

TOWN OF PAONIA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 2022 TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION AGENDA 4:00 PM

Masks are recommended but not required.

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Meeting ID: 856 3018 5520 Call in: 1 719 359 4580 US

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

New Business

Resolution 2017-06 Code of Conduct & Resolution 2017-10 Rules of Procedure for the Town of Paonia Board of Trustees – Moderated by Donna Littlefield

Executive Search Firm Request for Proposal - Town Administrator Position

Adjournment

AS ADOPTED BY: TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10 – Amended May 22, 2018

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III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section 1. An executive session may only be called at a regular or special Board meeting where official action may be taken by the Board, not at a work session of the Board. To convene an executive session, the Board shall announce to the public in the open meeting the topic to be discussed in the executive session, including specific citation to the statute authorizing the Board to meet in an executive session and identifying the particular matter to be discussed "in as much detail as possible without compromising the purpose for which the executive session is authorized." In the even the Board plans to discuss more than one of the authorized topics in the executive session, each should be announced, cited and described. Following the announcement of the intent to convene an executive session, a motion must then be made and seconded. In order to go into executive session, there must be the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of Members of the Board.

Section 2. During executive session, minutes or notes of the deliberations should not be taken. Since meeting minutes are subject to inspection under the Colorado Open Records Act, the keeping of minutes would defeat the private nature of executive session. In addition, the deliberations carried out during executive session should not be discussed outside of that session or with individuals not participating in the session. The contexts of an executive session are to remain confidential unless a majority of the Trustees vote to disclose the contents of the executive session.

Section 3. Once the deliberations have taken place in executive session, the Board should reconvene in regular session to take any formal action decided upon during the executive session. If you have questions regarding the wording of the motion or whether any other information should be disclosed on the record, it is essential for you to consult with the Town Attorney on these matters.

IV. SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT

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TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes that the members of the Board, including the Mayor, must act at all times within the scope of their lawful authority, in accordance with the highest ethical standards, and in a manner that accords all persons with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish for itself, and for each member of the Board, including the Mayor, minimum standards of conduct to assure the same; and

WHEREAS, the failure to comply with such standards would constitute serious misconduct that would reflect poorly on the Town, and would detrimentally affect the credibility of the Board and the effectiveness of the Town in serving the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends that the standards of conduct established herein be enforceable by such consequences as will assure compliance therewith;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Paonia, Delta County, Colorado, that the following Board of Trustees Standards of Conduct are hereby adopted:

PAONIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Section 1. **Scope of Authority.** The Mayor and each Trustee has only such authority as is conferred by applicable state statutes, and ordinances not inconsistent with such statutes. No member of the Board of Trustees, including the Mayor, shall act in a manner that exceeds such authority, including but not limited to:

- a. No member shall purport to speak on behalf of the Board on any matter on which the Board has not taken a position, or represent a Board position inaccurately.
- b. No member shall make commitments or promises individually on any matter for which a vote or consensus of the Board is required.
- c. At Board meetings, no one member shall attempt to dominate the discussion. Each member shall strive to speak once on any topic, and then allow each other member to speak on that topic before speaking again. Members shall seek recognition from the presiding officer before speaking. Members shall primarily direct remarks at Board meetings to the Board as a whole, rather than engaging in back-and-forth arguments with another member.
- d. No member shall act or attempt to act on any matter which is encompassed within the responsibilities of the Town Administrator or other staff member.
- e. No member shall give orders to any staff member who reports directly or indirectly to the Town Administrator.

