



FRUITA
COLORADO

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DEB WOODS, DEPUTY CITY CLERK FOR MAYOR KINCAID AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR DAN CARIS

DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2022

AGENDA TEXT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT – A request to approve the appointment of Jessica Hearn to the Planning Commission to fulfill an unexpired term to expire in October of 2025

BACKGROUND

On October 18, 2022, Planning Commission member Aaron Hancey was sworn in as a Fruita City Council member to replace the vacancy created on September 6, 2022 when former City Councilor Heather O'Brien resigned. Because the Planning Commission already had appointed Councilor Amy Miller as Council Liaison to the Planning Commission, Councilor Hancey effectively resigned from the board, thus creating a vacancy. His term was due to expire in October of 2025. The vacancy has been advertised on the City's website at fruita.org and on the City's Facebook page since September 8, 2022 to the present.

On November 18, 2022, Jessica Hearn submitted her application for the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. In the absence of Council Liaison Amy Miller, Mayor Joel Kincaid and Planning and Development Director Dan Caris interviewed Jessica on December 6, 2022 and subsequently recommend that she be appointed to the Planning Commission to fulfill Aaron Hancey's unexpired term that will expire in October of 2025.

Ms. Hearn's application is attached for the Council's review. If she is appointed, there will be no remaining vacancies on the Planning Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Boards and Commissions provide valuable input to the City and help establish goals and objectives. They provide a link between citizens of Fruita and city government.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Appoint Jessica Hearn to the Planning Commission as a regular member to fulfill an unexpired term to expire in October of 2025.

2. Instruct staff to publish a notice of vacancy and repeat the interview process.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of Mayor Kincaid and Planning and Development Director Dan Caris that the following appointment be made:

- **JESSICA HEARNS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO FULFILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO EXPIRE IN OCTOBER OF 2025**