

Legislation Text

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Subject:

Discussion regarding vacancies on City of Littleton Urban Renewal Board

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POLICY QUESTION:

Does city council support directing staff to work with the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem on the recruitment and interview processes for the City of Littleton Urban Renewal Authority (Littleton Invests for Tomorrow - LIFT) Board?

BACKGROUND:

The City's Urban Renewal Authority Board (LIFT Board) consists of 7 members. Currently, two seats are vacant and a third seat will become vacant. With a board having four members and four members being required for a quorum its operations can be negatively impacted.

Under Colorado law, the Mayor appoints members who are then confirmed by the Council. This is a different process than the other City Boards as they are governed by the city code. Traditionally, staff has processed these applications in the same manner as other Board and Commission applications. However, with the likelihood of three vacancies, the staff would propose that council authorize an expedited recruitment and interview process.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

While there are no pending projects before the LIFT Board, the operation of a board with only four members becomes cumbersome due to the inability to meet the quorum requirements if one member is unable to attend. Appointment of one or more members to the board addresses the operational issues. As this issue is governed by state law, it is for the Mayor to appoint and the Council to confirm a nominee for a board position. As this is different from the current city practice, staff is seeking council direction on this matter.

OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES:

A. That the Mayor and Council direct staff to work with the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem on an expedited recruitment process for the vacancies on the City's Urban Renewal Board. A proposed schedule could be as follows:

- Advertising for board members through January 8th. Advertising began December 1st.
- Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem conduct the interviews sometime between January 9th through the 19th.
- Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem present recommendations to council at study session on January 23rd.
- Council votes at February 6th regular meeting to place new board members.

- LIFT Board meeting (tentatively February 8th) - new board members are seated and LIFT Board selects chair and co-chair.

B. That the Mayor and Council not direct staff to work with the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem on an expedited recruitment process and let the vacancies be filled in the ordinary course of business.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: As this Board is different from other City Boards and Commissions in that its appointment process is governed solely by state law, it would be appropriate to proceed with a recruitment and interview process in the manner directed by council

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that staff be directed to work with the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem on an expedited recruitment process for the vacancies on the City's Urban Renewal Authority Board.