

CITY COUNCIL

Nominations and Appointments

Committee

Monday, June 20, 2016
4:00 pm
City Council Office

The Nominations and Appointments Committee will meet as needed to address nominations and appointments to the City's boards, authorities and commissions.

Although Council committee meetings are open to the public, public comment is not permitted at Council Committee meetings. However, citizens are encouraged to attend and observe the meetings. Comment from citizens or professionals during the meeting may be solicited on agenda topics via invitation by the Committee Chair.

All electronic recording devices must be at the entry door in all meeting rooms and offices, as per Bill No. 27-2012

I. Interviews

4:00 - Mike Leifer - reappointment - Fire Civil Service Board

II. Appointment Recommendations

III. Review Pending Applications Memo & BAC Openings



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Monday, June 6, 2016

Meeting Report

Attendance: S. Marmarou, J. Slifko, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

I. Interview

Chris Kern (appointment – Environmental Advisory Council)

Mr. Marmarou questioned how Mr. Kern learned of this opening. Mr. Kern stated that a former member of the firm where he works (Callie White) needed to resign due to her relocation out of the area. He stated that Mr. Beane spoke with him about serving.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the EAC has been very active drafting legislation (Riparian Buffer, Alternative Energy, Rain Barrel regulations) and that she is very pleased with their work.

Mr. Marmarou stated that Mr. Kern is not a City resident but that he is highly qualified to serve in this position.

Mr. Slifko questioned why Mr. Kern was interested in serving. Mr. Kern stated that he works in Reading and is concerned about its environmental future. He stated that his qualifications make this a perfect fit.

Mr. Slifko questioned Mr. Kern's experience with environmental matters. Mr. Kern stated that he is often involved in environmental clean-ups with old storage tanks and their soil and water impacts.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if Mr. Kern had specific concerns about Reading's environmental issues. Mr. Kern stated that he had no specific concerns at this time.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the Brownfields issues at several City locations.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if these areas could be covered rather than having the soil removed and relocated. Mr. Kern stated that this is acceptable as long as a covenant is added to the deed to prevent future digging on the site.

Mr. Slifko questioned if leaching could continue under the capping. Mr. Kern stated that this must be taken into consideration during evaluation. He stated that the site should continue to be monitored after it is capped to determine if contamination is occurring downstream. He stated that in order to cap the site it must be demonstrated that there will be no future impact.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the interesting position the City is in with PA DEP and US EPA regarding the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Kern stated that most of the remediation that occurs is due to prior generation's actions.

Mr. Marmarou expressed the belief that Mr. Kern is knowledgeable about environmental issues and that his background and experience are excellent for this position.

Mr. Slifko stated that all EAC members have great backgrounds. Ms. Katzenmoyer described the backgrounds of each member.

Ms. Katzenmoyer reviewed the current topics that the EAC is discussing. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that they have also looked at the issue of adding fluoride to drinking water. She noted her concern about the hazardous materials traveling through the City by train.

Mr. Marmarou stated that he grew up on Poplar St and that his mother would need to clean the front of their home weekly to remove the train soot.

Mr. Kern stated that he spent several years in Pittsburgh and understands the issue with soot. He stated that they have done a fantastic job addressing their environmental issues. Mr. Slifko agreed.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the City is surrounded by woodlands and that the animals tend to come into the City.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the EAC meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at noon. She questioned if Mr. Kern would be available to attend meetings. Mr. Kern stated that he would be able to attend.

Mr. Kern questioned if the City's trash/litter issue is being addressed. Mr. Slifko stated that 60% of City residents are on the City's trash removal system, 20% have private haulers and 20% have no hauler. Mr. Marmarou expressed the belief that when the City learns that a property does not have a hauler that it should be added to the City's system. He stated that they should also be cited. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the hybrid system is inefficient.

Mr. Slifko suggested that the EAC take a position on this issue. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz agreed.

Mr. Kern questioned the current members of the EAC. Ms. Katzenmoyer again described their backgrounds.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Chris Kern to the Environmental Advisory Council.

II. Appointees

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz requested a legal opinion on removal of appointees to boards, authorities, and commissions when it is known that the appointee is not working well.

Mr. Slifko stated that this committee cannot removal members.

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that the enabling legislation allows for removal for malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance. She stated that the removal would need to be by Council resolution.

III. Other Matters

- Code Enforcement

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that she requested this topic be added to the Strategic Planning agenda to discuss the issue with the Mayor and Managing Director.

- Jeep Club Event

Mr. Marmarou relayed details about a Jeep club event which culminated with issues on Lemon St. He suggested that this also be discussed at the Strategic Planning meeting. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz suggested that it be discussed directly with the Managing Director.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shelly Katzenmoyer, CMC
Deputy City Clerk



CITY OF READING
BOARDS AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS
APPLICATION FORM

Article X of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter encourages the participation of citizens in their government through the establishment of Boards, Authorities and Commissions to carry out City business. Broad citizen participation is encouraged in the recruitment of appointees and in making appointments.

No appointee of any board, authority, or commission shall hold any other elected public office or any compensated position for the City. No person may serve concurrently on more than one board, authority or commission. The Charter requires all appointees to be residents of the City of Reading. At the discretion of Council, persons not residing in the City may be appointed if they have a significant property holding or business interest in the City.

