City of Santa Clara



Meeting Agenda Call and Notice of Special Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers/Virtual
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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- · Via Zoom:
 - o https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/99706759306

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code §54956 ("The Brown Act") and Section 708 of the Santa Clara City Charter, the Mayor calls for a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Santa Clara, to commence and convene on June 3, 2025, at 5:30 pm to be held virtually and in the City Hall Council Chambers located in the East Wing of City Hall at 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, California, to consider the following matter(s) and to potentially take action with respect to them.

5:30 PM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order in the Council Chambers

Pledge of Allegiance and Statement of Values

Roll Call

INTERVIEWS

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1. 25-631 Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Five Applicants to the Senior Advisory Commission to Serve Three Partial Terms Ending June 30, 2026, One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2027, and One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028

> **Recommendation:** Appoint Five Applicants to the Senior Advisory Commission, three to Serve Three Partial Terms each Ending June 30, 2026, one to serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2027, and one to serve One Partial

Term Ending June 30, 2028 25-630 Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and

Appoint Two Applicants to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to Serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2027, and One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029

- **Recommendation:** 1. Appoint two Applicants to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, one to Serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2027, and one to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029; and
 - 2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur

- 3. 25-632 Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Cultural Commission to Serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029
 - Recommendation:

 1. Appoint two Applicants to the Cultural
 Commission, one to Serve One Partial Term
 Ending June 30, 2028, and one to Serve One Full
 Term Ending June 30, 2029; and
 - 2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

MEETING DISCLOSURES

The time limit within which to commence any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-adjudicative decision made by the City is governed by Section 1094.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, unless a shorter limitation period is specified by any other provision. Under Section 1094.6, any lawsuit or legal challenge to any quasi-adjudicative decision made by the City must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which such decision becomes final. Any lawsuit or legal challenge, which is not filed within that 90-day period, will be barred. If a person wishes to challenge the nature of the above section in court, they may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Clara, at or prior to the meeting. In addition, judicial challenge may be limited or barred where the interested party has not sought and exhausted all available administrative remedies.

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AB23 ANNOUNCEMENT: Members of the Santa Clara Stadium Authority, Sports and Open Space Authority and Housing Authority are entitled to receive \$30 for each attended meeting.

Note: The City Council and its associated Authorities meet as separate agencies but in a concurrent manner. Actions taken should be considered actions of only the identified policy body.

LEGEND: City Council (CC); Stadium Authority (SA); Sports and Open Space Authority (SOSA); Housing Authority (HA); Successor Agency to the City of Santa Clara Redevelopment Agency (SARDA); Bayshore North Project Enhancement Authority (BNPEA); Public Facilities Financing Corporation (PFFC)

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Agenda Report

25-631 Agenda Date: 6/3/2025

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Five Applicants to the Senior Advisory Commission to Serve Three Partial Terms Ending June 30, 2026, One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2027, and One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028

COUNCIL PILLAR

Enhance Community Engagement and Transparency

BACKGROUND

At the March 11, 2025, City Council meeting, Council declared five (5) vacancies due to resignations on the Senior Advisory Commission to fill three partial terms ending June 30, 2026, one partial term ending June 20, 2027, and one partial term ending June 30, 2028.

Advertising of the vacancies was done via the City's website, social media outlets. The City Clerk's Office also emailed vacancy notification to all parties listed on the email vacancy interest list.

DISCUSSION

The City Clerk's Office held a recruitment for six weeks and received six (6) applications by the April 25, 2025, 5:00 p.m. application deadline, however one has withdrawn from the process leaving a total of five (5) applicants.

The City Clerk's Office proceeds with the recruitment/interview process with the following candidates:

- 1. Rick Andrews
- 2. Kris Kishor Kapadia
- 3. Rebecca J. Selden
- 4. Alma Soto
- 5. Phanom Wacht

Each candidate meets the requirement of being a resident of the City of Santa Clara and have each submitted proof of residency.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

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There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

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RECOMMENDATION

Appoint Five Applicants to the Senior Advisory Commission, three to Serve Three Partial Terms each Ending June 30, 2026, one to serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2027, and one to serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028

Reviewed by: Nora Pimentel, Assistant City Clerk Approved by: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Applications
- 2. Voting Guidelines



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RICK ANDREWS

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Facilities Operations Manager with over 25 years of extensive experience in managing large-scale healthcare facilities, including a medical center with 754 acute beds and 22 buildings. Proficient in maintaining compliance with Life Safety, TJC, and CMS, and skilled in overseeing a team of 106 FTEs to ensure a safe and efficient environment. Demonstrates strong capabilities in procurement processes and relationship management, having managed medical supplies budgets exceeding \$35 million annually.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

