

Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In attendance: Chair-Kelsey Zlevor, Vice-Chair- Zach Mulholland, Howard Saxion, Drew Johnson, Art Farley, Laura Allen, Louisa de Heer, Doug Edwards, Councilor Emily Semple, Karyn Kaplan, Jon Kloor, Julia Johnson

Staff: Chelsea Clinton, Samantha Roberts

Chair Zlevor offered any one to declare

Commissioner Kloor declared a conflict of interest and abstain from voting on the CAP2.0 committee.

Call to Order:

Chair Zlevor called the meeting to order.

Chair Zlevor called for a motion to approve the agenda or request for discussion.

Action Item: Approve Agenda

Moved: Jon Kloor

Seconded: Art Farley

Vote: All in favor

Abstain: Julia Johnson

Chair Zlevor called for a motion to approve June minutes or request for discussion.

Staff let Commission know they will be updating Mark Rabinowitz name in the June minutes.

Action Item: Approved June Minutes

Moved: Louisa De Heer

Seconded: Doug Edwards

Vote: All in favor

Abstain: Julia Johnson, Jon Kloor, Drew Johnson

Commissioner Johnson corrected her vote on minutes.

Commissioners did introductions for new Commissioners Drew Johnson and Karyn Kaplan. Commissioner Kaplan provided an introduction. Commissioner D. Johnson provided an introduction.

Public Comment

Jim Ball spoke about his thoughts about CAP2.0 and desire to fast track ideas from the community in Chapter 10 and move ideas into main body of the report. He spoke about the July 15 work session of the City Council and his thoughts about Councilor conclusions. Jim spoke about the EWEB electrification study and thoughts about the NWN Gas Franchise Agreement, and thoughts about knowing the costs of actions related to Chapter 5.

Lindy Heyl spoke about her work with 350Eugene and thanked the CAP2.0 Review Committee for their work. She expressed hope the commission would approve the recommendations from the committee, and addressed hope behind climate advisory group implementation in implementing the CAP2.0. She addressed her thoughts about efficiency of current city strategies for advisement versus this proposed group.

Commissioner Response to Public Comment

Commissioner Allen agreed with Linda's comments and inquired as to who is convening the current engagement groups and if the ESC can support this work moving forward. Staff spoke about the role of the ESC related to these questions and agreed that the ESC can be thinking about they can play role. Staff addressed the role of individual bodies related to the work they are doing (i.e., transportation committee, etc.). Councilor Semple spoke about work of ESC related to this engagement.

Commissioner de Heer addressed Jim's comments about actions with commitments and thoughts about moving forward with community vision actions.

Election

Staff provided the Commission an introduction to the election process according to the Commission's bylaws.

Commissioners asked process questions related to elections in the Commission and about expression of interest in leadership roles discussed in the meeting prior. Interested Commissioners restated their interest in leadership.

Commissioner de Heer asked staff to clarify for the new Commissioners why elections are done on the first meeting of the fiscal year rather than after they've had one meeting to attend first. Staff provided clarification according to the Commission bylaws.

Chair Nominations

Howard Saxion nominated Zach Mulholland.

Action Item: Move to Close the Nominations

Motion: Art Farley

Second: Jon Kloor

Vote: All in favor

Abstain: Drew Johnson

Zach Mulholland provided a brief personal statement.

Vote for Commission Chair

Commissioner Zach Mulholland –Kelsey Zlevor, Howard Saxion, Drew Johnson, Art Farley, Laura Allen, Louisa de Heer, Doug Edwards, Councilor Emily Semple, Karyn Kaplan, Jon Kloor, Julia Johnson

Abstain: Zach Mulholland

Vice Chair Nominations

Laura Allen nominated Julia Johnson.

Action Item: Move to Close the Nominations

Motion: Zach Mulholland

Second: Art Farley

Vote: All in favor

Julia Johnson provided a brief personal statement.

Vote for Commission Vice Chair

Commissioner Julia Johnson - Kelsey Zlevor, Howard Saxion, Drew Johnson, Art Farley, Laura Allen, Louisa de Heer, Doug Edwards, Councilor Emily Semple, Karyn Kaplan, Jon Kloor, Zach Mulholland

Abstain: Julia Johnson

CAP 2.0 Update

Staff provided an overview of the revised CAP 2.0 that was presented to City Council and opened up the meeting for Commissioner's questions.

Commissioner de Heer thanked staff for the presentation. She inquired about required offset costs for this year. Staff estimated \$60,000 based on 2017 inventory. Staff discussed use of updated inventory this year on these costs estimates and process of doing this work.

Commissioner de Heer acknowledged she would need to leave the meeting earlier due to a time conflict.

Committee Updates

CAP 2.0 Review Committee

Commissioner Mulholland presented the recommendations put together by the CAP2.0 Review Committee to the Commission.

Commissioner Allen clarified the purpose of the recommendation.

Commissioner Mulholland provided clarification about the purpose and content of the recommendation.

Commissioner Allen inquired if she could make a recommendation about items to be removed, specifying the sentence related to the NWN Gas Franchise Agreement.

Commissioner Mulholland provided clarification. Councilor Semple discussed the confidentiality of the agreement process.

Commissioner Farley discussed thoughts about addressing the thoughts of the community vision through the recommendation.

Councilor Semple agreed to include some language around the agreement given community feedback.

Commissioner Mulholland suggested editing the statement to make it clearer.

