



MINUTES
KEIZER CITY COUNCIL
Monday, December 2, 2024
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken as follows:

Present:

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Shaney Starr, Council President
Soraida Cross, Councilor
Kyle Juran, Councilor
Daniel Kohler, Councilor
Laura Reid, Councilor

Staff:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Tim Wood, Assistant City Manager
Shane Witham, Planning Director
Joseph Lindsay, City Attorney
Melissa Bisset, City Recorder

Absent:

Vacant Position #5

DISCUSSION

a. Presentation by Candidates for City Council Position #5

Mayor Clark acknowledged written comments received from:

- Jeremy Turner, President and Jonathan Thompson, Co-Chair of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce, Letter in support of Lore Christopher to be appointed to the vacant City Council position
- Marissa Olheiser, Salem-Keizer, Email in support of Juli Ray Joy to be appointed to the vacant City Council position.

The following public written comments were submitted after 5:00 p.m.:

- Keara Rodela, Email in support of Juli Ray C. Joy to be appointed to the vacant City Council position.

- Shea Weiner, Keizer, Email in support of Juli Ray C. Joy to be appointed to the vacant City Council position.
- Sarah Arbuckle, Keizer, Email in support of Juli Ray C. Joy to be appointed to the vacant City Council position.

Mayor Clark explained the process for appointment, the presentations, and voting for filling the City Council vacancy.

City Recorder Melissa Bisset drew the names for the order of the presentations from the official bucket. The order drawn was: Tammy Kunz, Lore Christopher, and Juli Ray Joy.

Each candidate was given five minutes to make a presentation before the City Council. The following questions had been provided to the candidates for them to include in their presentations if they wished to do so:

- How important is diversity in leadership to you and what value does it bring?
- How would you characterize the people of Keizer, and how will you represent them?
- Give me an example of a time when you were able to successfully communicate with another person when that individual may not have personally liked you (or vice versa). How did you handle the situation? What obstacles or difficulties did you face? How did you deal with them?
- The Keizer City Council is a non-partisan body. Please describe your approach to non-partisanship as part of the Council and as a representative of the whole community.
- The responsibilities of a Councilor require for you to be accessible to all people. How would you interact with someone who has an opinion much different to yours?

Tammy Kunz shared her responses to the questions that the City Council had submitted to the candidates.

Lore Christopher shared how she would serve and responded to the questions that the City Council had submitted to the candidates.

Juli Ray Joy shared her background and interest in serving on the City Council and responded to the questions that the City Council had submitted to the candidates.

The City Council completed its first ballot. The City Recorder tallied the ballots, and read the results of each ballot as follows:

Council Member	Candidate
Mayor Clark	Juli Ray Joy
Councilor Cross	Lore Christopher
Councilor Juran	Lore Christopher
Councilor Kohler	Lore Christopher
Councilor Reid	Tammy Kunz
Council President Starr	Lore Christopher

RESOLUTION - Validating Appointment to City Council Position #5

Council President Starr moved to adopt Resolution R2024- Validating the appointment of Lore Christopher to City Council Position #5. Councilor Kohler seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Clark, Cross, Kohler, Starr and Juran (5)

NAYS: Reid (1)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

MAYOR:

APPROVED:

Cathy Clark

Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes approved: _____

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