DEC 2017 - JUN 2018

Acting Director of Resource Management, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, San Jose, CA

- Directed central supply, linen, hospital business system, and product procurement for a 574-bed acute care center, 8 health clinics and specialty procedure center
- Managed \$35m annual medical/surgical supplies procurement, ensuring timely delivery and quality
- · Oversaw an operational budget of over \$25m and hospital supplies of \$6m
- · Implemented new agreements and software upgrades within the resource management division
- · Facilitated contract award decisions in compliance with public purchasing standards and Board of Supervisors direction

SEP 1998 - PRESENT

Facilities Operations Manager, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, San Jose, CA

Systems Manager responsible for the Facilities Management currently responsible for Biomedical Engineering, compliance of over 3 million square feet which includes 22 onsite buildings, 1 Medical Center with 754 acute beds and 6 outlying clinics thru-ought Santa Clara County. Currently facilities employees a staff of 106 FTE's. Manage Life Safety compliance, TJC Compliance, CMS Compliance.

- Maintain a comfortable and safe physical environment for patients, employees, medical staff, and the public in accordance with hospital policies and procedures, budgetary requirements, and applicable local, staff and federal building, safety and hospital
- Experienced with working collaboratively with HCAI and their policies and procedures
- Experienced in the RFP, RFQ and procurement process approving all purchases thru SCVMC facilities for the last 14 yrs
- · Experienced developing collaborative relationships with outside agencies and community organizations
- · Responsible for anticipating/submitting/maintaining yearly and operational budget requests for assigned facilities accounts
- Organize and oversee Facilities employee recruitment procedures, including candidate interviews, interview itinerary planning, and hiring
- Responsible for the maintenance and operations of the security, CCTV systems
- Oversee contract entities, including but not limited to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, landscaping, telecom, biomedical engineering contractors
- Boosted compliance, managed 106 FTEs, ensured safety across multiple facilities.
- · Streamlined procurement, overseeing RFP and RFQ processes for 14 years.
- · Enhanced team capabilities through strategic recruitment and training programs.
- Boosted facility compliance and safety for a 3M sq ft healthcare complex.

EDUCATION

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Bachelor of Arts: Business Administration, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

Certified, IFMA

SKILLS

Project management Team leadership

Risk management processes and analysis Budgeting and finance

Conflict resolution Procurement process



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Kris Kapadia

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CITY OF SANTA CLARA VOTING GUIDELINES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- 1) Council is given a copy of the applications in their weekly packet to review and consider applicant qualifications.
- 2) Council interviews applicant. Interviews are held at a City Council Meeting for the Planning Commission and Civil Service Commission. Interviews are held in a less formal area of City Hall for all other Boards and Commissions.
 - A) Each applicant is given three (3) minutes for an opening statement. The applicant may respond to questions from the Council. The applicant has one (1) minute for a closing statement.
- 3) Council votes for applicants:
 - A) If there are four (4) or fewer applicants the Council will cast one vote each for their desired appointee.
 - B) If there are five (5) or more applicants, the Council will cast one vote each for their two desired appointees. Only one vote per applicant is allowed. A Councilmember may choose to vote for only one applicant but will relinquish the other vote.
- 4) The votes are tallied:
 - A) If there are four (4) or fewer applicants the Clerk will announce the winner.
 - i. If there is a tie, there will be 3 re-votes for the Council to reconsider the applicants. The Council has the opportunity to deliberate between each round of re-voting.
 - ii. If there is still a tie and there is not a full Council present, the Council will defer the decision until a full Council is present, and re-interview the top two applicants.
 - iii. If there is a full Council present, the Members will draw straws, with the person drawing the long straw abstaining from voting at the next round. The Council has the opportunity to deliberate.
 - iv. The Council votes, with the applicant receiving the highest number of votes being the winner. The City Clerk will announce the winner.
 - B) If there are five (5) or more applicants, the Clerk will announce the two applicants who received the highest number of votes. The Council then has an opportunity to deliberate regarding the remaining two applicants.

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The Council will then cast one vote each for their desired appointee. The City Clerk will announce the winner.

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- 5) A Council Member makes a motion to appoint the applicant that received the highest number of votes. The Council has the opportunity to vote unanimously to appoint the applicant using the Council Chambers electronic voting equipment.

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Agenda Report

25-630 Agenda Date: 6/3/2025

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to Serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2027, and One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029

COUNCIL PILLAR

Enhance Community Engagement and Transparency

BACKGROUND

At the March 11, 2025, City Council meeting, Council declared a vacancy on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for one partial term ending June 30, 2027.

