

Pendleton Elected Government Candidate Descriptions

The Pendleton City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The meetings generally start at 7:00PM, and last on average about an hour. Meetings can be as short as it takes to complete all the business on the agenda, and once in a while, there are longer meetings. The Mayor and all councilors are members of the Pendleton Development Commission (PDC), the city's urban renewal agency. The PDC meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Members of the City Council are also part of the Budget Committee, which meets generally three to five times a year in the spring, to review the City budget along with the citizen members of the Budget Committee. Those meetings are usually held from 7:00 to 8:00 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Pendleton City Council has a very important job in determining the goals and policies of the City. It does this by approving resolutions, ordinances and the budget. Minor administrative issues are done by majority vote, without the formality of a resolution or ordinance.

Mayor:

The Mayor is the presiding officer of the City Council. The Mayor does not vote except in the case of a tie on matters other than ordinances and resolutions. The Mayor keeps the meetings orderly and on task, and appoints members of most committees created by the City Council, subject to Council approval.

The Mayor is elected by the citizens. The position comes up for election every fourth year. There are no term limits.

The Mayor is unsalaried, but receives a stipend of \$250 per month, reduced proportionately for any meetings that are missed.

City Council:

The City Council consists of eight members who are elected to four year terms (four are up for election every even year). Two councilors are elected from each of three wards and two are elected from the city at large. At the first meeting of each odd year, the Council members elect one of their own to serve as the Council President. The Council President runs the City Council meetings in the absence of the Mayor.

Council members are unsalaried, but each receives a stipend of \$150 per month, reduced proportionately for any meetings that are missed.

Other Laws:

Each member of the City Council, Planning Commission and the Mayor are subject to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission requirements and are required to fill out the Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest (SEI). These forms and requirements are available from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission at www.oregon.gov/ogec. We urge you to review them in their entirety if you are considering running for public office.

Gatherings of five or more councilors where city business is discussed are governed by the Oregon Public Meetings law. All paper and electronic records created or held by the mayor and councilors are likely subject to the Oregon Public Records law. For more information about these laws contact the City Attorney or see the resources identified on the Oregon Department of Justice web site, www.state.or.us/doj "legal resources."