



**FRUITA**  
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## AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**TO:** FRUITA CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** DEB WOODS, CITY CLERK FOR MAYOR BREMAN AND MAYOR PRO TEM  
AARON HANCEY

**DATE:** MAY 6, 2025

**AGENDA TEXT:** BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT – A request to approve the appointment of Thomas Wells to the Planning Commission as a regular member to fulfill an unexpired term plus an additional three-year term to expire in July of 2028

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### BACKGROUND

On March 4, 2025, Planning Commission member Patrick Hummel resigned from the board, thus creating a vacancy. The vacancy has been advertised on the City's website at [fruta.org](http://fruta.org) and on the City's Facebook page since March 5, 2025 to the present. Hummel's term on the Planning Commission was set to expire in July of 2025.

On March 26, 2025, Thomas Wells submitted his application for appointment to the Planning Commission. On April 17, 2025, Mayor Matthew Breman and Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Hancey interviewed Thomas and subsequently recommend that he be appointed to the Planning Commission as a regular member to fulfill Hummel's unexpired term plus an additional three-year term to expire in July of 2028.

Mr. Wells' application is attached for the Council's review. If he is appointed, there will be no remaining regular member vacancies on the Planning Commission, but there will still be two alternate member vacancies remaining.

### 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 Thomas Wells to the Fruita Planning Commission as a regular member to fulfill an unexpired term plus an additional three-year term to expire in July of 2028
2. Instruct staff to publish a notice of vacancy and repeat the interview process.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of Mayor Breman and Mayor Pro Tem Hancey that the following appointment be made:

- **THOMAS WELLS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO FULFILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM PLUS AN ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE IN JULY OF 2028**