



AGENCY: City Council
MEETING DATE: January 22, 2018
DEPARTMENT: Administration
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:
INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR INTERIM NOYO HARBOR COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

ISSUE:

A vacancy exists on the Noyo Harbor Commission due to the recent passing of Commissioner Dusty Dillion, whose term on the Commission would have expired on October 31, 2018. The City Council may appoint an interim Commissioner to serve on the Noyo Harbor Commission from now until a new Commissioner is appointed in October.

ANALYSIS:

The Fort Bragg City Council appoints two of the five members of the Noyo Harbor Commission, the County of Mendocino appoints two of the five members, and the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and the City Council 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.

Dusty Dillion was appointed to the Noyo Harbor Commission on October 25, 2010 and served for seven years until his death on November 16, 2017, leaving a vacancy on the Commission. This seat can be filled on an interim basis by the City Council.

On November 29, 2017, a Notice of Unscheduled Vacancy for this position was posted in the City Hall Notice case pursuant to Government Code Section 54974. In a December 15, 2017 press release, the City announced that applications were being accepted for interim City appointees to the Harbor Commission. Four timely applications were received, from Stacey Bradley, Jay Coakley, Abbie Colbert and Travis Swithenbank. 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 interim 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 and appoint an interim Noyo Harbor Commissioner.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

The City Council can decline to take action, continue to accumulate applications, and conduct interviews for a permanent replacement on the Noyo Harbor Commission in October of 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

Following Council appointment, the appointee's term will start immediately upon being sworn in and will continue until October 31, 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Notice of Unscheduled Vacancy
2. Press Release of December 15, 2017
3. Proposed List of Questions for Applicants
4. Application of Stacey Bradley
5. Application of Jay Coakley
6. Application of Abbie Colbert
7. Application of Travis Swithenbank

NOTIFICATION:

1. Stacey Bradley
2. Jay Coakley
3. Abbie Colbert
4. Travis Swithenbank