



AGENDA
City Council Meeting
Online Zoom Meeting
September 07, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Matt Russell, Mayor
Eric Gerke, Ward I
Garry Wilson, Ward II
Christopher Updike, Ward III

Eric Franklin, Ward I
Gerry Pool, Ward II
Clint Gerlek, Ward IV

Join Zoom Meeting

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Call Meeting to Order

Other Business (Resolutions)

- [1.](#) 23-R-52 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing a Council Member for Ward III.
- [2.](#) 23-R-53 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing a Council Member for Ward IV.

Adjournment

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AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 23-R-52 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing a Council Member for Ward III.

Submitted By: Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Date: September 7, 2023

Issue Statement

The appointment of a Council Member for Ward III.

Discussion and/or Analysis

In the April 2021 municipal election, Shane Grooms was elected as Council Member to represent Ward III. Mr. Grooms moved out of city limits and became ineligible to serve the rest of his term. Mayor Russell appointed Brandon Self to fill the vacant seat on July 19, 2022. Mr. Self moved out of city limits and resigned from his position on August 8, 2023 as he was no longer eligible to serve on the Council pursuant to Section 3.2(b) of the City's Charter. Therefore, a vacancy has been created on the City Council.

Pursuant to Section 3.6(c) of the Charter, "A vacancy in the Council shall be filled for the remainder of the expired term, if any, at the next regular municipal election, but the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council may fill the vacancy until the person elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term takes office."

This vacancy was posted by the city and applications were accepted from residents of Ward III interested in serving on the City Council. The Mayor and City Administrator interviewed all eligible applicants.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR WARD III

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri (“City” and/or “Republic”) is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, at the regular municipal election held on April 6, 2021, Shane Grooms was elected to serve a four-year term as Council Member for Ward III, but resigned from his seat prior to the expiration of his term; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 3.6(c) provides that in the event of a vacancy in the Council, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, at the next regular municipal election, but the Mayor, with a majority vote of the remaining Council Members, may fill the vacancy until the person elected at the next regular municipal election to serve the remainder of the unexpired term takes office; and

WHEREAS, the next regular municipal election for Council Members is April 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.6(c) of the Charter, on or about July 19, 2022, Mayor Matt Russell, along with the advice and consent of Council, appointed Brandon Self to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, prior to the expiration of the term, on or about August 8, 2023, Mr. Self relocated his residence to outside the boundaries of Ward III, rendering him ineligible to serve as a Ward III Council Member under City Charter Section 3.2, and leaving another vacancy in the seat; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Matt Russell, along with the advice and consent of the Council, has selected Brian Fields for appointment to the Ward III Council Member vacancy, to serve until the person elected at the regular municipal election in April 2024 to fill the remainder of the term (one year) takes office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.** That Brian Fields, with the advice and consent of the Council by a majority vote of its remaining Members and pursuant to Section 3.6(c) of the Charter, is hereby appointed as a Council Member for Ward III.
- Section 2.** That Mr. Fields shall be subject to the same duties and qualifications as would be required of any Council Member elected.
- Section 3.** The whereas clauses are specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective on and after the date of passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri,
this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Attest:

Matt Russell, Mayor

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Megan McCullough, City Attorney

Final Passage and Vote:



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 23-R-53 A Resolution of the City Council Appointing a Council Member for Ward IV.

Submitted By: Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Date: September 7, 2023

Issue Statement

The appointment of a Council Member for Ward IV.

Discussion and/or Analysis

In the June 2020 municipal election, Jennifer Mitchell was elected as Council Member to represent Ward IV. Ms. Mitchell resigned from her position as Council Member on March 21, 2023, leaving a vacancy on City Council.

Pursuant to Section 3.6(c) of the Charter, "A vacancy in the Council shall be filled for the remainder of the expired term, if any, at the next regular municipal election, but the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council may fill the vacancy until the person elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term takes office."

This vacancy was posted by the city and applications were accepted from residents of Ward III interested in serving on the City Council. The Mayor and City Administrator interviewed all eligible applicants.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR WARD IV

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri (“City” and/or “Republic”) is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, at the municipal election held on June 2, 2020, Jennifer Mitchell was elected to serve a four-year term as Council Member for Ward IV, but resigned from her seat on March 21, 2023, prior to the expiration of her term; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 3.6(c) provides that in the event of a vacancy in the Council, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, at the next regular municipal election, but the Mayor, with a majority vote of the remaining Council Members, may fill the vacancy until the person elected at the next regular municipal election to serve the remainder of the unexpired term takes office; and

WHEREAS, the next regular municipal election for Council Members is April 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Matt Russell, along with the advice and consent of the Council, has selected Richard “Justin” Neal for appointment to the Ward IV Council Member vacancy, to serve until the person elected to fill the seat at the regular municipal election in April 2024 takes office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.** That Richard “Justin” Neal, with the advice and consent of the Council by a majority vote of its remaining Members and pursuant to Section 3.6(c) of the Charter, is hereby appointed as a Council Member for Ward IV.
- Section 2.** That the individual appointed shall be subject to the same duties and qualifications as would be required of any Council Member elected.
- Section 3.** The whereas clauses are specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective on and after the date of passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Attest:

Matt Russell, Mayor

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Megan McCullough, City Attorney

Final Passage and Vote: