



Citizens' Commission on Public Service and Compensation

Legal Action Report

Thursday, February 9, 2023, 5:30PM
Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 1st Floor
255 W. Alameda St., Tucson, Arizona

1. Roll Call

The Citizens' Commission on Public Service and Compensation (CCPSC) meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Alexa Scholl.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were:

Present:

Jennifer Garcia
Alexa Scholl
Agustin Urquidi
Thomas Warne
Laura Dent

Appointor:

City Manager
City Manager
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Absent:

Greg Facey
Nicolas Nieri-Long

City Manager
City Manager

Staff Present:

Jesus Acedo, City Records Manager, City Clerk's Office
Rene Figueroa, Administrative Assistant, City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes/LAR from February 2, 2023

It was moved by Commissioner Warne, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Vice-Chair Facey and Commissioner Nieri-Long absent/ excused), to approve the Legal Action Report from February 2, 2023.

3. Review Data and Develop Commission Recommendation

Chair Scholl opened the discussion referencing the material provided by the City Clerk's Office and asking about any other information or thoughts the commission had.

Discussion ensued regarding the budgets and salaries of neighboring jurisdictions.

Chair Scholl asked staff if the Commission was able to present a formula as opposed to a hard number. Jesus Acedo, City Clerk's Office, explained that a formula can be used to establish a recommendation by the present commission, however, said formula may not remain in place for when the next Commission is established in 2025.

Commissioner Urquidi inquired as to how often the Commission meets, recalling from the material provided that a recommendation is not made every year. Mr. Acedo informed Commissioners that the Commission meets bi-annually, when the City holds elections for Mayor and Council.

Discussion ensued regarding what an appropriate salary for Mayor and Council would be and how said recommendation could be worded in order to have the measure passed by voters.

Commissioner Urquidi asked if the justification used to arrive at their figures would be Public Record and made available to the voters. Mr. Acedo explained that the Commission's final recommendation would be printed on the City's publicity pamphlet which is, in turn, distributed to all registered voters.

Discussion ensued. The Commission reached a consensus to begin building their draft recommendation around an annual salary of \$56,000 for Council Member and \$70,000 for Mayor.

The Commission began brainstorming on what points to include on their final recommendation and inquired as to the wording on the ballot language.

Mr. Acedo explained that the ballot language is drafted by the City Attorney's Office and is somewhat restricted per the Tucson Charter. Mr. Acedo recommended to have a member from the City Attorney's Office present once the recommendation is close to being finalized to discuss ballot language and any other questions the Commission may have.

Discussion ensued; no formal action was taken.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.