor. He noted that the individual chosen would serve the remainder of Councilor Collette's term through the beginning of January 2019.

President Hughes reviewed the appointment process. He noted that each of the six applicants would receive five minutes to make an opening statement and then would be asked to answer three questions from the sitting Metro Councilors. He explained that following the applicant testimony, a public hearing would be held on the appointment. President Hughes announced that the Council would then discuss the appointment before making its nominations and voting.

Present: 6 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

2. Metro District 2 Applicant Testimony and Council Questions

Council President Hughes called on the applicants in alphabetical order to provide their statements:

- Mr. Joe Buck
- Ms. Betty Dominguez
- Mr. Eric Corey Freed
- Mr. John T. Gibbon
- Ms. Christine Lewis
- Ms. Carol Pauli

After each statement, the Metro Council asked each applicant the following questions:

- Why are diversity, equity, and inclusion important for any government agency and for Metro specifically?

- Identify three major issues that will impact District 2 or Metro in the next five years.
- If you are appointed, how do you see yourself talking about Metro's priority projects in your district in 2018?

3. Public Hearing

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on the Metro Council District 2 appointment and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak.

Mark Gamba, City of Milwaukie: Mayor Gamba testified in support of Ms. Betty Dominguez, explaining that she was well-suited and well-equipped for the job, and was committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Theresa Kohlhoff, City of Lake Oswego: Councilor Kohlhoff spoke in support of her fellow Lake Oswego City Council member Mr. Joe Buck. She explained that he supported transit and transportation options, and understood the importance of equity.

Jim Bernard, City of Canby: Chair Bernard spoke in support of Ms. Betty Dominguez, noting that she was politically experienced and dedicated to equity and affordable housing.

Elizabeth Goetzinger, City of Portland: Ms. Goetzinger, representing AFSCME Local 3580 and 3580-1, testified in support of Ms. Betty Dominguez. Ms. Goetzinger explained that the union supported Ms. Dominguez due to her expertise and ability to deftly navigate difficult conversations.

Hector Mendoza, City of Canby: Mr. Mendoza spoke in support of Mr. Joe Buck. He explained that Mr. Buck treated his employees well and stood up for the members of his community.

Charles (Skip) Ormsby, City of Portland: Mr. Ormsby shared his concerns about transit challenges at the intersection of Highway 43 and State Street. He invited the new District 2 Councilor to help address the challenges and to fix the intersection.

Robin Boyce, City of Portland: Ms. Boyce testified in support of Ms. Betty Dominguez, explaining that she was an incredibly hard worker, cared deeply about livability and affordability, and listened to her community.

Kim Travis, City of Milwaukie: Ms. Travis, of the Milwaukie Planning Commission, spoke in support of Ms. Betty Dominguez, noting that she was the best suited for the appointment because of her extensive service.

Michelle Haynes, City of Happy Valley: Ms. Haynes read a letter on behalf of Ms. Mitzi Bauer and Ms. Kathy Wai, North Clackamas School District board members, in support of Betty Dominguez. (Ms. Haynes provided a copy of the letter to the Council; please see the March 8 meeting packet.)

Willy Meyers, City of Portland: Mr. Myers, on behalf of the Columbia Pacific Building Trades, testified that its members strongly supported Ms. Christine Lewis, due to her strong understanding of local government and policies, and her ability to get things done.

Jon DeCosta, City of Lake Oswego: Mr. DeCosta, President of the Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of Mr. Joe Buck, noting that he contributed greatly to the Lake Oswego community.

Sam Gillispie, Clackamas County: Mr. Gillispie, representing the UFCW Local 555 and Oregon NW Labor Council, spoke in

support of Ms. Christine Lewis, stating that she had significant experience in local government and understood the depth of the issues and the challenges facing the region.

William Gifford, City of Oregon City: Mr. Gifford testified in support of Ms. Carol Pauli, noting that she had experience in elected and volunteer positions, and was passionate and hardworking.

Aaron Brown, City of Portland: Mr. Brown spoke in support of Ms. Christine Lewis. He explained she was well-equipped and prepared to engage in Metro's work. He also noted she was knowledgeable about public policy and focused on equity.

Kevin Billman, City of Tigard: Mr. Billman, speaking on behalf of UFCW Local 555, testified in support of Ms. Christine Lewis, noting her significant experience working in all levels of government.

Derek Bradley, City of Portland: Mr. Bradley testified in support of Ms. Christine Lewis, noting that was flexible, open to change and dedicated to finding the right answers.

Amy Waterbury, City of Lake Oswego: Ms. Waterbury, spoke in support of Mr. Joe Buck, emphasizing that he was a strong supporter of diversity and inclusion. She noted that he lead the charge to advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion as a councilor in Lake Oswego.

Rosie Stephens, City of Lake Oswego: Ms. Stephens testified in support of Mr. Joe Buck. She noted that he was committed to bettering his community and worked collaboratively with those around him.

John Lamotte, City of Lake Oswego: Councilor Lamotte spoke in support of Mr. Joe Buck. He explained that Mr.

Buck was passionate about leadership, committed to diversity, and had a strong understanding of pressing policy issues.

