



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 20-2019

MEETING DATE: 11/16/2020

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Oliver Chi, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Scott M. Haberle, Fire Chief

Subject:

Approve one (1) appointment and two (2) reappointments to the Harbor Commission, as recommended by City Council Liaisons, Mayor Semeta and Councilmember Erik Peterson

Statement of Issue:

The City Council is asked to approve an appointment to the Harbor Commission to fill one (1) existing vacancy, as well as two (2) reappointments to fill vacancies that will occur December 31, 2020.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

Recommended Action:

A) Approve the appointment of Brian Griley as a Member of the Harbor Commission through December 31, 2024; and,

B) Approve the re-appointment of John Ochs as a Member of the Harbor Commission through December 31, 2024; and,

C) Approve the re-appointment of Michael Van Voorhis as a Member of the Harbor Commission through December 31, 2024.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve these appointments and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

The Harbor Commission is a seven (7) member advisory board to the City Council in matters pertaining to the Huntington Harbor, its beaches, facilities, and parks. The Commission advises on issues concerning waterway safety, general harbor infrastructure, water quality, usage, and Municipal Code amendments. The Harbor Commission also cooperates with other governmental agencies and civic groups in the advancement of the Huntington Harbor, including recreational planning, under the direction of the City Council.

At this time, the Harbor Commission has one (1) vacancy, due to the resignation of a Member who relocated out of state. In addition, the terms of two (2) Members expire on December 31, 2020. The City advertised the recruitment for new members through announcements on the City's website, posting at City facilities, and at the October 22, 2020, regular meeting. Three (3) new applications were received.

The City Council Liaisons to the Harbor Commission, Mayor Lyn Semeta and Councilmember Erik Peterson, reviewed the applications and interviewed the three (3) applicants. At this time, they recommend that Brian Griley be appointed to the Commission, with his four (4) year term beginning January 1, 2021. His application is attached.

The terms of two (2) Harbor Commissioners, John Ochs and Michael Van Voorhis, will expire on December 31, 2020, and they have requested re-appointment for an additional four (4) year term. Their applications are attached, along with an updated Harbor Commission Roster.

Environmental Status:

Not applicable.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Non-Applicable - Administrative Item

Attachment(s):

1. Application for Appointment - Brian Griley
2. Application for Appointment - John Ochs
3. Application for Appointment - Michael Van Voorhis
4. Updated Harbor Commission Roster