

Salinas City Council District 3 Vacancy

Jim Pia, Interim City Manager

Christopher A. Callihan, City Attorney

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk

April 23, 2024



Executive Summary

- April 9, 2024 Letter: Council member McShane informed the Mayor that he is resigning from the City Council effective May 10, 2024.
- Vacancies on the City Council require the City Council to act to fill the vacancy (Salinas Charter Section 2.7(a))

Discussion

- Options under Salinas Charter Section 2.7(a):
Appointment
 - Appoint a resident of District 3 to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term (28-day residency requirement)
 - Appoint a resident of District 3 to fill the vacancy through the election of a successor in the November 5, 2024, General Election
 - Appointment would require an application and interview process: Public Hearing

Discussion, continued

- Options under Salinas Charter Section 2.7(a): Appointment; Application and Interview Process
 - Applications released to the public: April 24, 2024
 - Deadline for submission to City Clerk: May 10, 2024
 - City Council Public Hearing, interviews and possible appointment: May 21, 2024
 - Appointee's first meeting, following oath of office: June 11, 2024

Discussion, continued

- Options Under Salinas Charter Section 2.7(a): Election
 - If the Council does not fill the vacant seat by appointment, it must call an election to be held.
 - The seat would remain vacant until the election of a successor.
 - Special Election: Not earlier than September 1, 2024
 - Consolidated Election: November 5, 2024

Strategic Plan Initiative

- Effective and Culturally Responsive Government (City of Salinas Strategic Plan 2022-2025)

Fiscal Impact

- Appointment for remainder of term: No impact on the General Fund
- Appointment through November 5, 2024, consolidated election:
 - \$7.00 - \$10.00 per registered voter in District 3
 - \$101,801 - \$145,430
- Special Election:
 - \$16.00 - \$24.00 per registered voter in District 3
 - \$232,688 - \$349,032

Recommended Motion

- Provide direction to the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk with respect to filling the vacant Salinas City Council District 3 seat