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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Date: December 13, 2022

Item Details

Presenter(s): Allen Coleman, Town Clerk

Department(s): Town Clerk's Office

Requested Motion

Receive as information an update on the At-Large Town Council Vacancy.

Approval Recommended?

Yes

Item Details

On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, the Apex Town Council voted to accept Councilmember Cheryl Stallings' resignation and initiate the selection process. Council adopted a policy and process timeline for appointing a candidate to fill the unexpired term. The person selected for this position will be asked to serve the remainder of Stallings' elected term ending December 6, 2023.

Stallings, who was elected to the Apex Town Council in December of 2019, won her recent election to the Wake County Board of Commissioners. She resigned from her Council seat effective Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

The application period was open from 9:00 AM on Wednesday, November 30 through 5:00 PM on Friday, December 9, 2022. No later than 5:00 PM on Friday, December 16, 2022, the Mayor and each Town Councilmember will provide the Town Clerk with up to seven (7) candidates to be interviewed. The submission results will be released and candidates who receive a majority (4 or more votes including the Mayor) will move forward to be interviewed. According to the adopted process timeline, candidate interviews will be conducted on Friday, January 6, 2023. A public hearing will be held immediately following the candidate interviews.

According to North Carolina General Statutes § 160A-63 and the Apex Town Code of Ordinances, the Apex Town Council has the authority to appoint a qualified individual to fill Stallings unexpired term until residents have the opportunity to elect a successor in the 2023 Apex municipal elections.

<u>Attachments</u>

- Adopted Policy for Resignations of Mayor or Member(s) of Town Council and Filling Vacancies
- Adopted Process Timeline for Selecting and Appointing a Candidate to Fill a Temporary At-Large Town Council Seat
- Resignation Letter Cheryl Stallings Former Apex Town Councilmember
- Applicants for Temporary Appointment to the Apex Town Council (will be provided under separate cover and released at the Council Meeting on December 13)

