APPOINTMENT TO THE STOCKTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a Resolution appointing one commissioner to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission for the remainder of a four-year term commencing immediately and ending December 31, 2018.

Summary

On October 6, 2017, a vacancy on the Stockton Parks and Recreation Commission was created by the resignation of Commissioner Suzanne Devitt. The City Clerk initiated a recruitment to fill this upcoming vacancy, which resulted in the submission of 13 applications. Interviews were conducted by the City Clerk on November 20, 2017. Eight applicants were interviewed for Council’s consideration for appointment this evening (Attachment A - Parks and Recreation Applications - Redacted).

DISCUSSION

Background

The Stockton Parks and recreation Commission consists of ten members, three of which are appointed as Lay Members selected by the Stockton City Council. The remaining seven members are appointed by the Teen Leadership Council, County of San Joaquin, and Unified School Districts representing Stockton, Lincoln, Lodi and Manteca. The function of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to act as the agent of the governing boards of its constituents (City of Stockton, County of San Joaquin, and Unified School Districts).

Pursuant to Council Policy 3.04, the following two-step interview and appointment process is used to fill current vacancies on Boards and Commissions:

1. The City Clerk conducts the initial applicant interviews, which are video streamed live so that the Council can view the live stream or from the archive at their convenience; and,

2. The Council makes the appointment at a regularly scheduled Council meeting.

All applicants were invited to participate in the interview process, however, only eight chose to move forward in the appointment process. The City Clerk’s Office conducted interviews on November 20,
2017 using a list of prepared questions approved by the Community Services Department. The following candidates were interviewed:

1. Michael Busby
2. Mary Cervantes
3. Julia Cox
4. Rawlen Davis
5. David Hayes
6. Alicia Perry
7. Noe Perez
8. Douglas Vigil

The applicants were notified of tonight's meeting; however, their attendance is not mandatory unless any Councilmember had additional questions of an applicant. If additional questions are asked of the applicants, the City Attorney has confirmed that the same question or questions do not need to be posed to all applicants.

Present Situation

Pursuant to Council Policy 3.04, the City Council will be voting to fill one vacancy this evening utilizing the following method for appointment:

a. From the list(s) so provided to the Council, each Councilmember including the Mayor, will rank the applicants for each Commission such that the number of applicants that each Councilmember ranks will be one number greater than the number of vacancies and/or the number of Commission members whose terms will be expiring. (This will likely avoid tie votes.) For example, if there is only one vacancy or only one term expiring, the Councilmember’s first choice for the appointment will be ranked with the number “2” and the Councilmember’s second choice will be ranked with the number “1”.

b. After the Council has ranked the applicants, the City Clerk will tally the rankings and the applicant(s) receiving the highest number(s) would, subject to Council ratification, be appointed. If there is a tie, then the process described above will be repeated only as to the applicants who are tied.

The City Clerk will present the resolution upon appointment of the individual selected for their term to commence immediately and expire on December 31, 2018.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

There is no financial impact to the City as a result of this appointment.