



COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Jessica Chilton
Councilor Mark Gundersen
Councilor Russell Hubbard
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

STAFF

John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Matthew Kahl, Contracted City Attorney
Chris Dolan, Contracted City Attorney

OTHERS

Brady Preheim
KOHl Representative

CALL SPECIAL SESSION TO ORDER – 5:01 p.m.

City Recorder Kathy Payne reported that KOHI/Odd Friday is in the attendee room. An application was submitted this morning from Brady Preheim, representing Odd Friday, to attend the Executive Session. It was sent to the City Attorney for review and sent to KOHI Editor and Owner Marty Rowe for confirmation but a response has not been received yet. Mayor Scholl said Brady will need to leave the meeting since his application was not submitted in time for processing.

Attorney Matthew Kahl reviewed the request from Brady. Their office recommended City staff obtain a letter on KOHI letterhead confirming Brady is a representative of their media.

Mayor Scholl declared that Brady has a known relationship with the other side of their mediation. The City is at risk allowing him to listen. Council President Chilton added that it's not in the City's best interest for Brady to participate until they have all the necessary documentation. Councilors Gundersen and Hubbard agreed.

Kahl went on to review the City's media policy. The City can require documentation to demonstrate they are representatives of the news media. Attorney Chris Dolan added that the City has the right to protect the integrity of the executive session function, which includes verifying applicants are indeed media representatives. He sees no problem denying access if the person has not provided necessary documentation. He is concerned about inconsistency between the policy and application.

Mayor Scholl requested Brady exit the Zoom room. An additional KOHI representative joined, both of whom were removed from the meeting.

RECESS SPECIAL SESSION – 5:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Consult with Legal Counsel & Potential/Pending Litigation, under ORS 192.660(2)(h)

RESUME SPECIAL SESSION – 5:48 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN – 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne
Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl
Rick Scholl, Mayor