Advertising of the vacancy was done via the City's website, social media outlets. The City Clerk's Office also emailed vacancy notification to all parties listed on the email vacancy interest list.

DISCUSSION

The City Clerk's Office held a recruitment for six weeks and received eight (8) applications by the April 25, 2025, 5:00 p.m. application deadline.

A past practice has been that upon appointment to fill a vacancy, the City Council may choose to establish an eligibility list with an applicant(s) of their choice for six months should a vacancy arise after appointments have been made.

The City Clerk's Office proceeds with the recruitment/interview process with the following candidates:

- 1. Vernon Shure
- 2. Bekele Galeta
- 3. Vamsi Gunda*
- 4. Jorge Haro
- 5. Ram lyengar
- 6. Patrick Kallas
- Valerie Katz
- 8. Jonathan Marinaro
- *Applied to multiple commissions (Cultural Commission, Historical & Landmarks Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission)

Each candidate meets the requirement of being a resident of the City of Santa Clara and have each submitted proof of residency.

25-630 Agenda Date: 6/3/2025

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Appoint two Applicants to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, one to Serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2027, and one to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029; and
- Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur

Reviewed by: Nora Pimentel, Assistant City Clerk Approved by: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Applications
- 2. Voting Guidelines



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Santa Clara Cultural Commission	Commissioner	7/1/2018		

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CITY OF SANTA CLARA VOTING GUIDELINES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- 1) Council is given a copy of the applications in their weekly packet to review and consider applicant qualifications.
- 2) Council interviews applicant. Interviews are held at a City Council Meeting for the Planning Commission and Civil Service Commission. Interviews are held in a less formal area of City Hall for all other Boards and Commissions.
 - A) Each applicant is given three (3) minutes for an opening statement. The applicant may respond to questions from the Council. The applicant has one (1) minute for a closing statement.
- 3) Council votes for applicants:
 - A) If there are four (4) or fewer applicants the Council will cast one vote each for their desired appointee.
 - B) If there are five (5) or more applicants, the Council will cast one vote each for their two desired appointees. Only one vote per applicant is allowed. A Councilmember may choose to vote for only one applicant but will relinquish the other vote.
- 4) The votes are tallied:
 - A) If there are four (4) or fewer applicants the Clerk will announce the winner.
 - i. If there is a tie, there will be 3 re-votes for the Council to reconsider the applicants. The Council has the opportunity to deliberate between each round of re-voting.
 - ii. If there is still a tie and there is not a full Council present, the Council will defer the decision until a full Council is present, and re-interview the top two applicants.
 - iii. If there is a full Council present, the Members will draw straws, with the person drawing the long straw abstaining from voting at the next round. The Council has the opportunity to deliberate.
 - iv. The Council votes, with the applicant receiving the highest number of votes being the winner. The City Clerk will announce the winner.
 - B) If there are five (5) or more applicants, the Clerk will announce the two applicants who received the highest number of votes. The Council then has an opportunity to deliberate regarding the remaining two applicants.

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The Council will then cast one vote each for their desired appointee. The City Clerk will announce the winner.

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- 5) A Council Member makes a motion to appoint the applicant that received the highest number of votes. The Council has the opportunity to vote unanimously to appoint the applicant using the Council Chambers electronic voting equipment.

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Agenda Report

25-632 Agenda Date: 6/3/2025

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Action to Conduct Applicant Interviews and Appoint Two Applicants to the Cultural Commission to Serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029

BACKGROUND

At the March 11, 2025, City Council meeting, Council declared two vacancies on the Cultural Commission for one partial term ending June 30, 2028, and one full term ending June 20, 2029.

Advertising of the vacancy was done via the City's website, and social media outlets. The City Clerk's Office also emailed vacancy notification to all parties listed on the email vacancy interest list.

DISCUSSION

The City Clerk's Office held a recruitment for six weeks and received six (6) applications by the March 25, 2025, 5:00 p.m. application deadline.

A past practice has been that upon appointment to fill a vacancy, the City Council may choose to establish an eligibility list with an applicant(s) of their choice for six months should a vacancy arise.

