



Minutes of the Molalla City Council Work Session

Molalla Civic Center
315 Kennel Ave., Molalla, OR 97038
January 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Molalla City Council Work Session of January 25, 2023 was called to order by Mayor Scott Keyser at 6:00pm.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Mayor Scott Keyser, Council President Jody Newland, Councilor Leota Childress, Councilor Terry Shankle, Councilor Crystal Robles, Councilor Eric Vermillion, and Councilor RaeLynn Botsford.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Huff, City Manager; Christie Teets, City Recorder.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Planning Commission Applicant Interviews

Mayor Keyser invited Planning Commission applicant Greg Hillhouse to the podium to be interviewed.

- What motivated you to apply for this position?

Mr. Hillhouse has been involved in many areas of the city, however not city government. He would like to become more actively involved and felt the Planning Commission would be a good way for him to do that.

- Do you have any personal/professional interest in the city's planning or development? If yes, please explain.

Mr. Hillhouse replied that he does not.

- What prior knowledge, if any, do you have working with planning, development, or serving on a public committee/commission?

Mr. Hillhouse has no previous knowledge. He keeps himself familiar with Planning Commission by watching the videos online.

- Commitment to this position is, at minimum, one meeting a month for a few hours with some further time needed for events and other trainings/meetings. Is this something you have planned for and are willing to agree to?

Mr. Hillhouse can commit to the attending the meetings.

Darci Lightner did not attend the Work Session. Mayor Keyser moved onto Mr. David Potts.

- What motivated you to apply for this position?

Mr. Potts and his wife moved from the Portland area a few years ago. He was active in the East Portland Action Plan when they lived there and would like to now be involved in our community.

- Do you have any personal/professional interest in the city's planning or development? If yes, please explain.

Mr. Potts replied that he does not.

- What prior knowledge, if any, do you have working with planning, development, or serving on a public committee/commission?

Mr. Potts career was in title insurance. He is familiar with legal documents, city code building restrictions, and as-builts meeting requirements.

- Commitment to this position is, at minimum, one meeting a month for a few hours with some further time needed for events and other trainings/meetings. Is this something you have planned for and are willing to agree to?

Mr. Potts is willing to attend required meetings.

- Why did you move to Molalla?

Mr. Potts grew up in a small town, then moved to a large city. After years of living in a large city, he and his wife wanted to return to a smaller city, where they could become involved.

Mayor Keyser then invited Mr. Ornelas to the podium, and asked the following questions.

- What motivated you to apply for this position?

Mr. Ornelas would like to become more involved with the community. He is a firm believer in that cities are made by those that show up. He would like to be considered someone who shows up.

- Do you have any personal/professional interest in the city's planning or development? If yes, please explain.

Mr. Ornelas replied he does not.

- What prior knowledge, if any, do you have working with planning, development, or serving on a public committee/commission?

Mr. Ornelas replied that he has none.

- Commitment to this position is, at minimum, one meeting a month for a few hours with some further time needed for events and other trainings/meetings. Is this something you have planned for and are willing to agree to?

Mr. Ornelas agrees to the time commitment of monthly meetings.

- Why did you move to Molalla?

Mr. Ornelas previously lived in Hillsboro, and wanted to be part of a smaller community. He is not afraid of the large reading requirement for Planning Commissioners.

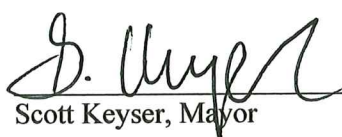
Mr. Hillhouse and Mr. Potts are prepared for the reading requirements of the Planning Commission, as well.

Councilor Robles thanked each person for applying for the positions on the Planning Commission.


[For the complete video account of the City Council Meeting, please go to YouTube
"Molalla City Council Work Session – January 25, 2023"](#)

ADJOURN

Mayor Keyser adjourned the Work Session at 6:16pm.



Scott Keyser, Mayor



Date

ATTEST: 

Christie Teets, CMC
City Recorder