

CITY OF ROSLYN
CITY COUNCIL WORK STUDY MINUTES

March 22, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

Roslyn Council Chambers, 109 S. 1st, Roslyn, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL: 6:00pm

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke called the work study meeting to order at 6:00pm, led the flag salute and asked the Clerk – Treasurer to call roll.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke, Councilmember Begley (6:01pm), Councilmember Osiadacz, Councilmember Spurrier, and Councilmember Gruber

ABSENT: Mayor Porter and Councilmember Scherer

1. Council Applicant Interviews
 - Nolan Weis
 - Edmond “Andy” Januszkiewicz
 - Mike Kloss
 - Jennifer Basterrechea

The Council Members interviewed each applicant separately and took turns asked the following questions:

1. Why do you want to serve on the Council?
2. What do you believe is the role of a Council Member?
3. Please tell us how you would handle a decision made by the majority of the Council that you did not agree with?
4. Do you believe as a Council Member it is important to follow all of the laws and regulations of the City, County, State, and Federal Government? – Please Explain.
5. Please tell us what skills, qualities, and experience, you would bring to the Council.
6. What do you see as the top three challenges facing the City?
7. What is your vision for the City?

Applicant Nolan Weis:

1. I’ve been filming the meetings for eight years & feel it’s time to be a part of Council. I ran for the Council spot when Frank Sikon left and didn’t get it so I’m trying this time. I love this town and want to help.
2. To hear the voices of every member of the community – put your & their opinions to the side and make sure you are looking at the better good for all. Working with youth I believe I have fun creative ideas and would like to put some of those ideas to work for the City.
3. I would try to see both sides and come to the middle – if I don’t agree I would try to figure out a solution and try to come to a happy medium; if I feel it is something that would hurt the town I would vote against it.
4. Yes – being a Council Member and being on TV I have to be a role model and if you don’t abide by those rules how can you expect everyone else to, although little things like jay walking or walking my dog without a leash may not factor in for me.

5. I work with Channel 40 & 39 and I have a huge outlet to Ellensburg and the Upper Kittitas County area events wise and I'm great with people. I've done a lot of filming and feel I can connect with people and have a good conversation. I don't hold anyone's opinion against them. I try to be the most open person I can be in any situation.
6. Lacking a theme, lacking communication with citizens, and some simple things such as the restrooms & cemetery signs are there but it's still hard to find those things. Also, it's our birthday and we should have a banner hanging up.
7. Stay the same but have a reason to come to Roslyn – we are a treasure, we need to get more people in town; visitors & businesses; make the town shine a little more.

Applicant Andy Januskiewicz:

1. I view it as a continuation of my service to Roslyn, I've been in some sort of community activism role or been involved with the City for at least the last 10 years and I see this as a continuation of that. I also have a vision about the City of Roslyn and I'd like to continue to work towards that.
2. One of the roles is to uphold the Cities rules, regulations, policies, and procedures it's one of the things you agree to. It's also the role of a Councilmember to question them if need be & to have far ranging vision. We need to make sure we make decisions that affect the future as well as the present. We also need to listen to the people and make sure their voices & ideas are heard & known.
3. That's part of the role of Councilmember – if a decision is made you go forward, a decision made by the majority is a decision that needs to be followed.
4. The Council noted that Mr. Januskiewicz answered this question as part of #2.
5. I've worked on a lot of the ordinances and regulations so I bring that knowledge and how they've evolved. I've also worked on the Comprehensive Plan and various agreements that led up to the acquisition of the Urban Forest and thru that process I've been able to maintain good relationships with all side I think, which has helped myself and our agency professionally. I can listen to people and actively solicit their opinion, and I was the chair of the Historic Commission. I have an educational background in public policy and environmental science although that is not based in biology but rather economic theory.
6. Budget, Acting on our Vision, and Coordination with the Cities and surrounding neighbors is a challenge
7. All cities are basically economic engines of some sort & Roslyn has a niche for that. The historic nature & historical characteristic of this town provide Roslyn a very unique opportunity to have an economic engine that is unlike any other in this state. That means there needs to be a level of protection and preservation of it and for lack of better term exploitation of it, but I think that choosing that path can provide us the greatest portion of what we all would like – the residential culture stays intact with the economic incentive and prosperity that we need to have in order to fulfill public services.

