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Legislation Text

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Action to appoint City Council Member, effective 5/26/2021-4/30/2022.

Summary:

The City Council will take action to appoint a City Council Member for a term effective May 26, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022.

The following five Brookings residents have applied for the vacant Brookings City council member position: Bradley Walker, Nate Holden, Julie Erickson, Brianna Doran, and Wayne Avery.

The applicants attended a special meeting on May 18th to provide additional information and respond to questions.

Background:

A City Council member vacancy was created with the election of Council Member Oepke Niemeyer to the office of Mayor. Following the April 13, 2021 Election, the city issued a press release seeking applicants for the vacant City Council seat. The appointed City Council member would serve until the next regular municipal election, with the term expiring on April 30, 2022. Applicants must be a Brookings resident for a minimum of six months and registered to vote in Brookings.

Any vacancy occurring in the office of Mayor or City Council must be filled pursuant to City Charter, Section 2.06 - Vacancies; Forfeiture of Office; Filling of Vacancies:

City Charter Reference - Filling of Vacancy. (d) Filling of Vacancies. Except as provided below, a vacancy in the office of Mayor or of a City Council Member shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term at the next regular City Election. The Council by a majority vote of all its remaining members shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy until the person elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term takes office. However, if the vacancy occurs less than sixty days prior to the next regular City Election, then the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall continue to serve and the vacancy shall be filled at the regular City Election immediately following the next regular City Election. Notwithstanding the requirement in Section 2.11, if at any time the membership of the Council is reduced to less than 6, the remaining members shall, within sixty days, fill the vacancies by appointment or call for a special election to fill the vacancies.

The appointment process is further defined in City Resolution 90-10.

Attachments:

Memo
Resolution 90-10: City Council Policy - City Council Vacancy
City Charter
Press Release

Application
Code of Ethics - Council Member
Process and Timeline