



Council Worksession
October 4, 2022
5:00 pm

Present: Mayor Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas
Councilmember Abdullahi Abdulle
Councilmember Graeme Allen
Councilmember Pam Axberg
Councilmember Emily Dunsworth

Absent:

Staff in Attendance: Devin Massopust

Guests in Attendance: None

Closed Meeting Item Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, Subdivision 3(b), Attorney-Client Privilege to Discuss On-Going Litigation Between the City of New Brighton and the United States Department of the Army

The City Council met in closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, Subdivision 3(b), to discuss on-going litigation between the City of New Brighton and the United States Department of the Army.

Continued Discussion on Commissioner Recruitment

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas reported staff put together a bit of information on where the Council left off on the Commissioner appointments. She noted the City had one opening for a non-student Commissioner role with the Public Safety Commission and had two people interested in filling this position. She indicated she was told there would be an opening on the Equity Commission as well, but noted this position would be filled in the future. She requested feedback from the Council on how to proceed with the Public Safety appointment.

Councilmember Dunsworth stated given the attendance records, there may be several commissioners not invited back to the Public Safety Commission. For this reason, she suggested the open seat be offered to the person who can attend the meetings, and in the future a vacancy could be offered to the other individual.

Councilmember Axberg supported this recommendation.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas asked if the Council could appoint one now and hang onto the other candidate for the future. Massopust recommended the Council appoint one individual to the Public Safety Commission at this time.

Councilmember Dunsworth noted the Council would be making appointments to Commissions or Committees again in six months.

Councilmember Allen stated he supported Councilmember Dunsworth's recommendation for this appointment.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas explained Tom Harkins would go forward as the appointee for the Public Safety Commission. Massopust reported the Council would approve this recommendation on the Consent Agenda at their October 11 City Council meeting.

Worksession adjourned at 5:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Terri Spangrud".

Terri Spangrud
City Clerk