



COBURG CITY COUNCIL

ACTION ITEM

City Council Vacancy

Meeting Date	Staff Contact	Email
March 12, 2024	Sammy Egbert, City Recorder	Sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Interview applicant and consider appointment to fill vacancy.

Suggested Motion

I move to appoint Brandon Rhodes as City Councilor for term of office ending December 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND

A City Councilor vacancy was created in November 2023 when Kyle Blain resigned as City Councilor. Council declared this vacancy at the December 12, 2023 City Council meeting. Recruitment was noticed as required. The original closing date for this recruitment was January 8, 2024. Because no applications were received, it was extended to March 11, 2024.

“2022 Coburg Charter Section 7.10. Filling Vacancies. A Mayor or Councilor vacancy will be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining Council members. The appointee’s term of office runs from appointment until expiration of the term of office of the last person elected to that office.”

One application was received a from Brandon Rhodes that met the requirements. Mr. Rhodes was provided packet materials and will be attending March 12, 2024 City Council Meeting to be considered for the position.

RECOMMENDATION AND ALTERNATIVES

Council has the option of selecting Mr. Rhodes or may extend the recruitment in hopes of getting additional qualified applications. Staff recommends appointment of Brandon Rhodes to fill the City Council vacancy with a term expiring December 31, 2024, but stand ready to support Council should it desire an extension of the application process.

BUDGET / FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial impacts associated with mid-term Council appointments consist of limited staff time that would otherwise be working on other similar general governmental tasks.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The vacancy and recruitment public notices were published and posted multiple times in January and February 2024. City Council discussed the vacancy during the regular Council meeting December 2023 to February 2024. Social media was also utilized to extend the reach of the posting.

NEXT STEPS

Upon appointment, the Oath of Office will be administered and Mr. Rhodes will take his seat and immediately serve the community as a member of Council. A Councilor Orientation meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Brandon Rhodes application