- f. Excepting the provision in the Town Administrator's contract that he/she works under the "general supervision" of the Mayor; no member shall individually direct the work of the Town Administrator or other direct report of the Board. Any such directions shall only be given by the Board as a whole, and such direct reports shall be held accountable only for directions given by the Board as a whole.
- g. The Mayor (or in the Mayor's absence the Mayor pro tem) shall be responsible for presiding over meetings of the Board. Except as otherwise specifically granted by the state statutes or ordinances not inconsistent therewith, the Mayor (and in the Mayor's absence the Mayor pro tem) shall, for all other purposes, have only the same powers as any other member of the Board.
- h. Individual members may make reasonable inquiries to the Town Administrator concerning matters pertaining to their decision-making responsibilities, but shall be careful to avoid giving orders or directions.
- i. Except where applicable laws or Town ordinances or resolutions specifically provide otherwise, no member shall allow or encourage any employee to disregard the chain of command within the Town, or involve himself or herself in employment matters below the level of the Board's direct reports.
- j. No member shall direct or request the hiring or firing of any employee to or from any position that reports directly or indirectly to the Town Administrator.

Section 2. **Personal Conduct.** The Board of Trustees desires to serve as a positive example for civility, respect, and dignity in its dealings with one another, the Town's staff, citizens, and the business community. To that end, each member shall comply with the following standards of personal conduct:

- a. Each member shall respect the rights of others to be heard and given due consideration of their views.
- b. Each member shall recognize that the Mayor has the right, in consultation with the Town Administrator, to establish the agenda for all meetings.
- c. No member shall berate, intimidate, or belittle others for expressing their opinions or viewpoints, or engage in speech that is inflammatory, defamatory, demeaning, bullying, or threatening.
- d. No member shall make disparaging remarks about any Town employee in a public setting. While criticism about job performance may be a valid topic of discussion, members shall choose a setting appropriate for such discussion.
- e. No member shall fail to comply with any provision of the Town's employee handbook with respect to the treatment of employees, including but not limited to provisions concerning prohibited harassment, discrimination, and bullying.
- f. Each member shall direct all inquiries or requests for staff support to the Town Administrator, and shall respect the time limits on staff support.
- g. Each member shall comply at all times with applicable state statutes, the Paonia Municipal Code and the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Board.

Section 3. Consequences for Violation of Standards of Conduct. Any member of the Board who violates these standards of conduct is subject to disciplinary action. Such disciplinary action shall be taken upon approval by a vote of a majority of the Board members in office. No member shall vote on any matter pertaining to his or her own discipline. The Board reserves the right to take one or more of the following steps, after consideration of the seriousness, duration, and/or repeated nature of the violation:

- a. Remedial or educational training on the subject of the violation intended to avoid or prevent future violations;
- b. Public warning;
- c. Removal from any appointed Board position or policy liaison role;
- d. A resolution of public censure;
- e. A request that the member resign from his or her elected office; or
- f. Removal from office in accordance with C.R.S. Section 31-4-307.

| INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND A | DOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF APRIL, 2017 |
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| By s/s | By <u>s/s</u> |
| Corinne Ferguson, Town Clerk | Charles Stewart, Mayor |

TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10

WHEREAS, the Town of Paonia, a Colorado Statutory Town (herein after the "Town"), conducts its regular business by and through its Board of Trustees meeting, regularly held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month; and

WHEREAS, for a more efficient administration and management of the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees, the Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Town to implement rules of procedure for the conduct of the Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to enact more efficient administration, the Board shall implement the use of a consent agenda for the passage of non-controversial items, where Board comment and discussion on such matters is unanticipated; and

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INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JULY, 2017.

Corinne Ferguson

From: Bill Brunner < Bill@paoniairon.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:08 PM

To: Thomas Wills; Mary B; Corinne Ferguson; Dave K; Paige S; Rick S; John V; Thomas M; David Weber;

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Subject: Code of conduct used to muzzle minority

Dear Mayor and Trustees

Please include this in the packet for the special meeting August 1, 2022

Concerning your new code of conduct.

First, you have had a code of conduct all along, as I have repeatedly pointed out. However, the subject was raised in complaints against champions of the majority. Consequently nothing was done, there was no comprehensive review of the existing policy, though selected portions were refereed to in attempts to sniffle debate (not speaking ill of staff). This is consistent with past Board actions, the majority seldom allows itself to be held to account.

