

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

**Meeting Date:** August 22, 2024

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk

**Subject:** Allow At-Large Appointments to Planning & Zoning Board

**Background:** The City has faced challenges in filling vacancies on several boards and committees. According to the City's Code, the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board vacancies are typically filled by district appointment. However, the vacancies for Districts 1 & 2 have remained open for over 45 days. Despite multiple advertisements and some expressed interest, no applicants from these districts have come forward. The code allows for Council approval for At-Large appointments, as stated in Sec. 42-32:

**Sec. 42-32. - Planning and zoning board.**

(3) *Vacancies on the board.* Any vacancy occurring during the unexpired term of office of any member of the planning and zoning board shall be filled by the council for the remainder of the term within 45 days after the vacancy occurs. The vacancy will be advertised to fill the vacancy by district; however, if no candidate applies from the district for that district vacancy, the council may fill the vacancy from at-large candidates who are residents of the city regardless of district residency.

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve staff to post for At-Large Appoints for P&Z Board Districts 1 and 2 for one year.

**Suggested Motion:** I move that we allow for At-Large appointments to the Planning & Zoning Board Districts 1 and 2 for one-year terms and direct the staff to advertise to fill the vacant seats on the P&Z Board.

**Alternatives:** Do not make changes

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Attachments:**