

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

NAME : Constance Anne Burton "Connie"

STREET ADDRESS :

MAILING ADDRESS :

EMAIL :

Telephone :

Length of Fulltime Residency : 4 years, but we've owned a home here since 1992

Occupation : Retired. Although I have a degree in Art Education, I learned bookkeeping from my grandmother and ran the business part of my husband's private dental practice for almost 40 years

Will you be able to attend the February 7, 2024 Council Meeting in person ? Yes

Please describe your previous governmental experience, if any.

I served as a volunteer Long-Term Care Ombudsman in 2010-2012 and also served as a board member on the Coordinated Care Council for the Columbia Gorge 2012-14

Are you available to meet (Y/N) Days____ Evenings____. YES to Both

1. Please explain your interest in becoming a city councilor. Be brief but be as specific as possible.

I believe that the well-being of the city is the responsibility of every interested party : homeowners (part-time and full-time), registered voters, business owners, business employees, and visitors. Some registered voters must step forward to take on issues and guide outcomes. I am stepping forward.

2. Of the issues facing Manzanita, what is most compelling to you personally, and how would you address it ?

Fostering factual information is most important to me. Let's discuss openly and specifically about Middle Housing and other Comprehensive Plan items. Let's build on the success of past councilors and staff and learn from past shortcomings.

3. What is your understanding of the division of responsibility between city council and the manager/staff ?

City Council's role is to engage with the community as representatives, and then arrive at decisions that direct current and future day-to-day functions of city government. The city manager and staff take that direction and do the day-to-day work of city government. Excellent communication and rapport between the council and the city manager and staff is paramount.

4. Is there anything else you would like to share with the selection committee about your experience and interest in the position ?

Having attended many City Council meetings, Conversations with Councilors, Mayor Mondays and having listened to many voices and views, I have increased my understanding of the wants and needs of our neighbors. I read through the long list of Envision Manzanita survey responses. I am also more aware of the budgetary constraints and logistical and legal challenges that a city deals with.

Being approachable, reasonable, accountable, and realistic are my strengths. How can I help ?

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NAME: Thomas A.Campbell

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LENGTH OF FULL TIME RESIDENCY: 9+ years

OCCUPATION: Retired trial attorney

Will you be able to attend the February 7, 2024 Council Meeting in person?

Yes, although my wife and I are travelling 1/31 to 2/6 so, airlines permitting.

Please describe your previous governmental experience, if any.

I started my career as a deputy prosecuting attorney for Pierce County, Washington.

I was appointed as judge pro tem in Pierce County, Washington and served only periodically in that position.

I was appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire (Washington) to the board of the Green River Community College. I was reappointed by Governor Jay Inslee. I served as the Board Chair in three of my six years.

Are you available to meet days? Yes

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1. Please explain your interest in becoming a city councilor.

I am interested to become a city councilor because I feel that my background and experience give me a skill set that will enhance the team of the city council. In the past 5 years I have witnessed too much rancor associated with our Council. I bring an attitude of problem resolution to the table. I also know that my ideas do not always prevail but I am resigned to

accept decisions made by the overall group and to work toward the vision that that decision embodies.

2. Of the issues facing Manzanita, what is the most compelling to you personally, and how would you address it?

The word "livability" seems to cover many of the issues that Council will be confronted with as we move forward. Livability encompasses issues that have to do with keeping a neighborhood feel to the town. I was drawn to Manzanita by its quaint feel and the comfort that I feel walking through the streets. I love to see families here on vacation. That means there needs to be a balance with short term rentals that permits them, encourages them, but doesn't make this a place that I don't want to live in.

I intend to live in Manzanita until my health won't permit it. That means living here needs to be affordable. Increases in taxes, new bond issues or other fees are inevitable, but we need to keep our eye on how they affect local residents' ability to continue to live in the city.

I love our local shops and restaurants, but I can't enjoy them if they can't keep their doors open because they can't find workers to work in them. Workforce housing is required by law now so seeing that expansion occur while maintaining the feel that we all love will be a challenge.

3. What is your understanding of the division of responsibility between the city council and the manager/staff?

The division of responsibility is addressed in the City's budget at pages 15 & 16. See attached. That articulation of the division is well stated. The only part that I see missing is some statement about accountability. The Council is accountable to the electorate. The City Manager is accountable to Council. Staff is accountable to the City Manager. At each level, whether via elections or employee performance reviews there must be a check in place to grade whether the person or body being reviewed is following the mandate given.

4. Is there anything else you would like to share with the selection committee about your experience and interest in the position?

I would be honored to be selected. I think that my experience on the Green River College Board will be the most helpful to me as a council member. That position required me to balance many different factions that all had a shared objective (student success) but too many times different visions about how to accomplish it. The work was many faceted. I worked with the administration and had to understand concerns of faculty. I had to communicate with students to understand their challenges. I had to make myself answerable to local employers and community groups. This is a job that I think that I can do. I'm sure that I will make mistakes along the way but, if I never make a mistake, I'm not trying hard enough to make things happen.