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STAFF REPORT

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DATE: May 18, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to:

(1) approve, pursuant to NRS 278.040 and on the recommendation of the Chair, the appointment of Daniel Lazzareschi to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing Commission District 1 (generally includes Incline Village and Crystal Bay, most of the Forest area along the west side of Mt. Rose Highway and portions of the Southwest Truckee Meadows area); to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2026, or until such time as Mr. Lazzareschi no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Applicants include: Thomas B. Courson, Naseer Rana and Daniel Lazzareschi; and

(2) approve, pursuant to NRS 278.040 and on the recommendation of the Chair, the appointment of Rob Pierce to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing At-Large North of the River (includes areas of unincorporated County north of the Truckee River) to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2026, or until such time as Mr. Pierce no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Applicants include: Roger M. Edwards, Robert B. Long, Steve J. Murphy, Charles (Mark) Neumann and Rob Pierce. (Commission Districts 1, 3, 4, 5.)

SUMMARY

Larry Peyton, Planning Commissioner representing District 1, is serving a partial term which is ending on June 30, 2022. County Commissioner Alexis Hill has recommended Daniel Lazzareschi to the Chair of the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (Board) to be considered for appointment to the Planning Commission as the member from District 1. If appointed, the term will begin on July 1, 2022, and end on June 30, 2026, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Larry Chesney, Planning Commissioner representing At-Large North of the River, is serving a second full term which is ending on June 30, 2022. Washoe County staff have reviewed applications and reached out to each applicant to discuss their applications and the Planning Commission, staff recommends Rob Pierce to the Chair of the Board to be considered for appointment to the Planning Commission as the at-large member residing north of the Truckee River. If appointed, the term will begin on July 1, 2022, and end on June 30, 2026, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Economic Impacts

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 14, 2020, the Board appointed Larry Peyton to a partial term on the Washoe County Planning Commission representing Commission District 1. The term began on June 1, 2020, and will end on June 30, 2022.

On May 22, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Larry Chesney to serve a full term on the Planning Commission representing At-Large North of the River. The term began on July 1, 2018, and will end on June 30, 2022.

On June 24, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Larry Chesney to serve a full term on the Planning Commission. The term began on July 1, 2014, and ended on June 30, 2018.

BACKGROUND

Nevada State Law requires Washoe County to create a Planning Commission to adopt the County's Master Plan and to provide other land use duties as established in County codes. The Board established the Planning Commission to hear and decide applications for abandonments, certain special use permits and tentative subdivision maps; and to hear and make recommendations to the Board concerning amendments to the County's Master Plan, the Development Code (Washoe County Code Chapter 110) and adopted regulatory zone maps. Terms of appointment are four years 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. Washoe County Code (WCC) Section 110.912.05(c)(4) establishes the appointment and qualifications for Planning Commission members. Pursuant to this code section, the Board appoints seven members to the Planning Commission as follows:

- Five members representing each of the County Commission Districts;
- One member from north of the Truckee River; and
- One member from south of the Truckee River.

Planning and Building staff actively recruited for these positions through newspaper advertisement, by e-mail to citizens signed up for the "citizen involvement" group and the "Districts 1, 3, 4 & 5" groups, posting on social media and the County's website and posting a flyer at the libraries.

All applications are included as Attachments to this staff report.

Based on direction previously provided by the Board, the Commissioner whose district is represented by the Planning Commission vacancy makes a recommendation for the appointment to the Chair. Commissioner Hill recommends that Daniel Lazzareschi be appointed to fill a full term on the Planning Commission (District 1) commencing on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026, or until such time as a successor is appointed. Mr. Lazzareschi's application is included as Attachment A to this staff report.

Washoe County staff have reviewed applications and reached out to each applicant to discuss their applications and the Planning Commission, staff recommends Rob Pierce to the Chair of the Board to be considered for appointment to the Planning Commission (At-Large North of the River) commencing on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026, or until such time as a successor is appointed. All applications are included as Attachment D to this staff report for the review of the entire board for selection of the recommended applicant or selection of one of the other applicants.

WCC 110.912.05(c)(1) requires that the Chair of the Board appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, members of the Planning Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT

As authorized by NRS 278.040(3) and WCC 110.912.05(e), the Planning Commission members receive compensation of \$80 per meeting. The Planning Commission is required by the Nevada Revised Statutes to meet monthly, which equates to an annual per member compensation of \$960. Funds to compensate all Planning Commission members for scheduled meetings are included as part of the FY 2022-2023 Budget in CSD Planning & Development Admin (105400), Contracted/Temp Services (710110).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners:

(1) approve, pursuant to NRS 278.040 and on the recommendation of the Chair, the appointment of Daniel Lazzareschi to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing Commission District 1 (generally includes Incline Village and Crystal Bay, most of the Forest area along the west side of Mt. Rose Highway and portions of the Southwest Truckee Meadows area); to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2026, or until such time as Mr. Lazzareschi no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first; and (2) approve, pursuant to NRS 278.040 and on the recommendation of the Chair, the appointment of Rob Pierce to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing At-Large North of the River (includes areas of unincorporated County north of the Truckee River) to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2026, or until such time as Mr. Pierce no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Chair appoint Daniel Lazzareschi to the Planning Commission to represent Commission District 1 and should the Board agree with the appointment, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve, pursuant to NRS 278.040 and on the recommendation of the Chair, the appointment of Daniel Lazzareschi to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing Commission District 1 (generally includes Incline Village and Crystal Bay, most of the Forest area along the west side of Mt. Rose Highway and portions of the Southwest Truckee Meadows area); to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2026, or until such time as Mr. Lazzareschi no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.”

[Applicants which may also be considered in lieu of Mr. Lazzareschi include: Thomas B. Courson and Naseer Rana].

And:

Should the Chair appoint Rob Pierce to the Planning Commission to represent At-Large North of the River and should the Board agree with the appointment, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve, pursuant to NRS 278.040 and on the recommendation of the Chair, the appointment of Rob Pierce to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing At-Large North of the River (includes areas of unincorporated County north of the Truckee River) to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2026, or until such time as Mr. Pierce no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.”

[Applicants which may also be considered in lieu of Mr. Pierce include: Roger M. Edwards, Robert B. Long, Steve J. Murphy and Charles (Mark) Neumann].

Attachments:

Applications District 1:

Attachment A – Daniel Lazzareschi

Attachment B – Thomas B. Courson

Attachment C – Naseer Rana

Applications At-Large North of the River:

Attachment D – Rob Pierce

Attachment E – Roger M. Edwards

Attachment F – Robert B. Long

Attachment G – Steve J. Murphy

Attachment H – Charles (Mark) Neumann