

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

DATE: City Council Meeting of January 21, 2016

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Michael Roush, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Reappointment of Planning Commissioners to a Limited Term of Office

RECOMMENDATION

Consider reappointing current Planning Commissioners whose terms are expiring in January 2016 to terms that would end April 30, 2016

BACKGROUND

Three Planning Commission terms are expiring at the end of January 2016 and each has applied to be reappointed. Several other persons have also applied for a Planning Commission appointment. At the City Council Meeting of January 7, 2016, the City Council expressed its desire to keep the current Planning Commissioners in office until the Baylands planning process was completed which, given the good progress the Commission is making on that process, could occur by the end of April. The Council asked the Planning Commission for its best estimate as to when it will complete the Baylands planning process and also asked for the City Attorney's opinion on a process for keeping the current commissioners in office until that process is completed.

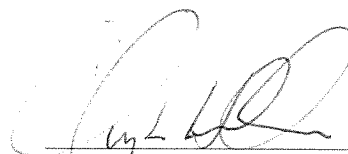
DISCUSSION

Brisbane Municipal Code Section 2.16.020 states that terms of Planning Commissioners begin in January (following an election), or as soon as possible thereafter, and that members shall serve for up to four years or the completion date of the specific term for which they were appointed.

Given the language of the Municipal Code, if the City Council wishes to keep the commissioners in office until the Baylands planning process has been completed, the City Attorney has recommended that the City Council reappoint the three commissioners until April 30, 2016, which should be an adequate amount of time for the Planning Commission to complete its Baylands planning process. In the intervening time, the Council could conduct interviews and then decide who should be appointed to serve out the terms of office that will expire in January 2020.



Michael Roush, City Attorney



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