

CIC Meeting 12/12/2023

Staff Present: Harmonee, Rheanna

Commission Members Present: Brian, Susan, Hannah, Jim, Ren, Mia

Presentation: City Transition

Presenters: June, Jose

Committee Member: Each position will have a maximum of 7 people that will be on the ballot?

June: There will be no limit to number of people who can run, there can only be 6 ranked choices though.

CM: So you're (Harmonee) the Equity Officer, right?

Harmonee: No, that's actually a position that does not yet have a person. It's a new system with the new city structure, to have an Equity Officer that oversees all of the service areas.

CM: Is the City Administrator going to be a hired or elected position?

June: Hired!

CM: How will the new councilors be paid?

June: From the general fund – the city council will be paid somewhat from various Bureaus having their budgets cut, etc.

CM: How much agency do community members have in the city transition?

Jose: They definitely have agency! If you know people that have opinions or want to get involved, ask them to give public comments.

CM: Can you talk about how districts can function without District Offices?

Jose: One city had monthly town halls, one city did rotating meetings in local libraries, etc. Having District Offices is complicated because of how costly they are to pay for the security. There have been discussions of having just one eastside district office to avoid having folks coming all the way downtown.

Harmonee: This is the first time that I heard that all council members will have one staff – how does that even out since the current councilmembers have 5/6/7 staff?

June: It's being proposed currently as a cost-neutral option.

Jose: The original proposal included two staff members per councilor. There are also shared staff for all the councilors, like admin staff etc.

CM: Is CIC going to have a more formalized role in this process, of getting feedback?

Harmonee: Not really, but CIC is already a formalized commission that city-wide projects have to present for. There might be some question as to our service area, since that will mix things up once things are divided by Service Area instead of Bureau.