

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Matt Francis, Ashley Lucht, Moe Matte

City Staff Present: Angela Aldieri, Finance Director, Elaine Wang, City Manager

Guests Present: Parker Silver, Councilor Bryn Oakleaf

Meeting Start Time: 5:34 PM

II. Public Comment

Parker Silver introduced themselves to the commission

III. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Decision: Approved

Motion by: MF and MM

Second: MM and MF

Have not met in a while so needed to approve. Last meeting was in November but was joint meeting

IV. City Council Liaison Update

Mayor Lott not present. Councilor Oakleaf gave an update. Good turnout for budget presentation. Discussed other opportunities for budget presentations. Mayor Lott showed up. Council discussed Just Cause Eviction Charter Change.

V. Approval: Inclusion & Belonging Commission Rep Role

Decision: Approved

Motion by: MF

Second: MM

Every commission needs to decide for themselves whether the Inclusion and Belonging Commission liaison is going to be a voting or nonvoting member of each commission. The purpose is to have the Inclusion and Belonging member provide an equity lens to each commission issues/discussion.

City Manager wanted to remind commissioners that the quorum rule would increase if there's another voting member. It has been difficult at times to reach a quorum.

Parker Silver would like to be a voting member. To do otherwise would be hypocritical.

MM asks what the Inclusion and Belonging Commission does. PS responded that the purpose of the Commission is to make sure that all policies are seen through the lens of equity and inclusion. The mayor adds that it's to make sure issues don't get missed and that marginalized people get representation in the city policies.

Motion Pass

VI. Approval: Elect Officer – Vice Chair

Postponed until next meeting due to members being absent

VII. Discussion: Community Budget Presentation

Commissioners discussed the budget presentation. Maintaining level services involves dipping into fund balance. Presentation may be overkill for the average person not plugged in to the presentation. What should we do for renters? 62-63% of Winooski citizens are renters, but it's difficult to estimate if and what impact the tax increase will be. Potentially include a line that says renters can contact the city clerk to get their property's assessed value, although that still wouldn't give the right info since property values are inflated beyond the assessed value. Commissioners discussed what slides to take out or if there should be an executive summary for the average person. The mayor wants to make sure voters know that the TIF is mostly getting spent.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by: AL

Second: PS

Meeting End Time: 6:38 PM