



Item Number: 16

City Council / Board of Directors

Written Communications

Meeting of: July 20, 2021

Submitted By:

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Subject:

Recommendation for appointment to the Victorville Planning Commission.

Recommendation:

That Your Honorable City Council appoint Lionel Dew to serve on the Victorville Planning Commission, as recommended by Mayor Jones.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Background:

On February 3, 2021, Denise Wells submitted a letter of resignation for her seat on the Victorville Planning Commission. As required by Government Code Section 54974, a notice of unscheduled vacancy was posted on February 25, 2021. That posting allows the City Council to take action to fill this vacancy 10-days after posting of the notice. Had the Council done so, it would have done so after accepting a nomination from the Councilmember for which this vacancy belonged and voted to affirm or deny the nomination. Following this approach would have been consistent with Victorville Municipal Code Section 2.12.020.

On March 2, 2021, the City Council took action to declare the City Council seat held by Rita Ramirez as vacant for lack of residency pursuant to Government Code Section 36502, 243 and 244. With this Council seat vacancy and the resignation of Ms. Wells, the code provided nomination and appointment process to fill the Planning Commission seat cannot be accomplished. This is because a Councilmember doesn't exist to make a nomination for the vacancy.

With this in mind, and the need to fill the vacant Planning Commission seat, the City issued a press release seeking applications to fill the vacancy, relying on Victorville Municipal Code Section 2.12.010 which states:

“...The members shall be appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the city council, to fill an existing or forthcoming vacancy on such commission, and in addition, such ex officio and advisory member as shall be designated by a resolution of the city council.”

Discussion:

On April 15, 2021 the City began the advertisement process to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Applications (letter of interest and resume) were accepted through May 24, 2021, with a total of 22 applications being received. On May 28, 2021 the Mayor and City Manager reviewed all 22 applications and narrowed down the applicant pool to the top four most qualified candidates. Interviews of the top four candidates were conducted by the Mayor on June 8th and 9th. After careful consideration, the Mayor recommended Paul Marsh to serve on the Victorville Planning Commission at the City Council meeting of June 15, 2021. This nomination failed due to a tie vote.

Mayor Jones is now recommending Lionel Dew for consideration to serve on the Victorville Planning Commission for the unexpired term of former Councilmember Rita Ramirez' Planning Commission Seat

Attachments:

A. Letter of Interest and Resume of Lionel Dew