Commissioner de Heer addressed thoughts about including statements related to limiting natural gas infrastructure.

Commissioner Saxion expressed support for including some statement about the need to limit gas infrastructure, perhaps using other means besides Council to do so.

Commissioner Allen agreed with Commissioner Saxion to include and expand the statement in question; to state the goal and various ways that could happen including the franchise agreement.

Commissioner Mulholland provided clarification for the statement.

Staff made live edits to the last sentence of the second bullet of the first section. Commissioners provided clarifying statement, expressed word edits, and discussed process of wordsmithing the content.

Commissioner de Heer inquired why actions were chosen for a recommendation for immediate action. Commissioner Mulholland provided clarification.

Commissioner Farley discussed thoughts about the difference between immediate actions versus language of 6-9 months and related recommendation. He addressed comments made by Councilor Zelenka at July 15 work session.

Commissioner Mulholland addressed Councilor Zelenka's comments and his interpretation of those thoughts, related to timing of community vision actions. He addressed thoughts about inclusion of this work in the next annual update and related timing of decisions and vetting of community vision actions.

Commissioner de Heer discussed thoughts about recommendations related to timing and what recommendations to make given context of the city's work and budget.

Commissioner Farley discussed work of the committee and context for the process that led to present recommendation.

Commissioner Mulholland discussed question of using 6-9 months versus 10-15 months as well as statement of "immediate action" versus "immediate policy development". He discussed thoughts about other actions for which there is precedent via adoption by other municipalities.

Staff made live edits to the document with recommendations related to the timing of policy development and language of "immediate actions" to "policy development" from Commissioners.

Commissioner Mulholland opened the meeting questions about concerns related to the actions included in the second section.

Commissioner Johnson reiterated Commissioner de Heer comments related to EV's at the gas station. Commissioner Mulholland provided clarification.

Staff requested clarification related to the actions for greater specificity. Commissioners provided clarification as staff made live edits to the document.

Commissioner Mulholland provided summary of actions listed in the final section “actions already in CAP2.0”. He asked the Commission if the section should stay or be removed.

Councilor Semple said it is helpful to know what actions, though included, are more important to the Commission than others and related thoughts. Expressed support for the section.

Staff suggested that expressing “positives” builds trust with Council and is helpful for Commission to consider. They suggested adding context could be helpful.

Councilor Semple expressed support for inclusion of “positives”.

Commissioner Mulholland requested an introductory statement describing actions that are already in the plan to be decided on, and the community as also brought these same actions and we look forward to see the decision on these in the near future.

Staff made live edits to the final sections of the document.

Action Item: Approved Recommendation to Council as amended

Moved: Art Farley

Seconded: Julia Johnson

Vote: All in favor

Abstain: Jon Kloor

Absent: Louisa de Heer, Drew Johnson

Proposal to Create Rules Review Committee

Commissioner Mulholland discussed this committee proposal and asked Commissioners who asked for funds to be involved.

Julia Johnson, Laura Allen, Kelsey Zlevor expressed interest in being on this committee.

Action Item: Approved New Committee

Moved: Julia Johnson

Seconded: Laura Allen

Vote: All in favor

Zach requested Julia, Laura and Chair Zlevor convene committee.

August Retreat Prep

Staff provided introduction of what the goal was for the prepping for the August retreat.

Commissioner Allen discussed interest in addressing coordination of engagement and advisory work for CAP 2.0 and research of funding mechanisms for actions from community recommended action to inform future ideas.

Commissioner Mulholland discussed process of Commissioners forming ideas for workplan ahead of the retreat, and drafting committee proposals for consideration at retreat. He discussed types of considerations for these proposals and process for establishing committees as well as their outcomes.

Commissioner Johnson made request of staff to make recommendations of how the workplan should be addressed. Staff provided clarification about history of August retreat and workplan development, especially the need to focus on a few things over one meeting to narrow how the Commission will focus their time. Staff specified that staff will provide recap of work that went before council in previous year as well as brainstorm and dream about what could be done.

Chair Zlevor spoke about the use of a bucket of categories to decide what areas would be carried forward and how, to include big items that considers the historical shifts currently in place.

Commissioners expressed gratitude to Chair Zlevor for her leadership.

Commissioner Farley asked if part of the retreat is forming a new workplan and forming a report of the previous year's work. Staff provided clarification.

Commissioner Mulholland asked if the retreat would be held virtually. Staff confirmed.

Staff confirmed that the meeting will be held at the regular time but for a longer period.

Council Communications and Upcoming Items

Councilor Semple welcomed the new Commissioners and leadership. Councilor Semple discussed current work of the Council including STAR voting, CAP2.0, parks levy, transportation work, and public hearing related to the Lane County building. She discussed upcoming meetings related to public safety funding, parks blocks, etc. Councilor Semple mentioned July 27th will be the last public forum for that want to speak.

Commissioner Mulholland requested of Councilor Semple how to add recommendation as amendment to the CAP 2.0. Staff and Councilor Semple provided clarification about process. Commissioner Mulholland provided clarifying comments about his thoughts behind including the recommendation as an amendment. There was discussion back and forth between Commissioner Mulholland, staff and Councilor Semple about this process.

Items from Commissioners and Staff

Staff reminded new Commissioners that an orientation would be provided at the retreat.

Closing

Chair Mulholland adjourned the meeting.