

Memorandum

# TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC City Clerk

### SUBJECT: APPEALS HEARING BOARD INTERVIEW

DATE: October 20, 2021

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Interview applicant for appointment to the Appeals Hearing Board:

(a) Appoint Brett Williamson to the Public Member Seat on the Appeals Hearing Board for a full term from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025;

(b) If any vacancy remains, direct the City Clerk to continue recruitment efforts and bring forward additional applicants for consideration within 90 days.

### **OUTCOME**

Appointment of the applicant to ensure six seated members on the 7-member Appeals Hearing Board.

# **BACKGROUND**

Under San José Municipal Code Section 2.08.620, the Appeals Hearing Board has the following functions, powers, and duties:

- A. Hear all administrative hearings and appeals authorized by this Code or by ordinance.
- B. Conduct all administrative abatement action hearings authorized by this Code or by ordinance.
- C. Perform the functions and duties within the jurisdiction of the code enforcement appeals commission and traffic appeals commission as set forth in other titles of this Code.
- D. Perform such other programs or functions related to administrative hearings and appeals that the city council or the city manager may, from time to time, authorize or request.
- E. Hear and determine, consistent with city policies, appeals from orders of the city traffic engineer pertaining to citizen requests for stop control devices.
- F. Issue decisions, consistent with city policies, to the city traffic engineer on the subject of installing stop signs at street intersections.

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Per Council Policy 0-4, Consolidated Policy Governing Boards and Commissions, applicants who were not appointed to a Board or Commission will have their applications maintained on file in the City Clerk's Office for a period of one year from the date of application.

There are two vacancies on the Appeals Hearing Board since January 1, 2021.

# **ANALYSIS**

On June 29, 2021, the City Council appointed Brett Williamson to a partial term ending December 31, 2021. Per Council direction on June 29th, Mr. Williamson will need to have been present for the City Council interview on August 3, 2021 to be eligible for appointment to the full term from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025; Mr. Williamson was not able to attend the August 3 Council meeting.

Per San José Municipal Code Section 2.08.150.E, if a member has been appointed to serve a term of less than two (2) years, the member may be reappointed to serve on the same board or commission for up to two (2) consecutive additional terms.

As required by Council Policy 0-4, a successful applicant must receive six (6) or more votes to be appointed to the Appeals Hearing Board. If the seat remains unfilled, it is recommended that the recruitment be referred back to the City Clerk to secure additional applicants for consideration by Council in 90 days. After the interviews, the Council may make one appointment for a term ending December 31, 2021.

Candidate applications and any supporting documentation are attached to this memorandum. Memoranda from the Office of the City Attorney a regarding their review for potential conflicts of interest are also included.

#### PUBLIC OUTREACH

This memorandum has been posted on the City Clerk's website as part of the November 2, 2021 City Council Meeting Agenda.

#### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Office of the City Attorney.

#### COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

The recommended actions have no commission input or recommendation.

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### **CEQA**

Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational & Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment.

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