



STAFF REPORT
2/23/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Gabriel Perez, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: Consideration to Appoint One Coachella Resident to fill One Planning Commission Vacancy

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council appoint one Planning Commissioner to fill a vacancy in the Planning Commission, attached to this staff report, or from any other qualifying Coachella resident.

BACKGROUND:

The Coachella Planning Commission is made up of five members and one alternative member, who are appointed to 4-year terms that are staggered. Accordingly, every two years, three commissioners must be newly appointed. The Coachella Municipal Code 2.26.020 (D), states that in an event of an interim vacancy, the council member who nominated the vacating member may nominate another individual, subject to appointment by the mayor with approval by the city council, for the unexpired term of the member replaced. There is no individual council member nomination for the Alternate Planning Commissioner.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

On December 8, 2021, the City Council appointed and approved Planning Commissioner Miguel Leal from his previous Alternate Planning Commissioner position to fill the Planning Commissioner vacancy of Sahara Huazano, resulting in a vacancy of the Alternate Commissioner position. The deadline for applications to fill the Alternate Planning Commissioner vacancy closed on Monday, February 14, 2022 and one application was received to fill the current vacancy. The individual appointed for the vacancy will serve the remaining term until November 1, 2022.

Accordingly, the City Council has the following options to approve a vacancy in the Planning Commission.

- 1) Appoint one (1) member to serve the remaining term until November 2022.
- 2) Continue this item and provide staff direction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no direct fiscal impacts by appointment of Planning Commissioners on the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):

There are no direct fiscal impacts by appointment of Planning Commissioners on the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

Attachments: Applications Received

- Ventura Gutierrez