Second, when the existing policy was enacted, it was a naked attempt to muzzle minority Broad members who repeatedly caused problems by pointing out important factors that embarrassed the majority or cause delays by pointing out statutory requirements. Once enacted the policy was never successfully employed against even the most egregious actions of the majority, that not being the intent of it's enactment!

It has been my observation that the minority members of this Board have gone to maddening lengths to uphold decorum. In my opinion, to a degree that boarders on dereliction of duty. And there's the rub. Criticism of staff by Board members has been muted to say the least. Criticism from the public has continued with good reason. The public is not subject to your code of conduct. After all, leaving the Clerk in office is likely to be the poison pill that scares off competent candidates for the Administrator position.

Constraints on Trustee speech masquerading as a "Code of Conduct" are illegitimate. Trustees have a responsibility to speak out when things are not as they should be.

Don't get suckered into bogus codes of conduct proposed by an embattled majority trying like heck to keep the lid on an unsustainable situation by ignoring the need for accountability.

Sincerely,

Bill Brunner

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TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

FOR

EXECUTIVE SEARCH SERVICES

FOR THE POSITION OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

INTRODUCTION

The Town of Paonia, Colorado (Town) is seeking Proposals from Firms interested, experienced, and knowledgeable in providing Executive Search Services for the position of Town Administrator. This RFP is intended to gather pertinent information concerning the ability of contractors to meet the needs of the Town.

The Town is interested in the Firm limiting their Executive Search Services to identifying potential candidates and inviting them to apply for the position.

The Town elected officials/interview panel will perform resume reviews, conduct interviews, contact references, create the benefits package, and ultimately choose the candidate.

The Town is interested in hiring a Firm with the necessary experience and resources to ensure that our Town Administrator job opening announcement is provided to as many potential candidates as possible. The Firm shall describe their depth of knowledge about resources and contacts for potential applicants beyond the CML, ICMA and Association of Public Administration job opening platforms. The Firm must also provide examples of successfully locating candidates that were ultimately hired for the position being advertised.

INQUIRIES AND CORRECTIONS

All inquiries relating to this RFP shall be addressed to:

Paige Smith, Town Trustee 214 Grand Ave. PO Box 460 Paonia, CO 81428 paiges@townofpaonia.com If a Firm, submitting a proposal, finds discrepancies in, or omissions within the RFP, or should require additional clarification of any part thereof; a written request for interpretation may be submitted using email. Any interpretation of, or change made to the RFP will be made by written addendum to each proposing Firm.

The Town will not be responsible for any oral explanation. All inquiries shall be made in writing and all responses will be provided in writing, with copies being sent to all proposing Firms. To be given consideration, inquiries must be received at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the submission date established herein. It shall be the responsibility of each proposing Engineering Firm to verify that each addendum has been received prior to submitting a proposal.

SUBMITTAL DATE AND LOCATION

Interested Firms are invited to submit one (1) hard copy and one (1) electronic copy (loaded onto a thumb drive) of your proposal in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Request for **Proposal/Executive Search**" by 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, *September 13*, 2022, and addressed to:

Paige Smith, Town Trustee Town of Paonia 214 Grand Avenue PO Box 460 Paonia, CO 81428

All proposals will be opened publicly in Paonia Town Hall on Wednesday, *September 14*, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

LATE AND TELEGRAPHIC PROPOSALS

Late proposals will not be accepted under any circumstance, and any proposal so received shall be returned to the proposing Firm unopened. In addition, telegraphic and/or proposals sent by electronic devices are not acceptable and will be rejected upon receipt. Proposing Firms will be expected to allow adequate time for delivery of proposal. Sole responsibility rests with the proposing Firm to see that their proposal is received on time.

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES – Services requested are limited to distribution of job opening materials to potential candidates

The Town has created a Town Administrator Job Description and Recruitment Brochure. Both documents are available at <u>Town of Paonia is accepting applications for Town Administrator | Town of Paonia (colorado.gov)</u> Consequently, the Town does not require the services of an Executive Search Firm for this portion of our candidate search. In addition, the Town plans to review resumes, conduct interviews and select the finalists.

