

STAFF REPORT

Date: October 26, 2022

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the interview process, interviews of finalists, and possible appointment to the Office of the Reno City Council, Ward 3 from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Kyle Edgerton, Miguel Martinez, Courtney McKimney or Christopher “Sean” Savoy.

From: Mikki Huntsman

Department: City Clerk

Summary:

Council will interview four individuals who were selected as finalists to fill the vacancy in the Ward 3 Reno City Council position. The four finalists, Kyle Edgerton, Miguel Martinez, Courtney McKimney and Christopher “Sean” Savoy are invited to participate in two public meet and greet events on October 18 and 19, 2022 and have been invited to interview publicly with Council on October 26, 2022. Staff recommends Council conduct interviews of the four finalists in accordance with the process determined by Council, select one finalist for appointment to the position of Ward 3 City Council Member and direct that they be sworn in to office immediately.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Not Applicable

Previous Council Action:

October 12, 2022 - Council selected four finalists from the list of 19 applicants to move forward in the appointment process to fill the Ward 3 Council vacancy.

September 29, 2022 - Council selected to refill the Ward 3 seat vacated by Council Member Delgado through the appointment process authorized by the Reno City Charter Section 1.070.

Background:

At the September 29, 2022 Special Meeting, 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.

Following an application period seeking individuals who may be interested in appointment to the vacant position, Council reviewed 19 applications and selected four finalists on October 12, 2022 to move forward in the appointment process. The four finalists were Kyle Edgerton, Miguel Martinez, Courtney McKimney and Christopher "Sean" Savoy.

In alignment with the timeline and process identified by Council on September 29, 2022, staff hosted two public meet and greet events for the community to hear from the finalists. The events were hosted the evenings of October 18, 2022 and October 19, 2022. The four finalists were invited to participate, provided an opportunity to give opening remarks, and fielded publicly-generated questions.

Discussion:

At this meeting, it is anticipated Council will interview the four finalists for the position, determine a standard set of questions to ask of each finalist and direct the finalists as to the maximum length of time for which they may make a presentation to Council.

Staff recommends Council conduct interviews of the four finalists in accordance with the process determined by Council, select one finalist for appointment to the position of Ward 3 City Council Member and direct that they be sworn in to office immediately.

Financial Implications:

None at this time.

Legal Implications:

Under Reno City Charter, Art. I, § 1.070, a vacancy in the City Council must be filled by a majority vote of the members of the City Council within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy. 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 conduct interviews of the four finalists in accordance with the process determined by Council, select one finalist for appointment to the position of Ward 3 City Council Member and direct that they be sworn in to office immediately.

Proposed Motion:

I move to appoint _____ to the Office of the Reno City Council, Ward 3, to serve the balance of the unexpired term of office or until the general election in 2024 and direct that _____ be sworn in to office immediately.

Attachments:

Edgerton, Kyle E. - Ward 3 Council Application

Martinez, Miguel - Ward 3 Council Application

McKimmey, Courtney - Ward 3 Council Application

Savoy, C. Sean - Ward 3 Council Application