



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Appointment to Committees

Preferred Agenda: November 9, 2021

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Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion Roll Call ____ Other ____

Relevant Code/Policy: [SHMC Chapter 2.10 City Committees](#)

Towards Council Goal: Vision Statement II. WE ASPIRE to have an effective and efficient local government

Attachments: Applications for Boards, Committees, and Commissions – Laura Wood and Josh Thorstead

Purpose of this RCA:

Appointment to the Budget Committee and the Planning Commission

Background/Context:

There is currently one vacancy on the Planning Commission. Josh Thorstead and Laura Wood have both submitted applications for the vacancy. In addition, Josh Thorstead has also applied for a vacant position on the Sweet Home Budget Committee. The Administration, Finance, and Property Committee interviewed both candidates. They have recommended appointment of Josh Thorstead to the Budget Committee for a three year term and Laura Wood to the Planning Commission for the remainder of the vacant term which expires December 31, 2022.

The Challenge/Problem:

Committee Vacancies

Stakeholders:

- City of Sweet Home Staff – Staff benefits by having full committees that provide direction and recommendations that are consistent with law.
- City of Sweet Home Management - Management is more effective and efficient with clear, updated, best practices for policy as recommended by committees.
- Sweet Home Residents – Residents and taxpayers essentially pay the price when policies lead to inefficient operations or practices.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

None known

Elements of a Stable Solution:

Appoint committee members to vacancies who are willing to serve a full term and available for scheduled meetings of the committee.

Options:

1. Option #1 – Do nothing
2. Option #2 – Seek additional applicants
3. Option #3 – Make a motion to approve as recommended which would appoint Josh Thorstead to the Budget Committee for a three-year term and Laura Wood to the Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2022.
4. Option #4 – Make a motion to appoint Josh Thorstead to both the Budget Committee for a three-year term and Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2022.

Recommendation:

1. Option #3 – Make a motion to approve as recommended which would appoint Josh Thorstead to the Budget Committee for a three-year term and Laura Wood to the Planning Commission with a term to expire December 31, 2022.