The Town is only seeking the services of a Firm to distribute our job opening materials to potential candidates who may not be utilizing standard public administration job posting platforms.

Please note that the current deadline for accepting applications is September 30, 2022. The Town understands that this deadline will need to be extended.

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The Town requests the Firm explain the resources they possess to identify potential candidates that may not be actively looking for a position as Town Administrator and examples of candidate hiring that was solely the result of the services provided by the Firm.

The chosen Firm must be prepared to immediately begin contacting potential candidates upon contract approval with the Town.

Subject to approval by the Town, this contract will be in effect from the date of hire until the closing date for accepting Town Administrator applications.

CONDITIONS OF PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

A duly authorized official of the proposing Firm submitting the proposal must sign the proposal.

Only one proposal will be accepted from any Firm.

All price quotes must be firm for a period of (90) days following the opening of the proposal.

The Town of Paonia reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or any part thereof. The right is reserved to waive any formalities or informalities contained in any proposal and to award the proposal to the most responsive and responsible proposing Firm as deemed in the best interest of the Town of Paonia.

The Town will not return proposals, or other information supplied to the Town by the proposing Firm.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Paonia will evaluate all proposals.

The Town MAY interview prospective Firms. During the evaluation process, the Town reserves the right to accept or request additional information or clarifications from the Firm or to allow corrections of errors or omissions.

Prospective Firms MAY be required to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation process. The Firm selected for the award will be chosen based on the apparent greatest benefit to the Town, and not necessarily based on the lowest price.

Following the notification of the successful Firm it is expected a contract will be executed between the Town and the successful Firm.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- A. Responsiveness to the needs of the Town, both in service cost and the scope of the services offered.
- B. The proposing Firm's experience in dealing with the hiring of small, rural Town executives.
- C. How the proposing Firm intends to report progress with finding and notifying potential applicants of the Town's Administrator opening.

PROPOSAL ELEMENTS AND FORMAT

Proposals submitted shall contain all information as requested herein and any additional information necessary to summarize the overall benefit of the proposal to the Town.

Proposals shall include the following:

- A. A cover letter stating the name, physical and email address, and telephone number of the contact person and must bear the signature of the person having the authority to make the proposal for the Firm and bind the Firm in a formal contract with the Town. The cover letter must also include a description of how the Firm is well-suited to provide Executive Search services to the Town.
- B. A specific plan for contacting prospective candidates and the timeline for doing so.
- C. A resume outlining the relevant experience of everyone within the Firm that will be working on the Executive Search for the Town.
- D. Costs associated with all services proposed to be offered.

RESPONSIBILITES OF THE TOWN OF PAONIA

There is no expressed or implied obligation on behalf of the Town to reimburse interested Firms for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals or in attending a virtual interview in response to this request for proposal

Cost Associated with the Following Public Service Jobs Posting Platforms

For Pricing Comparison Purposes

International City/County Manager Association (ICMA) Job Center

Member rate is \$450 (costs \$150 to be a member)

Nonmember rate is \$600 – Posted for 60 days and free to post longer

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Job Postings appear to be dominated by jobs in Academia

\$250 – Basic: 30-day posting

\$450 - Passive Package: 30-day posting to 12,000 professionals; kept high on search results

\$335 – Enhanced Posting: 30-day posting; kept high on search results

Careers in Government (www.careersingovernment.com)

\$275 – 90-day posting: Partners with public and private sector job boards with a potential reach of 35+ million job seekers monthly; jobs are posted on all major social media networks (Twitter, FB and LinkedIn - 15+million reach)

GOV HR USA (www.govheusa.com)

\$100 – 30-day posting for a single opening \$150 – 60-day posting for a single opening

State Municipal League Platforms

UT League of Cities and Towns – posted our opening free of charge

AZ League of Cities and Towns – \$50 for 30 days

NE League of NE Municipalities – 55 cents per word for 30 days

KS League of KS Municipalities - \$135 for 60 days

MT League of Cities and Towns - \$125 for 30 days

ID Association of Idaho Cities - \$25 up to 199 words

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