

Westminster: City Council slated to pick new member By Justin Palk, Times Staff Writer
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Westminster residents interested in filling the open seat on the City Council need to apply for the position by June 3.

Although the council has not yet decided how it will choose a new council member from among the applicants, the council will make its decision June 13, said Westminster Mayor Tom Ferguson.

The council needs to fill the seat left vacant by Ferguson's election to the mayor's office earlier this month.

Ferguson said he didn't know whether any applicants had filed with the city yet, but he expects the three candidates who did not win in this month's election to seek the seat.

Applicants must be 21 years of age and have lived in Westminster for at least one year. Application forms are available from the city clerk's office at City Hall.

Monday night was the first meeting of the council since the election.

The meeting was relatively short, lasting less than an hour.

Although this meeting's agenda was light, Ferguson said he was settling into his new role as mayor and has begun working with staff on issues that will come before the council in the future.

Employee morale in the city's work force and strategic planning for the city's growth were two of the specific items he said he was working on.

In other business, the council:

- was addressed by members of a delegation from Paide, Estonia;
- gave special recognition to former board of zoning appeals Chairman Romeo Valianti and former planning commission Chairman Larry Wiskeman;
- reappointed Margaret Bair to the planning and zoning committee;
- and reappointed Stephen Allgeier to the tree commission and parks board.

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