

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: February 15, 2022

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management

SUBGOAL: Sub-goal 6.8: Support transparent and inclusive government

SUBJECT:

A Resolution providing City Council representatives the opportunity to interview the three recommended Public Service Board candidates prior to voting on the appointment.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On August 11, 2009, City Council adopted a Resolution establishing the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee and the process for selection of El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Members in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 1502.070. Section 7 of that Resolution allows City Council to specify a reasonable amount of time to allow for interviews of each candidate by each City Council Representative and schedule the voting session to select the member or members to fill each vacancy. On December 1, 2021, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board made a recommendation of the top three (3) candidates for appointment to the Public Service Board, which were then presented to City Council.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On January 18, 2021, City Council postponed the vote on a PSB appointment four weeks to allow for time to interview the candidates.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



Elizabeth Triggs, Interim Director, Economic and International
Development

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On August 11, 2009 the City of El Paso adopted Ordinance Number 017167 which requires that any vacancy in the membership of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees be filled by the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, On August 11, 2009 City Council adopted a Resolution establishing the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee (“PSB Selection Committee”) and the process for selection of El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Members in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 1502.070; and,

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2021 the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board made a recommendation to City Council of the top three (3) candidates for appointment to the Public Service Board; and,

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Resolution allows City Council to either: specify a reasonable amount of time to allow for interviews of each candidate by each City Council Representative and schedule the voting session to select the member or members to fill each vacancy; or refer the matter to a City Council Legislative Review Committee to conduct interviews and schedule the vote; and,

WHEREAS, on January 18,2022, El Paso Water Utilities presented a slate of three (3) eligible candidates for a vacancy on the Public Service Board to the El Paso City Council for consideration, and the City Council voted to postpone the item for four (4) weeks; and

WHEREAS, Representatives have an interest in interviewing the recommended candidate prior to voting on the appointment,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT, each of the City Council Representatives be given the opportunity to interview the following three candidates by February 15, 2022:

1. Marybeth Stevens,
2. Luis Rosas, and
3. Stefanie Block Uribarri.

That the voting session to fill the Public Service Board vacancy be held no later than February 15, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2022.


THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 (for)

Leslie B. Jean-Pierre
Assistant City Attorney