

TO: PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RONALD WHISENAND, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

DATE: MAY 16, 2006

Needs: Make a mid-term appointment to the Planning Commission

- Facts:
1. Planning Commissioner Eric Mattke resigned from the Planning Commission effective April 12, 2006.
 2. Commissioner Mattke's term was not due to expire until December of this year. His departure creates a vacant unexpired term on the Commission.
 3. On May 2, 2006, the City Council indicated their desire to accept Ron Johnson's offer to fill Commissioner Mattke's unexpired term.
 4. A "Special Vacancy Notice" has been prepared and posted as required by law that will allow the Council to appoint Ron Johnson to the Planning Commission.

Analysis
and
Conclusion:

Eric Mattke's departure creates a vacancy on the Planning Commission which is best filled mid-term in order to ensure sufficient membership to conduct the Commission's business. Section 2.20.030 of the Municipal Code and Section 54974 of the California Government Code (Maddy Act) provide direction and process to be followed in making "mid-term" appointments.

Ron Johnson has offered to fill Commissioner Mattke's unexpired term. Mr. Johnson served on the Planning Commission for 19 years. His knowledge and years of experience would be a major asset to the Commission until a regular appointment is made at the end of the year.

City staff continues to advertise for regular Commission appointments. Community interest has been positive and applications continue to be received. At the close of the recruitment period (May 19, 2006), staff will contact each of the applicants and inform them that an interim appointment has been made but indicate that their applications will be

retained and included in the “annual” appointment process that will begin in November of this year.

Policy

Reference: Chapter 2.20 of the Municipal Code and 54974 of the California Government Code

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Impact: None

Options:

- a. Appoint former Planning Commissioner Ron Johnson to fill the unexpired term until December 2006.
- b. Amend, modify or reject the foregoing options.

Attachments:

1. Notice of Planning Commission Vacancy

ATTACHMENT 1.

Unscheduled Vacancy Planning Commission

The City of El Paso de Robles is seeking applicants to fill an unscheduled vacancy for a member on the Planning Commission (PC).

The Planning Commission (PC) makes decisions regarding land use policies and specific development applications. Some are recommendations to the City Council and some are final, subject to appeal to the City Council. The PC also reviews and recommends long-range plans for the City's growth and development.

The appointment for this position will be for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2006.

Residents, who are either qualified electors or have a vested interest in the City and who are interested in serving on the Planning Commission (PC) may request an application by contacting the Deputy City Clerk Cathy David at 237-3960, in person at City Hall, 1000 Spring Street, or downloaded from the City web site at www.prcity.com.

The application deadline is May 19, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. Interviews will be scheduled at a later date.

Cathy David
Deputy City Clerk

Dated: May 3, 2006