

Meeting Minutes Committee on General Government

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Meeting Recording:

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Members

Heather Shand, Chair (in council chambers)
Bruce Vogel, At-large (Zoom)
Byron Lane, Ward 6 (Zoom)

Other Participants

Andrew Levine (Chief of Staff)
Owen Smith (communication author)

Meeting starts at 5:30

Agenda

- COMM00491 Letter from Owen Smith, re:Tree Warden

Chair opens meeting and asks Owen Smith to speak to the communication regarding the Tree Warden position but the overarching topic of how appointments are made and tracked by the city council and clerk's office.

Andrew Levine speaks to the current tree warden position position being assigned to the Deputy DPS director. The Mayor intends to make this a position that is opened to for employees of DPS to post for. Speaks to the quality of the people in the department and how there are numerous employees of DPS who are qualified. The Chief of Staff stated they plan to have the Tree Warden be a position that the city council can appoint and intends to have the appointment in the council packet in August.

The chief of staff speaks to the spreadsheet that the clerk's office created and tracks appointments. Discusses the collaboration the clerk and mayor's office have in maintaining the spreadsheet.

Cllr Vogel speaks to the emails we get regarding permits and grants via email and asks if the appointment spreadsheet is something that could be disseminated in the same manner.

Cllr. Shand agreed and took the action to speak with the clerk's office to determine the process.

No public comment was made.

Cllr. Vogel moved to receive and file the communication, Cllr. Lane seconded.

Vote was 3-0 to receive and file COMM00491

Voted 3-0 to adjourn.