The City Clerk's Office proceeds with the recruitment/interview process with the following candidates:

- 1. Kuku Das
- 2. Vamsi Gunda*
- Aisha Othman**
- 4. Charles Pontious
- Esther Rubin

Each candidate meets the requirement of being a resident of the City of Santa Clara and have submitted proof of residency.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

^{*}Has applied to multiple Commissions (BPAC, Historical & Landmarks Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission)

^{**}Has applied to Historical & Landmarks Commission

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There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email clerk@santaclaraca.gov or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Appoint two Applicants to the Cultural Commission, one to Serve One Partial Term Ending June 30, 2028, and one to Serve One Full Term Ending June 30, 2029; and
- 2. Establish an Eligibility List for Six Months should a Vacancy Occur

Reviewed by: Nora Pimentel, Assistant City Clerk Approved by: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Applications
- 2. Voting Guidelines



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Toastmasters Internationals Santa Clara Sweet Talkers	President	6/28/2023	4/25/2025
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Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Commission, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of

I've been living in the bay area for over 34 years including living in the beautiful city of Santa Clara for over 25 years. I'm involved in many organizations that work towards supporting community, arts and culture. My goal will be to promote cultural diversity, foster community engagement by bringing community together through cultural events, festivals and initiatives. I'd like to use my experience to make a positive impact on the community by promoting arts, culture and inclusivity.

Additional Information

Any other information which you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application:
Ms. Kuku Das has been a successful entrepreneur, community leader and cultural ambassador of Odisha, India not only in the Bay Area, California, but for much of the U.S. for more than three decades, Additionally, she is the creative brain behind establishing the organization "International Gurukul" (Gurukul) which is known as the center for excellence in learning and human development. She has been instrumental in propagating Odia language (Co-founded Chala Ame Odia Sikhiba/ Let's Learn Odia), drama, and culture in Bay Area California. She has developed a curriculum for the Odia Language class at iGurukul which helps teach Odia in an interesting way for both adults and children. She has written, directed and acted in numerous plays for kids and adults. She also excels as a costume and set designer with her creative ideas and immense knowledge about Odia culture and history. She is not only an active member of the Bay Area Odia community but also a commendable contributor to the Odisha Society of Americas. She has served twice as the cultural chair at OSA Annual Conventions, Convener of 2010 OSA Convention (San Francisco), Vice President of OSA, and President of OSA, 1919-2021), She was instrumental in leading "Let's Learn Odia movement at the OSA national level and with her advocacy OSA has introduced the Odia Vocabulary and Speech contest during both the annual convention and chapter level events. She's the producer of the Odia radio program for the first time in California known as 'Aame Odia' which has been airing since 2018. She has more than 25 years of combined experience in public, private, and non-profit organizations in the areas of teaching, leadership, community building, event management, and fundraising. She has received several awards including the OSA Service Leadership Award (2010 & 2014), Odisha Living Legend Award, Amari Bhasa Pathe Samman, Lions Club International Entrepreneur Award, Kalashree Award, OSA, USA 2018 (for promoting Odia language and culture in a foreign diaspora) Shretsha Odiani
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Aisha Othman

Date

3/20/2025



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PhD	Intercultural Communication		4/13/2016
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CITY OF SANTA CLARA VOTING GUIDELINES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- 1) Council is given a copy of the applications in their weekly packet to review and consider applicant qualifications.
- 2) Council interviews applicant. Interviews are held at a City Council Meeting for the Planning Commission and Civil Service Commission. Interviews are held in a less formal area of City Hall for all other Boards and Commissions.
 - A) Each applicant is given three (3) minutes for an opening statement. The applicant may respond to questions from the Council. The applicant has one (1) minute for a closing statement.
- 3) Council votes for applicants:
 - A) If there are four (4) or fewer applicants the Council will cast one vote each for their desired appointee.
 - B) If there are five (5) or more applicants, the Council will cast one vote each for their two desired appointees. Only one vote per applicant is allowed. A Councilmember may choose to vote for only one applicant but will relinquish the other vote.
- 4) The votes are tallied:
 - A) If there are four (4) or fewer applicants the Clerk will announce the winner.
 - i. If there is a tie, there will be 3 re-votes for the Council to reconsider the applicants. The Council has the opportunity to deliberate between each round of re-voting.
 - ii. If there is still a tie and there is not a full Council present, the Council will defer the decision until a full Council is present, and re-interview the top two applicants.
 - iii. If there is a full Council present, the Members will draw straws, with the person drawing the long straw abstaining from voting at the next round. The Council has the opportunity to deliberate.
 - iv. The Council votes, with the applicant receiving the highest number of votes being the winner. The City Clerk will announce the winner.
 - B) If there are five (5) or more applicants, the Clerk will announce the two applicants who received the highest number of votes. The Council then has an opportunity to deliberate regarding the remaining two applicants.

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- 5) A Council Member makes a motion to appoint the applicant that received the highest number of votes. The Council has the opportunity to vote unanimously to appoint the applicant using the Council Chambers electronic voting equipment.

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