Scott Bullard, City of Lake Oswego: Mr. Bullard testified in support of Mr. Joe Buck, noting that he was passionate, knowledgeable, and an advocate for affordable housing.

Vaughn Emmons, City of Portland: Mr. Emmons testified in support of Ms. Christine Lewis. As a Metro and Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Committee (MERC) employee, he expressed support for Ms. Lewis's commitment to public safety and understanding of the issues affecting Metro's visitor venues.

James Barta, City of Portland: Mr. Barta spoke in support of Christine Lewis, crediting her understanding of good government and public policy.

Lindsey Scholten, City of Portland: Ms. Scholten, on behalf of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV), testified in support of Ms. Christine Lewis. She explained that the OLCV worked to elect pro-environment candidates, and Ms. Lewis worked hard to make her community and Oregon better.

Taylor Murdoch, City of Lake Oswego: Mr. Murdoch spoke in support of Mr. Joe Buck. He noted that Mr. Buck would represent his community and advocate for their priorities.

Emily Smith, City of West Linn: As a resident of West Linn and community volunteer, Ms. Smith testified in support of Mr. Joe Buck. She noted that he cared of his community, was passionate about the issues. (She shared a packet of letters in support of Mr. Buck; please see the March 8 meeting packet.)

Christel Allen, City of Happy Valley: Ms. Allen, Political Director for NARAL Pro Choice Oregon, spoke in support of Ms. Christine Lewis. She spoke to the depth of Ms. Lewis's character and expertise as well as the lack of young women in local politics.

Matthew Riegg, City of Canby: Mr. Riegg spoke on behalf of Mr. Jerry Herman in support of Ms. Carol Pauli. He noted that she worked tirelessly to support her community and was an effective leader and collaborator.

Ms. Samantha Shepherd, City of Portland: Ms. Shepherd, Executive Director of CCO Oregon, spoke in support of Ms. Christine Lewis, noting that she worked hard and listened to the needs and priorities of her fellow community members.

Council President Hughes gaveled out of the public hearing.

4. Council Discussion

Councilors thanked everyone for participating and sharing their testimony. Councilor Harrington recognized the impressive slate of applicants. Councilor Dirksen spoke to the difficulty of the decision. Councilor Craddick expressed hope that the council's decision would not influence the applicants who were not appointed and that they would continue to run for office in the May primary. Councilor Stacey agreed with his colleagues. Councilor Chase noted that he was honored to consider the pool of candidates.

5. Council Nomination and Voting

Council President Hughes provided an overview of the nomination and voting process. He explained that councilors would nominate candidates for the position of councilor by motion, and that for a nominee to move forward, the nomination motion would need to be seconded. He stated that once nominations were complete, he would call for a vote by written and signed ballot. He noted that the votes would then be read with the name of the councilor who

submitted the vote. President Hughes explained that if any nominee received a majority of the votes, that person would be declared appointed to the vacant position. He added that if no nominee received a majority vote, a second written vote by ballot would occur on the top two nominees who received the most votes. He stated that the process would continue until a nominee received a majority vote of the Metro Council.

Councilor Harrington nominated Ms. Christine Lewis; Councilor Stacey seconded.

Councilor Dirksen nominated Mr. Joe Buck; Councilor Craddick seconded.

Councilor Chase nominated Ms. Betty Dominguez; Councilor Stacey seconded.

Council President Hughes then called on Ms. Nellie Papsdorf, Metro staff, to distribute the ballots and announce the results. The first round of votes was as follows:

- Three votes for Ms. Betty Dominguez: Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, and Councilor Stacey
- Two votes for Mr. Joe Buck: Councilor Craddick and Councilor Dirksen
- One vote for Ms. Christine Lewis: Councilor Harrington

As there was no majority, Council President Hughes called for a vote on the two applicants who received the most votes: Ms. Betty Dominguez and Mr. Joe Buck. He asked Ms. Papsdorf to distribute the ballots and announce the results. The second round of votes was as follows:

- Four votes for Ms. Betty Dominguez: Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Stacey,

and Councilor Harrington

- Two votes for Mr. Joe Buck: Councilor Craddick and Councilor Dirksen

President Hughes announced that following a majority vote, the Metro Council had appointed Ms. Betty Dominguez to the position of Councilor for district two.

6. Resolutions

- 6.1 For the Purpose of Appointing a Councilor to Fill the Office of Metro Councilor for Council District No. 2

A motion was made by Councilor Chase, seconded by Councilor Stacey, to approve Resolution No. 18-4875. Councilor Harrington noted that Ms. Betty Dominguez would be filled in as the appointee for the vacant District 2 seat. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 9:10 p.m. He announced that Ms. Dominguez would be sworn in at the Metro Council work session on March 13 at 2pm. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on March 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2018

ITEM	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOC DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT No.
2.0	Handout	03/08/18	Applications for Metro Councilor, District 2	030818c-01
3.0	Letter	03/08/18	Letter from Mitzi Bauer and Kathy Wai	030818c-02
3.0	Letter	03/08/18	Letters in Support of Mr. Joe Buck	030818c-03