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Public Comment Invited on Mayor/Council President Stipend Proposal

The Tigard City Council invites public comment on or before July 8, 2008, regarding the proposal to increase the stipend to the Mayor or the Council President to assume specific additional Council responsibilities. Under the proposal, the full Council would enter into an agreement with either the Mayor or Council President for compensation of up to \$42,000 annually for the increased duties and time commitment. In-person public comment is invited on July 8, 2008, at the regular Tigard City Council meeting which will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Tigard City Hall, Town Hall, 13125 SW Hall Boulevard, Tigard, Oregon. Written comments should be forwarded to Assistant City Manager Liz Newton by email (Liz@tigard-or.gov) or by US Mail (13125 SW Hall Boulevard, Tigard OR 97223).

In March 2008, the Council Service Task Force was created by the City Council to conduct a review of service requirements for members of the City Council and identify potential incentives and procedural changes to attract Mayor and Council candidates. In April 2008, the Council Service Task force presented several recommendations to the Tigard City Council including the additional compensation proposal.

The Task Force recognized that outside of regular meetings, there are also other meetings and civic events that the Mayor or Council members could attend to officially represent and promote the interests of the City of Tigard. The Task Force recognized there was a question of how these tasks could be divided appropriately and suggested the City Council consider providing extra compensation to an elected official who could devote up to an additional 20 hours per week above and beyond what is expected from the usual Council liaison appointments. The Task Force suggested that this would not only take off some of the burden from other City Council members for doing civic duties, but it would be beneficial to have an elected official attend business meetings during day.

For additional information or if you have questions, please contact Assistant City Manager Newton at 503-718-2412.

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