



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Appointments to the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission with 3 Members to be Appointed by District

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the appointment of individuals to the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion accepting nominations and appointing one individual to City Council Districts 2,3, and 4 to the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve and appoint individuals as recommended by staff; or,
2. Continue to a future meeting and direct staff to continue recruitment of applicants; or,
3. Deny the item.

AUTHORITY

City of Merced Charter, Section 402.

DISCUSSION

At the March 2020 Primary Election, citizens voted in favor of establishing a Citizens' Stipend Advisory Commission. The Citizen's Stipend Advisory Commission consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the City Council from the qualified electors of the City. Six (6) members will be appointed by district and one (1) member will be appointed at large.

The Commission shall hold two (2) public hearings between March 1st and June 30th of every even-numbered year and shall recommend, by majority vote and in writing, to the Council the amount of the monthly stipend which it deems appropriate for the members of the Council for the two (2) year period beginning January 1st of the next year. The amount recommended for each council member shall be the same. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Boards and Commissions meetings and business were put on hold.

No new applications have been submitted to the City Clerk's Office at the time of agenda production. Should more applications be submitted before the 1 p.m. deadline on August 3rd, they will be emailed to Council prior to the meeting. In the alternative, the appointments could be made contingent on the individual appointed accepting the appointment and the appointment becoming effective once the individual has completed all the necessary documentation required by the City.

The matter of appointment is now before the Council.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

Staffing will be the primary impact with members from the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk's Office assisting the committee.