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Subject: Voting on Board and Commission Vacancy Replacements on Wednesday

Council Colleagues,

Tomorrow evening at our meeting we will be voting on appointments to Boards and Commissions for the first time since we went virtual. Due to the new rules established by the NCGA we will be doing it differently from the way in which we are used to. As I understand it (please correct me as necessary, Amy Harvey):

- Rather than selecting from a list of individuals on a ballot, each person we wish to appoint (or consider for appointment) will have to be nominated, seconded, and voted upon, one at a time
- As previously, each person to be nominated will have to receive at least five votes to be appointed
- All votes will be via roll call

I want to point out that the only seats we will be filling tomorrow night are those which are currently vacant – as you will recall, terms of sitting members were extended until the fall and we will be dealing with those at that time. I also want to mention that in accord with procedures that the Council adopted back in the fall, candidates for both the HDC and Board of Adjustment were interviewed by a committee consisting of Amy, Jess, and me. In terms of the HDC, we recommended filling only two of the three vacancies as one of the candidates was not available for an interview and we wanted to hold off until that person was available. Both of the individuals that we recommended are well qualified and one – Josh Gurlitz – served on the HDC in the 80s. As it happens, our recommendation coincides with the HDC's recommendation.

For the Board of Adjustment, there was only one candidate and we felt that his public policy experience, temperament, and eagerness to serve made him a good choice.

For OWASA, in accord with long-standing policy, there is a designated OWASA interview committee consisting of Hongbin, Karen and me. We interviewed three candidates for the one vacancy. We felt that all three were very well qualified. One, Pamela Schultz, currently serves on and chairs our Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board and we felt that we did not want to start moving people around and filling one vacancy only to create another. The candidate that we recommended, Deanie Anyangwe, has expertise in public health, with particular emphasis on community engagement, and will also add diversity to the Board. The final candidate, Adam Haggerty, is an engineer who formerly worked at OWASA and we felt that engineering expertise was less important than other skills at this time.

Please feel free to reach out to any of the members of the respective interview committees if you'd like to discuss or want some additional information. Thanks.

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The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi