

Legislation Text

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Action on appointments to City Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Summary:

Mayor Keith Corbett has submitted the following appointment recommendations for City Council advice and consent:

Brookings Bicycle Advisory Committee

Number of positions: 3

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: Not required

Purpose: The role of the Brookings Bicycle Advisory Committee (BBAC) is to advise the City Council, City Manager, and City Boards on bicycling related issues; help advance the state of bicycle infrastructure; encourage bicycling for transportation and recreation; public education and awareness; improve safety and compliance with traffic laws; assist the City with bicycle plans; review and suggest legislative and policy changes; recommend priorities for use of the public funds on bicycle projects; and help ensure Brookings retains and enhances its status as a bike friendly community.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Eric Rasmussen

Board of Adjustment

Number of positions: 3

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: Required or reside within Joint Jurisdictional Area

Purpose: The Board of Adjustment has the authority to act on variances or special exceptions to the zoning ordinance. Four of the five members must vote in the affirmative for a motion to pass.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Justin Borns
2. Appoint Matt Chandler to 1st Alternate

Board of Appeals

Number of positions: 2

Term length: 5 years

Residency Requirement: Not Required

Purpose: The function of the Board of Appeals is to hear and decide on appeals or orders, decisions or determinations made by the city building officials relative to the application and interpretation of the Building Code, and to determine the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction. All members of the Board of must be qualified by training and experience to pass upon the matters pertaining to building construction.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Spencer Hawley
2. Reappoint Paul Sahr

Board of Health

Number of positions: 4

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: County required (2 may live outside Brookings city limits, but must reside in Brookings county)

Purpose: The purpose of the Board of Health is to provide a general supervision of the health of the city with full powers to take all steps and measures necessary to promote the cleanliness and healthfulness and to prevent and arrest the spread of any contagious or infectious diseases and harmful environmental conditions, and to quarantine any person or evacuate any area contaminated by such condition or disease. In addition, the Board is to provide public education for the need of all phases of an integrated solid waste management system;

- Establish a comprehensive realistic solid waste plan for the city.
- Develop a financial policy that would be used for raising funds required to build and operate an integrated solid waste program.
- Develop and promote pilot programs for recycling and collection of household hazardous waste and reducing solid waste.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Albert Patin
2. Reappoint Trish Matson Buus
3. Appoint Nieema Thasing

Brookings Committee for People who have Disabilities

Number of positions: 4 (increasing board size to 11)

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: Required for 7 of the 11 members

Purpose: The Brookings Committee for People who have Disabilities strives to advocate for the rights of people who have disabilities in our community. Throughout the year, specific events are held to bring awareness and information to our citizens. Technical assistance is provided to the business community, private individuals, governmental entities and nonprofit organizations. This is a service not provided by any other entity in Brookings. The goals of this service are to improve the quality of life for people who have disabilities through enhancing the knowledge base of entities in the community; and to further serve as a community-based advocacy group enhancing the ability of local entities to comply with Federal Civil Rights legislation.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Rachel Holm
2. Reappoint Matthew Weiss
3. Reappoint Brianna Doran
4. Reappoint Jenny Grendler
5. Appoint Daniel Gissing
6. Appoint Jon Stauff

7. Appoint Carol Jung

Brookings Health System Board of Trustees

Number of positions: 1

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: Must be a resident of Brookings County

Purpose: The Brookings Health System Board of Trustees is an administrative board responsible for the planning, operation and evaluation of all hospital and nursing home programs, services and related organizational activities consistent with the City Charter, Ordinance and facility by laws. (Formerly called the "Brookings Hospital Board").

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Appoint David Meyer

Business Improvement District #1 Board

Number of positions: 1

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: Not required

Purpose: The Business Improvement District #1 Board is responsible to prepare a plan of improvements for a district and provide improvement recommendations to the City Council. The boundaries of Business Improvement District #1 are defined as non-contiguous properties to include all hotels/motels with 25 or more rooms situated within the corporate limits of the city of Brookings.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Randy Soma

Historic Preservation Commission

Number of positions: 3

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: Required

Purpose: The purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission is to allow the city to engage in a comprehensive program of historic preservation to promote the inspiration, pleasure and enrichment of the citizens of Brookings through identification, documentation, preservation, promotion, and development of the city's historic resources.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Janet Merriman
2. Reappoint Janet Gritzner

Human Rights Commission

Number of positions: 3

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: Not required

Purpose: The Human Rights Commission has the power to investigate alleging discrimination.

Other programs include:

- The study of the existence, character, causes and extent of discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations, property rights, education and public services.

- Advise and provide a forum for those subjected to unfair and discriminatory practices in the City and County.
- Advise City officials concerning issues of discrimination.
- Conducting educational programs and disseminates information to further the commission's policy to eliminate discrimination in the city.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Lawrence Novotny
2. Reappoint Erinn Thomas
3. Appoint Nieema Thasing
4. Appoint Zahra Naji

Library Board

Number of positions: 2

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: Required

Purpose: The Library Board is responsible for the appointment of the Librarian, the conduct of business and development of policies for the Brookings Public Library materials, the governance of the library and the use of the public library services and materials.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Michael Linehan
2. Appoint Stephanie Carroll

Planning Commission

Number of positions: 3

Term Length: 5 years

Residency Requirement: Required

Purpose: The City Planning Commission is responsible for the city comprehensive plan for the physical development of the city, including areas outside the boundaries of the city and within the planning jurisdiction.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Eric Rasmussen
2. Reappoint Jacob Mills
3. Reappoint Tanner Aiken

Public Arts Commission

Number of positions: 3

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: Required for Majority

Purpose: Public art enhances the built environment of a city and enriches the lives of its citizens. A dedicated funding source for an established program of public art enhances the reputation of a city and serves as a vehicle for attracting new businesses and citizens. A public art program encourages a community's artists and citizens to engage in creative activities and artistic development. A public arts commission can develop and implement a unified public art strategy for a community.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Trayce Meyer
2. Reappoint Linda Purrington
3. Reappoint Darla Biel

Sustainability Council

Number of positions: 3

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: Required for Majority

Purpose: The purpose of the Sustainability Council is to investigate, propose, educate, communicate, and advocate investment strategies and policies that will improve our future qualities of life while still meeting the needs of the present.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Appoint Darcy Green
2. Appoint Brianna Kratz
3. Appoint Ben Vukovich

Swiftel Center Advisory Committee

Number of positions: 1

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: Not Required

Purpose: The Swiftel Center Advisory Committee shall act only in an advisory capacity to the city council, however it shall, in particular, advise the city concerning marketing, operational issues and management of the Swiftel Center, and in particular, shall advise and assist the city in the performance of contracts between the City of Brookings and County of Brookings, and between the City of Brookings and the firm managing the Swiftel Center and which concern the Swiftel Center.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Nick Schmeichel

Traffic Safety Committee

Number of positions: 3

Term Length: 3 years

Residency Requirement: The majority of the members shall be residents of the city.

Purpose: The Traffic Safety Committee will develop and implement coordinated traffic safety programs that meet local needs; acting in an advisory capacity to the City Manager, City Engineer and the City Council as a whole in the coordination of traffic safety activities of the official agencies and departments of the City of Brookings; establishing safety priorities for the City; reviewing and approving project applications for funding; serving in a liaison capacity between the City of Brookings and the South Dakota Highway Safety Program in developing the State Highway Safety Program and in meeting the National Highway Safety Program Standards; promoting public acceptance of official programs proposed or instigated by the City; fostering public knowledge and support of traffic law enforcement and traffic engineering problems; cooperating with city schools in promoting educational traffic safety aids; educating the public in traffic safety; and generally aiding the overall reduction of traffic accidents, injuries and deaths on the city streets.

Mayor's Recommendation:

1. Reappoint Gary Gramm
2. Reappoint Justin Bucher
3. Chamber Representative: Kristina Lankow

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval.