

MINUTES
Battle Ground Salary Commission



DATE: May 8, 2023

TIME: 4:00 pm called to order at 4.05pm

PLACE: City of Battle Ground City Hall – Council Chambers
109 SW 1st St
Battle Ground, WA 98604

Salary Commission: Evelina Kurilenko (absent)
Amista Taylor (present)
Neil Butler (present)

Staff Present: Meagan Lowery, Finance Director and Rob Ferrier, Deputy City Manager

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approval of meeting minutes from April 10, 2023. Neil Butler made motion to approve Amista Taylor seconded, approved unanimously
2. Review of information requested by Commission at April 10 meeting Commission discussed the council member responses to questions posed by the commission . It was relayed to the commission an incentive based pay is not legal per the City Attorney’s review of associated state laws.

Commission requested to increase health benefits to match what all the city employees currently receive at 95% being paid for council member and 85% being paid for any associated dependents for medical 250 plans, 100% paid for council member and any dependents for dental and vision, then 100% medical for High Deductible Plans with 80% cost sharing in Health Savings account. They also included a medical opt out at \$350 a month for those who do not select medical coverage.

The Commission also increased the salary to the nearest \$100 for councilmember, deputy mayor, and mayor.

3. Discuss next steps, setting of public hearing dates The draft councilmember salary schedule, as discussed during item 2, will be presented at public hearings for public testimony on dates of June 12th and June 26th at 6pm.
4. Next Commission Meeting: TBD Public Hearing June 12th 6pm

Adjournment

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