Name: Michael J. Leifer
 Address: 152 Hawthorne Ct Wyomissing PA 19612
 Years living at this address: 16

Date of Birth: 9/22/1960

Occupation: Restaurant owner

Place of Employment & Address: The Peant Bar
332 Ann St
Reading PA 19602

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Telephone: Day 610-376-8500 Evening 484-269-6950
 E-mail: MIKE@PEANTBAR.COM

If you need more space for any of the questions below, please use the back of this form.
 If you have a current resume, please attach it to this completed application.

1. What Board, Authority or Commission are you interested in serving on? Why?

FCSB Fire Civil Service Board

2. In your opinion, what is the primary purpose of this board?

Keeping an active list of New Hires & Promotions 1

for City of Reading Fire Dept.

3. What skills, abilities or other characteristics do you have that will help the Board successfully achieve its purpose?

38 years of Fire & EMS Exp.

4. Have you had any previous experience with this particular board? If yes, please describe.

yes 3 terms of service

5. Have you served in any other volunteer roles in the community? (e.g. youth organizations, church, etc.) Please list.

Reading Civic Theatre Board
Western District EMS Officers
Main St. Board

6. Have you ever been employed by the City of Reading? If so, please list.

no

7. In a business relationship, have you ever provided goods or services for the City? If so, please describe.

yes food for various events

8. Have you served previously on any other City of Reading Board, Authority, or Commission or in any other advisory capacity? If yes, please list the position and date(s) of service.

FCSB
Main St. Board

9. Are you currently a registered voter? Yes No

10. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

11. Do you own any properties or businesses in the City? If so, please list.

332 Penn St. LLC & The Peanut Butter

12. Do you have any water/sewer bills, property taxes, codes violations, or fines which are delinquent for 6 months or longer? If so, please list and provide explanation.

NO

I verify that the statements made in this application are true and correct. I understand that any false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 PA.C.S. 4904, relating to unsworn falsification of authorities. I consent to and authorize, without reservation, the City of Reading to obtain information relating to my law enforcement record, convictions for other than Summary Offenses, my tax payment record (including all applicable taxes payable to the City of Reading), and my utility payment records. Convictions or tax delinquencies will not automatically disqualify the applicant. I authorize each applicable agency to which this form is presented to release any results, upon request of the City of Reading, as described above. Copies of this consent that show my signature are as valid as the original signed by me. This consent is valid until the termination of my application process or my affiliation with the City of Reading, whichever is later.

I hereby irrevocably release and discharge each agency to which this form is presented and such agency's representatives and agents from any and all liability of any nature whatsoever in any way arising from or relating to disclosure of information of any nature about me and I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless each such agency from any and all loss, cost, damage, expense, or liability of any nature (including, but not limited to, attorney fees and criminal penalties) incurred by such agency or its representatives and agents in association with, or as a result of disclosure of information about, me. I further agree each agency to which this form is presented and such agency's representatives and agents are third-party beneficiaries with direct standing to enforce the release and indemnification provisions set forth herein.

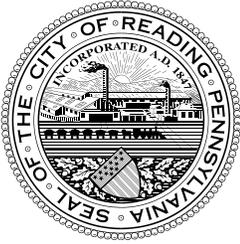
Michael Kofer
Printed Name


Signature

4/24/16
Date

Please complete the application form and return to

City Clerk's Office
815 Washington Street
Office 2-24
Reading, PA 19601
Fax - 610-655-6697
Email - Council@readingpa.gov



MEMORANDUM

TO: Nominations and Appointments Committee
FROM: Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: June 20, 2016
SUBJECT: Pending Applications

The following persons have applications for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions pending:

Redevelopment Authority - *2 openings*

- **Roberto Campitelli** - appointment - sent to Mayor February 2016
- **Mary Ann Ciarlone** - appointment - will need Mayoral approval

Planning Commission - *4 openings*

- **Melvyn Jacobson** - appointment - has Mayoral approval
- **William Cinfici** - reappointment - will need Mayoral approval

Fire Civil Service Board - *2 openings*

- **Michael Leifer** - reappointment

BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS
OPEN SEATS

JUNE 20, 2016

Board, Authority & Commission	Mayor appointment w/ Council approval	Mayor appointment	Council appointment
BOARDS			
Electrician's Examining Board			2 openings
Plumbing Board of Examiners	2 openings		
Reading HVAC Board			5 openings
Zoning Hearing Board			2 alternate openings
Police Civil Service Board			Board full
Fire Civil Service Board			2 openings
			1 application pending
Board of Historical Architectural Review			3 openings
Board of Trustees of the Reading Public Library			Board Full

Board of Health			1 opening
			1 alternate opening
Board of Ethics			
	1 opening		
Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals			
	1 opening		
	2 alternate openings		
Animal Control Board			
	3 openings		
Charter Board			
	2 openings		
Code & License Appeals Board			
	3 alternate openings		
Minority Business Board			
	7 openings		
City-wide Diversity Board			
			Board full
Main St Board			
	Board full		
Pagoda Foundation		2 openings	2 openings

AUTHORITIES			
Reading Area Water Authority			Board full
Reading Redevelopment Authority	2 openings		
	2 applications pending		
Reading Housing Authority	Board full		
Reading Parking Authority		1 opening	
Convention Center Authority			Board full
Downtown Improvement District Authority	1 opening		
City Revitalization Improvement Zone Authority			3 openings
COMMISSIONS			
Planning Commission	4 openings		
	2 applications pending		
Reading Shade Tree Commission	2 openings		
Stadium Commission	Board Full		

Reading Human Relations Commission	2 openings		
Blighted Property Review Committee	Board full		
Environmental Advisory Council			1 opening
Recreation Commission	Board full		
Audit Committee			
			Board full