



Agenda Item No. 9b.

Staff Report

Date: June 14, 2016

To: Mayor Hoertkorn and Council Members

From: Joe Chinn, Town Manager

Subject: Town Council Appointment of P. Rupert Russell as Council Member Beginning July 1, 2016, to Serve Remaining Term Vacated by Outgoing Councilmember Carla Small

Recommendation

The Town Council approve the appointment of P. Rupert Russell as Council Member beginning July 1, 2016, to serve remaining term vacated by outgoing Councilmember Carla Small.

Background and discussion

Councilmember Carla Small has announced that she will be moving from the Town of Ross on June 30, 2016, and therefore will be resigning from her position as Town Councilmember on June 30, 2016. Government Code Section 36512 governs the procedure for filling a vacancy on the Town Council. At our Council meeting on May 12, 2016, the Town Council decided to fill the vacancy by appointment rather than by an election for several reasons. Since the next regularly established election date is November 2016, a special election could not be held until then, whereas an appointment could be made before the July Council meeting in which the Council seat would otherwise be vacant. Also, there were no additional candidates that filed for office other than the three incumbents for the June 2016 election. Additionally, there is a cost associated with holding a special election.

The term vacated by Councilmember Small expires at the end of June 2018. The recommendation is that the Town Council appoint Rupert Russell to fill the Council vacancy. Mr. Russell was elected to the Town Council by Ross residents in June 2010 and served on Council from 2010 to 2014. As a recent Council Member, he has existing experience and knowledge of the Town and Council proceedings and can thus quickly step into the role as a Council Member which is beneficial to the Town and community.

Fiscal, resource and timeline impacts

No fiscal impact, unless Council orders a special election. In such case, there would be an additional cost to the Town for conducting the election.

Alternative actions

The Council could choose an alternative action to the recommended action.

Environmental review (if applicable)

Not applicable.

Attachments:

None.