



AGENCY: City Council
MEETING DATE: October 24, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:

Interview Applicants for Noyo Harbor Commission Appointment

ISSUE:

The Noyo Harbor Commission, consisting of five members, is the governing body of the Noyo Harbor District. As of October 31, 2022, one of the two City-appointed positions on the Commission will become vacant and must be filled. The appointment will run from October 31, 2022 to October 31, 2026.

ANALYSIS:

The Fort Bragg City Council appoints two Commissioners to serve on the Noyo Harbor Commission; the County of Mendocino appoints two Commissioners; and the City and County jointly appoint the Chair. This Commission oversees operations of Noyo Harbor. Appointees to the Harbor Commission must reside within the Noyo Harbor District boundaries and serve for a four-year term.

On January 14, 2019, the City Council appointed Michelle Norvell as Noyo Harbor Commissioner. Ms. Norvell's term will expire on October 31, 2022. The Council must now select an appointee to serve for the next four years on the Noyo Harbor Commission.

In an October 7, 2022 press release, the City announced that applications were being accepted for appointee to the Noyo Harbor Commission. Five timely applications were received from: Michael Campbell, Grant Downie, Leslie Kashiwada, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, and Louis Sciocchetti.

On October 11, 2022, Acting Mayor Morsell-Haye appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Mayor Norvell and Councilmember Peters to review all submitted applications. The committee reviewed the applications, conducted interviews of all candidates, and may make recommendations to the full City Council at this meeting.

The Council may pose questions to the applicants. Proposed questions are attached for Council's use if desired. Council can conduct interviews, deliberate, and select an appointee to the Noyo Harbor Commission. Alternatively, staff can be directed to recruit for additional applications prior to an appointment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Conduct interviews of applicants, receive recommendations from the ad hoc committee, and appoint a Noyo Harbor Commissioner.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

1. The City Council can decline to take action and direct staff to provide more information.
2. The City Council can direct the ad hoc committee to collect additional applications and conduct further interviews.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACT:

The appointment of commissioners by itself does not impact greenhouse gas emissions.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

Following Council appointment, the appointee's term will start immediately upon being sworn in on or after October 31, 2022 and will continue until October 31, 2026.

CONSISTENCY:

The appointments are consistent with California Harbors and Navigation Code Section 6240.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Press Release of October 7, 2022
2. Proposed List of Questions for Applicants
3. Map of the Noyo Harbor District
4. Application of Michael Campbell
5. Application of Grant Downie
6. Application of Leslie Kashiwada
7. Application of Gabriel Quinn Maroney
8. Application of Louis Sciocchetti

NOTIFICATION:

1. All applicants
2. Noyo Harbor District