

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: October 3, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Chief Grimm, Interim City Manager

Subject: Consideration to Appoint Jason Carson to the District 4 Commissioner seat

Background: At the June 6th meeting, Comm Holihan submitted his resignation effective December 31, 2023. After Council discussion at the August 15th meeting and at the recommendation by Comm Holihan, the Council consensus was to place the vacancy on social media and post on the City website for applications effective immediately. The City staff followed the procedures outlined in the City Charter to advertise and qualify applicants for the vacant seat.

The procedure for filling vacancies is outlined in the Charter as follows,

- The Council shall direct the city manager to post the vacancy – a 30-day notice
- The Council may interview all or a portion of the applicants if it so desires
- The filling of the office shall be completed within one month (30 days) of the date that the council seat was vacated
- If the 30-day time period for filling the vacant office expires before the office is filled, or by majority vote, the time period for filling the vacancy shall be extended by 30 days

The Interim City Manager received one application for the position: Jason Carson, 2622 Trentwood Blvd. Mr. Carson is the lone candidate who has applied for the position.

Before Comm Holihan was appointed Commissioner for District 4, Mr. Holihan served as the Chairperson for the Planning and Zoning and Redistricting Committee and is a member of the Police Advisory Board. Additionally, he is a frequent attendee at the Lake Conway Nav Board meetings.

Comm Holihan is willing to resign effective immediately as Commissioner, District 4, and has submitted consideration to represent District 3 on the Planning & Zoning, which has been vacated for over a year and is now an At-Large appointment.

Staff Recommendation: Appoint Jason Carson as the District 4 Commissioner to fill the remainder of the term. The next qualifying date for District 4 is in 2025. And appoint Randy Holihan for District 3 on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Suggested Motion: I move to appoint Jason Carson as the District 4 Commissioner for the remainder of the term, effective October 3, 2023. And appoint Randy Holihan as the District 3 Planning & Zoning Board member immediately following his resignation.

Alternatives: Do not appoint and readvertise the position for an additional 30 days.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachments: Jason Carson's Letter of Interest, Application, and Resume