



## Council Meeting Staff Report

May 28, 2024

**Agenda No.:** 1)  
**Indexes (Council Goals):** Quality Governance - Communication and Engagement  
**Presenters:** Theresa Cull; Randall Ryti  
**Legislative File:** 18808-24

### Title

Board/Commission Appointment(s) - Board of Public Utilities

### Recommended Action

**I nominate David North, Josip Loncaric, Jennifer Hollingsworth, Chris Rose, Will Fox, and Joshua Muck to fill one vacancy on the Board of Public Utilities and move that Council appoint one nominee to the vacant position as follows: by roll call vote, Councilors vote for one nominee, and the nominee with the highest total of four or more votes will be appointed to fill the term for Position UT2 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029.**

### ..Body

The purpose of this item is to fill one vacancy on the Board of Public Utilities (BPU). This vacancy represents the term currently held by Stephen J. Tobin, Position UT2, which will end on June 30, 2024. He is completing the fifth year of his full term and has been a dedicated member, Chair, and Vice Chair of the BPU. (Please refer to Attachments A-C.)

This five-member board serves staggered five-year terms beginning July 1st and ending June 30th. Party affiliations are noted as [D] Democrat, [R] Republican, [ I ] Independent, [G] Green, [L] Libertarian, [DTS] Declined to State, and [N] Not Registered to Vote. The BPU appointment process is outlined in Attachment A and all member and applicant party affiliations have been verified with the Clerk's Office (Attachment D). Nominees may have any party affiliation and appointing any of the nominees will not violate the County Charter restriction concerning political party majorities on Boards and Commissions. *(NOTE: Municipal Code, Chapter 8, Article I, Footnote 2 states "County Code ch. 8, Boards and Commissions does not apply to the board of public utilities. See County Charter, art. V, utilities and County Code ch. 40, utilities, art. II, §§ 40-41-40-47.")*

The following six applicants were interviewed and are presented to Council for consideration (Attachments E - K):

DATE	TIME	NAME
Mon., 5/13/24	2:30 pm	David North
Tue., 5/14/24	1:00 pm	Josip Loncaric
Tue., 5/14/24	5:00 pm	Jennifer Hollingsworth
Thu., 5/16/24	10:00 am	Chris Rose
Thu., 5/16/24	3:00 pm	Will Fox
Thu., 5/16/24	4:00 pm	Joshua Muck

The following committee members interviewed the applicants as indicated on Attachment L.  
 Theresa Cull, Council Vice Chair & BPU Liaison  
 Randall Ryti, Councilor  
 Robert Gibson, BPU Chair

---

John Craig, Deputy County Manager  
Philo Shelton, Utilities Manager (Ex Officio)

After careful consideration, the interview committee recommends Council carefully review the applications and video interviews for both Jennifer Hollingsworth and Will Fox before making a selection to fill the single Position UT2 on the Board of Public Utilities, effective July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029. (Attachment L)

**Attachments**

- A - Appointment Process for BPU
- B - BPU Vacancy Brochure
- C - BPU Member Roster
- D - BPU Member & Applicant Party Affiliation
- E - David North - Application
- F - Josip Loncaric - Application
- G - Jennifer Hollingsworth - Application
- H - Chris Rose - Application
- I - Will Fox - Application
- J - Joshua Muck - Application
- K - BPU Interview Questions
- L - Interview Committee Recommendation Form