



Staff Report

RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

There are two openings for three-year terms (expiring in March of 2009), and there is one vacancy to fill out the remaining two years of a three-year term (expiring in March of 2008) on the Finance Commission. All new applicants and one incumbent will have been interviewed by the time this item is considered on the agenda, and this is the time set for Council to vote for and make appointments to this commission.

Background

In the past, Finance Commission applicants were invited to attend commission meetings and provide input over the course of several months. Prospective applicants were then recommended for appointment by the Finance Commission to the City Council. The City Council recently adopted Ordinance 1013, which modified the manner in which Finance Commission applicants (and incumbents) are considered for appointment. These appointments will now be handled in the same manner as the other two commissions; that is, Council will directly interview and appoint finance commissioners. Ordinance 1013 also reduced the total number of finance commissioners from nine to seven. For clarification, for the past several months two vacancies have existed, so the permanent reduction in number did not affect any sitting commissioners.

Discussion

The terms of Commissioner Ledoux and Commissioner Korn have expired. Commissioner Korn has requested reappointment, and Commissioner Ledoux has not. The vacant position was created following the recent resignation of Commissioner Sepah-Mansour. Four new applications have been received, one of which submitted her application several months ago and has been attending finance commission meetings. Council may recall that two of the new applicants also sought appointment to the Planning Commission, and were previously interviewed for that commission.

General Plan/Vision Statement

No impact.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

Public Contact

Advertising and community outreach for candidates was included with the commission recruitment process earlier this year. Display ads were placed in various newspapers throughout the month of January, a press release was issued, and the Twin Pines Reader Board was utilized to announce the application period. In addition, notification was made to all of the neighborhood association presidents. Applications were received during this process.

Recommendation

Staff recommends voting for and adopting resolutions appointing the Commissioners. Note that there are two separate resolutions in this matter to cover the full-term (3-year) commission seats and the vacant seat with two years remaining. Staff recommends that you vote to select new commissioners, and then decide – by motion – which successful candidate to appoint to the two year vacant position, and which to appoint to the full three-year term(s).

Alternatives

1. Do not make appointments at this time and extend the term of current commissioners.
2. Extend the application period to seek more applicants, and extend the term of current commissioners in the interim.
3. Take other action.

Attachments

- A. Resolutions
- B. List of Applicants
- C. Sample Ballot (Council only)

Respectfully submitted,

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2006 FINANCE COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Final List

Finance (3 seats)

Sue Korn – reapplied

Bob Ledoux – did not reapply

Vacant seat

New applicants

Marcie Dompier (applied 9/05, has been attending mtgs since Oct)

Patricia Liddle (also applied for Planning)

Lynnel Callagy

Peter Schaffer (also applied for Planning)