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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 8, 2020

DATE: November 17, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the appointment of a Washoe County Board of Adjustment applicant to represent Commission District 5 (generally includes the areas of Verdi, North Valleys, Cold Springs, Warm Springs, portions of Sun Valley and all of the High Desert Planning Area extending to the Oregon border), to fill a term beginning on January 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2024, or until such time as the appointee no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Applicants include: Ashlynn S. Ely, Rob Pierce, David L. Salinger, and Vernon S. Waligora. (Commission District 5.)

SUMMARY

Kim Toulouse's term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment expired on June 30, 2020. Mr. Toulouse had served a partial term and two full terms on the Board of Adjustment and was not eligible for reappointment. County Commissioner Herman has recommended Rob Pierce to be considered for appointment to the Board of Adjustment. If appointed, the term will begin on January 1, 2021, and end on June 30, 2024, or until such time as Mr. Pierce no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of Our Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) continued this item to a future meeting, after the Palomino Valley GID election. One of the applicants was on the ballot to serve on the Palomino Valley GID. Waiting for this election to occur would clarify what candidates are eligible to serve on the Board of Adjustment.

On September 22, 2020, the Board requested that staff bring back for reconsideration all the candidates recommended and available for this appointment.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

On April 26, 2016, the Board reappointed Kim Toulouse to a full term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment. The term began on July 1, 2016 and will end on June 30, 2020.

On May 15, 2012, the Board reappointed Kim Toulouse to a full term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment. The term began on July 1, 2012 and ended on June 30, 2016.

On October 13, 2009, the Board appointed Kim Toulouse to fill a partial term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment ending on June 30, 2012.

BACKGROUND

Nevada State Law enables Washoe County to create a Board of Adjustment to hear and decide appeals concerning zoning regulations or pertaining to the location and soundness of structures, and to provide other duties as established in County codes. The Board of County Commissioners established the Board of Adjustment to hear and decide on appeals as authorized in State Law, and to hear and decide cases involving administrative and special use permits and variances. Terms of appointment are four years, or until a successor takes office, and the appointees must be residents of the unincorporated area of Washoe County and registered voters at the time of their appointment and throughout their term of office. The Board appoints five members to the Board of Adjustment, each representing one of the County Commission Districts.

Based on direction previously provided by the Board, the Commissioner whose district is represented by the Board of Adjustment vacancy (Commission District 5 in this case) recommends the appointment. Commissioner Herman recommends that Rob Pierce be appointed to a term on the Board of Adjustment commencing on January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024, until such time as Mr. Pierce no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Mr. Pierce's application is included as Attachment A to this staff report. Mr. Pierce is an unincorporated County resident of Commission District 5.

FISCAL IMPACT

As authorized by NRS 278.280(2)(a) and Washoe County Code Section 110.912.10(i), Board of Adjustment members receive an \$80 per meeting compensation. The Board of Adjustment meets on a monthly basis, which equates to an annual per member compensation of \$960. Funds to compensate all Board of Adjustment members for scheduled meetings are included as part of the FY 2021 budget. FY 2021 budget authority exists for the service in Community Services Department Planning and Development Admin (105400), Contracted/Temp Services (710110).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of a Washoe County Board of Adjustment applicant to represent Commission District 5 (generally includes the areas of Verdi, North Valleys, Cold Springs, Warm Springs, portions of Sun Valley and all of the High Desert Planning Area extending to the Oregon border), to fill a term beginning on

January 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2024, or until such time as the appointee no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Applicants include: Ashlynn S. Ely, Rob Pierce, David L. Salinger, and Vernon S. Waligora.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Chair appoint the appointee from District 5 to the Board of Adjustment and should the Board agree with the appointment, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve the appointment of a Washoe County Board of Adjustment applicant to represent Commission District 5 (generally includes the areas of Verdi, North Valleys, Cold Springs, Warm Springs, portions of Sun Valley and all of the High Desert Planning Area extending to the Oregon border), to fill a term beginning on January 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2024, or until such time as the appointee no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Applicants include: Ashlynn S. Ely, Rob Pierce, David L. Salinger, and Vernon S. Waligora.”

Attachments:

Attachment A – Rob Pierce

Attachment B – Ashlynn S. Ely

Attachment C – David L. Salinger

Attachment D – Vernon S. Waligora