



Agenda Item #: _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Cohen and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Liza Tamura, City Clerk
Terri Aliabadi, Senior Deputy City Clerk

DATE: March 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Declare Vacancy: Planning Commission, Seat No. 2 (Powell)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council pass a motion to DECLARE VACANT Planning Commission Seat No. 2 (Powell).

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

BACKGROUND:

The Planning Commission consists of five (5) members and is responsible for long-range planning activities, including major permits, commercial planned development permits, zone changes, code amendments, and modification to long-range planning documents, including the City's General Plan and Local Coastal Plan.

DISCUSSION:

This evening, March 17, 2009, Wayne Powell will be sworn in as a City Councilmember leaving his seat on the Planning Commission vacant.

Normally, a Board or Commission vacancy would be filled immediately, however, because the yearly Board & Commission appointment cycle is so close, it is staff's recommendation to add this vacant seat (expiring May 31, 2009) to the Board & Commission appointment cycle.

Since Wayne's seat on the Planning Commission was due to expire this May, the new member will be appointed to a full three year term (expiring May 31, 2012).

Advertising for Board & Commission vacancies will begin in early April. Staff will accept new applications and contact those persons who have filed an application and expressed interest in a particular Board or Commission within the last three years.

Attachment: Resignation Letter

Wayne Powell

121 Thirty-Sixth Street, Manhattan Beach, California 90266

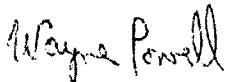
March 12, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Portia Cohen, Esq.
City of Manhattan Beach
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, California 90266

Dear Portia:

Due to my recent election to the City Council, I hereby resign my position as Commissioner/Chairperson on the Planning Commission, effective today. It has been a pleasure serving on the Planning Commission for the last three years. I thoroughly enjoyed working with my outstanding fellow Planning Commissioners and the Community Development Department staff. I now look forward to serving the residents of our wonderful City as a Councilmember.

Sincerely,



Wayne Powell
Councilmember-Elect

cc: City Councilmembers
Geoff Dolan, City Manager
Liza Tamura, City Clerk
Richard Thompson, Community Development Director
Planning Commission