When asked if there was anything else Mr. Januskiewicz would like to share he replied:

I think a fair question is why I haven't come forth previously; I wanted to see the development regulations through to the finish. About 20 years ago was the first time I drove thru, I had never been here or heard about Roslyn and the first thought that hit me was this is someplace I could live; seven years later I came here. Roslyn feels like home.

Councilmember Gruber pointed out that Mr. Januszkiewicz is currently serving on the Planning & Historic Preservation Commission and if appointed to Council he would have to step down. Mr. Januszkiewicz confirmed that he was aware of that.

Applicant Mike Kloss:

1. I'm from Roslyn, 5th generation, and I think Roslyn needs some good leadership and a good Council that will work together to help the City run and prosper.
2. Help govern the City, come up with plans to help the City operate successfully both financially and other ways to make it a good place to live for people.
3. That's a democratic situation.
4. I feel that yes it is the duty to follow the laws & rules and if something is conflicting then you need to come up with a plan to change it but that's your job or duty, to run the City by the rules and laws.
5. I've worked in the business world, on boards and committees, worked with law enforcement, worked with government, worked in private sector, worked with newspapers, worked with city government.
6. Financial Crisis that the whole country is in affects us and needs to be worked on in a group setting by the Council as a whole.
7. I would like to see the City they way it was when I was a kid. The NWI Building was like an early Fred Myer store, Roslyn used to be self sufficient and we had no reason to run to Cle Elum, it was just a friendly little town.

When asked if there was anything else Mr. Kloss would like to share he replied:

I'd like to see more activity done up at the Cemeteries, I'm the Cemetery Clean Up Committee Chairman and I've worked with the Cemetery Commission and I'd like to see more and more work done because that is our heritage. Councilmember Spurrier asked if he meant by the City and Mr. Kloss said by volunteers.

Jennifer Basterrechea:

1. I'm very involved in Roslyn and I think I can be an added voice to the Council. I've also had lots of community members ask me to apply.
2. Voice the Communities' voice and to carry out what the community wants. Also abide by City regulations and help with running our city and making it a great little town.
3. Wouldn't be an issue, if the majority of the Council believes differently, then the majority rules. I think it's important to not go out and speak against any decisions that are made.
4. Yes I think it's important, if you are going to be out there representing the City then you should be following the laws. You need to be a law abiding citizen if you are going to be a role model.
5. Served on the Planning Commission and the Historic Commission, I've been involved in the Roslyn Downtown Association for the last seven years and I've been their president for the last three. I'm good at networking and know how to leverage resources. I have a bachelor's degree in History and Spanish & I'm a life-long resident of Roslyn – although I did live in Ellensburg and outside the Country for a brief time. I feel that I would be an asset to the Council.
6. Making the City Thrive both commercial & residential, business retention and development, become greener such as recycling, going off grid, etc.

7. Thriving, vibrant community that maintains its quality of life yet respect the past, more infill in the downtown area.

When asked if there was anything else Ms. Basterrechea would like to share she replied:

I've been very involved, I'm a business owner and I manage lots of property in town and I have a lot of interaction with a diverse group of people in the community. I'd like to be able to lend an ear and give them a voice; I'm very committed and a hard worker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2. RCW 42.30.110 (1) (h) – Qualification of Candidate for Elective Office

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooke announced that the Council would adjourn into an executive session for approximately 15 minutes, to discuss qualifications with no decisions to be made during the session.

The executive session started at 6:45pm and ended at 6:58pm.

The waiting public was invited back to the room and the work study meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:58pm



Cordy Cooke, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: 

Amber Shallow, Clerk - Treasurer