

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2020-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING A MEMBER TO CITY COUNCIL SEAT CC-B

WHEREAS, Unalaska City Code § 2.12.050(a)(3) states that the office of City Council member is vacated when a Council member resigns and the resignation is accepted by Council; and

WHEREAS, the office of a City Council member becomes vacant upon the declaration of vacancy by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council Member James Fitch submitted his resignation from City Council Seat CC-B;

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Resolution 2019-60 on November 26, 2019, City Council accepted the resignation of James Fitch and declared Council Seat CC-B vacant effective December 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk advertised the vacancy in the community and Council considered all letters of interest timely delivered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Unalaska City Council appoints Thomas D. Bell to City Council Seat CC-B.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on January 9, 2020.

  
Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Marjie Veeder  
City Clerk



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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Marjie Veeder, City Clerk  
Through: Erin Reinders, City Manager  
Date: January 9, 2020  
Re: Resolution 2020-01, appointing a member to City Council Seat CC-B

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**SUMMARY:** Seat CC-B was declared vacant effective December 13, 2019 following the resignation of Council Member James Fitch. Council must appoint a qualified person fill the vacancy within 30 days. Adoption of Resolution 2020-01 will accomplish this requirement.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Council accepted Mr. Fitch's resignation on November 26, 2019 with Resolution 2019-60 and declared Seat CC-B vacant effective December 13, 2019. Council also directed the City Manager to advertise the vacancy, accept letters of interest and to invite such interested persons to tonight's meeting. Council's directive was accomplished.

**BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION:** Vacancies on council are filled, pursuant to UCO 2.12.050(C), by the remaining council members, within 30 days of vacancy, appointing a qualified person to fill the vacancy. The appointed person will serve until the following year's regular election in October 2020. Coincidentally, the regular term for Seat B expires in October 2020. The qualifications for a person appointed to fill a vacancy are the same as qualifications for anyone who wants to declare candidacy for council: they must be a voter registered in the city who has resided in the city for no less than twelve consecutive months immediately prior to the time of submission of declaration of candidacy.

Letters of interest were submitted by the following individuals:

1. Jason Gates. The City Clerk has confirmed that Mr. Gates meets the eligibility requirements.
2. Thomas D. Bell. The City Clerk has confirmed that Mr. Bell meets the eligibility requirements.
3. Greg Peters. The City Clerk has confirmed that Mr. Peters meets the eligibility requirements.

Mr. Bell is a member of the Planning Commission. Pursuant to UCO § 8.04.060(C)(5), no member of the City Council may serve concurrently as a member to the City of Unalaska Planning Commission and Platting Board. If Mr. Bell is appointed to Council, his membership on the Planning Commission is immediately forfeited.

Mr. Gates is a member of the Parks, Culture & Recreation (PCR) Committee, which is an advisory committee relating to the improvement, operation and maintenance of the City's PCR facilities and programs. There is no prohibition in code against serving concurrently on the City Council and the PCR Committee.

**ALTERNATIVES:** There are no alternatives.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Not applicable.

**LEGAL:** Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution 2020-01 after motion is made to amend the resolution to insert a name.

**PROPOSED MOTIONS:**

1. Main motion: I move to adopt Resolution 2020-01.
2. Motion to Amend: I move to amend Resolution 2020-01 by inserting the name “\_\_\_\_\_” in the blank.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** I support staff's recommendations.