

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: February 7, 2017

TITLE: Appointment to the Planning Commission to Fill Vacancy for Unexpired Term

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RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify Council Member Joe McKee's appointment to the Planning Commission to fill one (1) vacancy consisting of an unexpired term ending January 2018.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Paula Terifaj resigned from the Planning Commission on January 3, 2017 resulting in one (1) vacancy.

Position	Incumbent	Appointed On	Term Expires	Appointed By
Chair	Dirk Voss	January 19, 2016	January 2018	Scott Matas
Vice-Chair	Peter De la Torre	January 19, 2016	January 2018	Russell Betts
Commissioner	Andrew Cirner	January 19, 2016	January 2018	Anayeli Zavala
Commissioner	Cathy Romero	January 19, 2016	January 2018	Yvonne Parks
Commissioner	VACANT	January 19, 2016	January 2018	Joe McKee

APPOINTMENT PROCESS:

Pursuant to Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code ("Municipal Code") Section 2.24.030, if vacancies in any commission occur other than by expiration of term, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Council Member who appointed the Commissioner being replaced – with ratification of such appointment by a majority of the City Council. Accordingly, Council Member McKee is designated by the Municipal Code to appoint Ms. Terifaj's replacement.

Additionally, pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.24.020, the term of the replacement appointment for an interim vacancy is for the "unexpired" term of the member replaced. Therefore, the term of the replacement appointment would end January 2018.

Pursuant to The Maddy Act, set forth in Government Code Section 54970 *et. seq.*, a special vacancy notice shall be posted by the City Clerk not earlier than 20 days before or not later than 20 days after the vacancy occurs. Final appointment shall not be made by the legislative body (City Council) for at least 10 working days after the posting of the Notice. Accordingly, the City Clerk issued a *Notice of Unscheduled Vacancy* (Exhibit 1) on January 3, 2017.

New Applications

The following new applications were received and are attached hereto for consideration for appointment by Council Member Zavala and subsequent ratification by the City Council:

Name	Resident	Registered Voter
1 Larry Buchanan	Yes	Yes
2 Richard Duffle	Yes	Yes

Previous Applicants

Previous Applicants at the time the current term commenced have been appointed to the various Commissions. Therefore, there are no previous Applicants for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Members of the Planning Commission are compensated \$50 per month (DHSMC § 2.32.050).

EXHIBIT(S):

- 1) Notice of Unscheduled Vacancy (PC), dated January 3, 2017
- 2) Commission Application – Larry Buchanan
- 3) Commission Application – Richard Duffle