

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 3/2/2009		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Interim Appointment of a Former Planning Commissioner to the Planning Commission to Fill a Temporarily Vacant Office.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Thomas Gorham, Planning Manager		Phone Number: (310) 253-5727	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☐	
Public Notification: Master Notification List (2/25/09)			
Department Approval: Sol Blumenfeld (02/23/09)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker)(02/25/09)	
Fiscal Impact Review: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) () (02/ 25/09)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (02/25/09)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council select a former Planning Commissioner for interim appointment to the Planning Commission to fill the temporarily vacant office held by Marcus Tiggs.. <u>BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:</u> On June 2, 2008, the City Council reappointed Mr. Marcus Tiggs to the Planning Commission for a second four-year term to Office No. 4. Mr. Tiggs term began on July 1, 2008 and continues until June 30, 2012. On November 4, 2008, Mr. Tiggs submitted a letter through the City Manager to the Mayor and Council requesting a one-year leave of absence from the Planning Commission due to his Army National Guard deployment to Kosovo. On December 1, 2008, in recognition of Mr. Tiggs exemplary work on the Planning Commission, the Council decided to grant Mr. Tiggs' request for a leave of absence and to consider filling, temporarily, the vacancy until he returns from his military service in November 2009. The Council did mention the possibility of filling the vacancy with a prior Planning Commissioner in order to reduce the learning curve and facilitate the Commission's work. City Council Policy 3102 provides that Commission vacancies are to be filled through advertisement of the vacancy. However, in reading the pertinent parts of City Council Policy 3102, the Policy does not seem to contemplate an interim appointment. Therefore, the City Council may determine to fill this temporary vacancy with a temporary, interim appointment without advertisement of the vacancy.			

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Staff was instructed to contact former Planning Commissioners who have served within the past ten years to ascertain their interest in filling the interim position. They are as follows:

- Lynn Baril
- James Lamm
- Linda Shahinian
- Sheila Thomas
- Maureen Muranaka

Of the five former Commissioners contacted only Sheila Thomas and Linda Shahinian expressed interest in filling the interim position. Sheila Thomas indicated that she could potentially have conflicts in attending all of the potential meetings due to her business travel schedule. Linda Shahinian indicated that she had no known potential conflicts. Although Ms. Thomas indicated that she would be willing to serve, she believed that Ms. Shahinian would be the best person to fill the position due to her availability and that she would strongly recommend and support the decision to appoint former Commissioner Shahinian.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this proposed action and staff report.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

MOTION:

That the Council:

1. Appoint _____ to fill Office #4 as Planning Commissioner on an interim basis expiring November 12, 2009.