



## **Staff Report**

For City Council Meeting - 12/3/2025

### ***Subject - New Business - Planning Commission Appointments***

**Synopsis:** There are two Planning Commission seats up for appointment. Current seatholders Don Frank (3) and Emerson Fisher (5) are both seeking reappointment to their respective Positions.

At the time of this report on November 25th, no new applications have been received. (If any are received prior to the November 26th deadline, they will be sent directly to Council.) At the Mayor's request, interviews would only be conducted at the start of the meeting if new applications were received before the 26th closing date, therefore an interview sheet is attached if needed.

To appoint, the Mayor shall nominate an applicant. The City Council shall confirm the nominee by majority vote. If the City Council fails to confirm an applicant, the Mayor shall nominate another applicant.

***Recommendation:*** N/A

***Legal Analysis:*** The term of office for a member shall be four years with terms expiring on November 30th of the fourth year after appointment in accordance with the position that is being filled. When assuming a seat, the expiration date stands. Terms, process, and definitions per Ordinance #532, passed 9-2-1981 and Amended Ordinance #591, passed 3-5-1986.

***Financial Analysis:*** N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad



***All applicants should be prepared for a brief opening statement and be prepared to discuss the following questions at the interview meeting.***

***Please keep answers brief.***

***Planning Commission Candidates  
Interview Questions***

- 1. Do you believe that the Comprehensive Plan as written is still applicable? Does it need to be changed? If so, how.***
- 2. What are your thoughts for now and the near future for Gearhart - please be as specific as possible and address Gearhart maintaining its residential community feel or would you prefer additional commercial and tourist growth and how they pertain to the comprehensive plan.***
- 3. How do you see your role as a Planning Commission member in city government? Describe your understanding of the relationship and interaction between the Planning Commission and the City Council.***
- 4. Are you aware of any present or future conflict of interest you might have as a member of the Planning Commission? If a situation should arise, would you excuse yourself from voting?***
- 5. Do you, as a candidate for the Planning Commission have a question of any of the members of the City Council?***