



City of Arts & Innovation

# City Council Memorandum

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: AUGUST 30, 2017**

**FROM: CITY CLERK      WARD: 7**

**SUBJECT: WARD 7 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY INTERVIEWS**

## **ISSUE:**

Interview of Ward 7 registered voters expressing interest in appointment to the vacant Ward 7 City Council seat.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council conduct interviews and appoint a Ward 7 registered voter to the vacant City Council seat.

## **BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

Ward 7 Councilmember John Burnard resigned, effective August 8, 2017. Charter Section 404 provides:

*“A vacancy in an elective office, from whatever cause arising, except in the event of a successful recall, shall be filled by appointment by the City Council, such appointee to hold office until the first Tuesday following the next general election and until his successor qualifies. At the next general municipal election following any vacancy, a successor shall be elected to serve for the remainder of any unexpired term.*

*The City Council shall declare the existence of any vacancy. In the event it shall fail to fill a vacancy by appointment within sixty days after such office shall have been so declared vacant, it shall cause an election to be held forthwith to fill such vacancy.”*

On August 8, 2017, the City Council declared the City Council Ward 7 vacant and approved (1) acceptance of applications until August 28, 2017, at 5 p.m., from persons interested in appointment as the Ward 7 Councilmember; (2) scheduling of a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2017, in the Art Pick Council Chamber for evening interviews to appoint an individual to the City Council Ward 7 vacant seat; and (3) that applicants will be requested to pledge not to be a candidate for the Ward 7 seat in the June 2019 election.

As of August 24, 2017, thirteen letters of interest were received. Two of those expressing interest are registered voters in Ward 6 and as such are not eligible for the appointment. On August 25, 2017, Mr. Dirk Kenny notified the City Clerk's Office of his decision to decline to be interviewed. Those eligible to be considered, to date, are:

1. Steven Robillard
2. William Pearce
3. Alysia Webb
4. Gil Ocegüera
5. Joe F. Ahlert
6. Mia Villeta Alvarado
7. Anna Leath
8. Bob Gano
9. Gloria Huerta
10. Karl Jones
11. Ronald Shirley
12. Art Angel

The letters of interest and supporting documents are attached to this report. Applications received subsequent to publication of this agenda and on or before August 28, 2017, at 5 p.m., will be immediately forwarded to the Mayor and Members of the City Council and posted on the City's web site. If qualified to serve, the new applicants will also be interviewed on August 29, 2017. If more time is needed by the City Council, a second special City Council meeting will be held the following day on August 30, 2017, to continue City Council deliberation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments: Letters of Interest