

**Missoula City Council Committee of the Whole Minutes - DRAFT**

**August 17, 2022  
9:00 AM  
Microsoft Teams 1**

**Members present:** Stacie Anderson, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

**Members absent:** Mirtha Becerra

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

**1.1 Roll Call**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public in attendance.

**3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**3.1 Mayoral Succession Procedure**

Council President Gwen Jones opened the business with a minute of silence to honor Mayor John Engen.

City Clerk Marty Rehbein presented on the statutory timeline for appointing a replacement for the vacant office of mayor (see attached presentation).

Gwen Jones stated that because questions for candidates are not dictated by the rules, everyone on council should have a say and submit a question.

Council Questions

Sandra Vasecka asked if it would be possible to cc all council so that there aren't duplicates. And what happens if the appointee quits? Marty Rehbein answered that council would need to go through the appointment process again.

Jordan Hess mentioned that the role of mayor is more than a full time job, it's a lifestyle. He also stated that government takes continuity issues very seriously. He asked if everyone could submit their top and secondary questions so as to avoid duplicates. Mayors have to answer questions off the cuff and it's different than preparing for an interview.

Daniel Carlino asked if the public would be able to ask questions at the interview and what opportunities there would be for public comment. He also wanted to ensure that there is plenty of time for these interviews.

Amber Sherrill added that she agreed with the suggestion to have two questions submitted as the mayor's role is so broad and changes with various emergencies.

Mirtha Beccera commented that one way to include public input would be in listening to constituents and including their concerns in that manner.

Gwen Jones suggested that they add a meeting next week to review questions. Questions due Monday, have a public meeting on Wednesday.

Jennifer Savage wondered if there could be a second time block or second day to interview applicants. Gwen Jones mentioned that she thinks that it is important to have them in a single day for fairness.

Marty Rehbein mentioned the League of Women Voters can provide a timekeeper like they do for candidate forums.

Jordan Hess commented that he thinks each interview should have a time limit, but not a limit by question.

Gwen mentioned there is a 5pm deadline on Monday for initial questions submission.

Information only item.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 9:53am.