



AGENCY: City Council
MEETING DATE: November 12, 2024
DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:
INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR NOYO HARBOR COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

ISSUE:
 The Noyo Harbor Commission, consisting of five members, is the governing body of the Noyo Harbor District. As of October 31, 2024, one of the two City-appointed positions on the Commission has become vacant and must be filled, and the position of Chair appointed jointly with the Board of Supervisors has also become vacant and must be filled.

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 October 29, 2020, the City Council appointed Douglas Albin as Noyo Harbor Commissioner. Mr. Albin’s term has expired on October 31, 2024. The Council must now select an appointee to serve for the next four years on the Noyo Harbor Commission.

Also on October 29, 2020, the City Council and Board of Supervisors jointly appointed Jim Hurst as Chair of the Harbor Commission. Mr. Hurst term expired on October 31, 2024 and he has informed the City Clerk that he will be seeking another term on the Noyo Harbor Commission. The City Council in conjunction with the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors must appoint a Harbor Commission Chair.

In a September 13, 2024 press release, the City announced that applications were being accepted for appointees to the Noyo Harbor Commission. Two timely applications were received, from Jim Hurst and Domenick Weaver. Applicants were asked if they would be willing to serve as Chair, Commissioner or either of those positions if appointed. The responses were as follows:

Name of Applicant	Chair	Commissioner	Either
Jim Hurst	X		
Domenick Weaver		X	

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.

Staff has been informed that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has directed District 5 Supervisor Ted Williams to attend as a spectator and collaborate with the Fort Bragg City Council in making a recommendation for the Noyo Harbor Commission Chair. This recommendation will be presented at the next regular Board of Supervisors meeting on December 3, 2024. The Council and the Board of Supervisors have the authority to jointly appoint the Chair for the Harbor Commission.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Conduct interviews of applicants and appoint a Noyo Harbor Commissioner. In collaboration with District 5 Supervisor Williams, make a recommendation for the appointment of a Chair to the Noyo Harbor Commission. This recommendation will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on December 3, 2024, where a final decision on the Chair appointment will be made.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S): The City Council can decline to take action and direct staff to provide more information.

The City Council can appoint an 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:

N/A

CONSISTENCY:

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

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

Following Council appointment, the appointees' terms will start immediately upon being sworn in and will continue until October 31, 2028

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Press Release of September 13, 2024
2. Proposed List of questions for Applicants
3. Application for Jim Hurst
4. Application for Domenick Weaver

NOTIFICATION:

1. Jim Hurst
2. Domenick Weaver
3. Mendocino County Supervisor Ted Williams
4. Anna Neumann