

STAFF REPORT

Date: October 12, 2022

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion, potential direction to staff regarding the finalist selection process, and the selection of the finalists for the Ward 3 City Council Member vacancy from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Lilith “Lily” Baran, Chaz Blackburn, Jaime Chapman, Adriane “Adrienne Feemster” Cobb, Chad Dehne, Kyle Edgerton, Gerold Gorman, Jonathan “Jon” Killoran, Kathleen Brown-Lindstrom, William Mantle, Miguel Martinez, Gabriel Maya, Courtney McKimmey, Jeffrey “Jeff” Morris, Norman Phan, Marie Rodriguez, Christopher “Sean” Savoy, Michael “Mike” Trudell, and Clifton “Cliff” Young.

From: Mikki Huntsman

Department: City Clerk

Summary:

Nineteen (19) individuals applied to fill the vacancy in the Office of the Reno City Council, Ward 3 during the appointment process’s application period. Staff recommends Council select up to three finalists from the list of applicants. The finalists will be invited to participate in two community meetings the week of October 17, 2022 and will be interviewed by the Council at a regular meeting on October 26, 2022.

The application of Adriane “Adrienne Feemster” Cobb was provisionally accepted pending an Affidavit of Residency which will be provided to the City Clerk’s Office by Friday, October 7, 2022 by 4:00 pm which is after the posting of this agenda.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Not Applicable

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background:

At the September 29, 2022 Special Meeting of the Reno City Council, Council determined that it would use the appointment method authorized by Reno City Charter Section 1.070 to fill the vacancy in the position of the Ward 3 City Council Member resulting from Council Member Oscar Delgado's resignation, which was effective October 2, 2022. The vacancy must be filled by November 1, 2022. The appointee shall serve until the next general municipal election and until their successor is elected and qualified.

Discussion:

Pursuant to Council direction on September 29, 2022, staff created and published an application to be completed by persons interested in being appointed to the vacant position. Applications were accepted during the period of September 30, 2022 – October 6, 2022 during normal business hours at Reno City Hall and were posted on the City's website to ensure the public was informed through the process. A total of nineteen (19) applications were received during the application period.

At the October 12, 2022 meeting, Council is anticipated to select from the applicants a group of finalists to interview for the position. In alignment with past appointment processes, the finalists are expected to be determined from the selection list made by each Council Member. The City Clerk will send a follow up memo to Council with the selection list template in advance of the meeting. Staff recommends each Council Member select up to three applicants as finalists, with the three applicants receiving the most votes being invited to move forward in the process as a finalist. Each Council Member's selection sheet will be uploaded to the website.

The finalists will be notified by the City Clerk and will be invited to participate in public community meetings on October 18, 2022 and October 19, 2022. Council members are scheduled to interview the finalists and make a selection to fill the vacancy at a Regular Reno City Council meeting on October 26, 2022.

Financial Implications:

None at this time.

Legal Implications:

The process for filling a vacancy on the City Council must comply with the provisions of NRS Chapter 241, Nevada's Open Meeting Law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council identify a list of three finalists for the vacancy in the Office of Reno City Council, Ward 3, which will be invited to participate in two community meetings and be interviewed on October 26, 2022.

Proposed Motion:

I move to recommend the following applicants as finalists for the position of Ward 3 City Council Member to be invited to participate in two community meetings and interviewed at a special Council meeting on October 26, 2022: ____, ____, and/or ____.

Attachments:

Baran, Lilith - Ward 3 Council Application
Blackburn, Chaz Randall - Ward 3 Council Application
Chapman, Jaime - Ward 3 Council Application
Cobb, Adriane - Ward 3 Council Application
Dehne, Chad - Ward 3 Council Application
Edgerton, Kyle E. - Ward 3 Council Application
Gorman, Gerold - Ward 3 Council Application
Killoran, Jonathan (Jon) - Ward 3 Council Application
Brown-Lindstrom, Kathleen - Ward 3 Council Application
Mantle, William Paul - Ward 3 Council Application
Martinez, Miguel - Ward 3 Council Application
Maya, Gabriel - Ward 3 Council Application
McKimmey, Courtney - Ward 3 Council Application
Morris, Jeffrey - Ward 3 Council Application
Phan, Norman - Ward 3 Council Application
Rodriguez, Marie L. - Ward 3 Council Application
Savoy, C. Sean - Ward 3 Council Application
Trudell, Michael S. - Ward 3 Council Application
Young, Clifton J. - Ward 3 Council Application