



## **AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

### **CITY OF THE DALLES**

<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>AGENDA LOCATION</b>	<b>AGENDA REPORT #</b>
April 12, 2010	City Council Reports	

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Julie Krueger, MMC, City Clerk

**THRU:** Nolan K. Young, City Manager

**DATE:** April 6, 2010

**ISSUE:** Declaring Position of Mayor vacant.

**RELATED CITY COUNCIL GOAL:** Not applicable.

**PREVIOUS AGENDA REPORT NUMBERS:** Not applicable.

**BACKGROUND:** Mayor Lesich has submitted her resignation for the position of Mayor for the City of The Dalles (letter attached). Section 19 of the City's Charter states that the office of a member of the council becomes vacant upon the incumbent's resignation from office. Section 20 of the Charter describes the method for filling a vacancy on the City Council. It states the position shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the council.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy of Mayor must be a qualified elector and have resided in the city during the 12 months immediately before being appointed to office. The term of office will run from the time of appointment until the expiration of the term of the predecessor who has left the office vacant. The position of Mayor has an expiration date of December 31, 2010.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:** None.

## ALTERNATIVES:

- A. Move to declare the position of Mayor vacant, direct staff to advertise the vacancy, take applications, conduct interviews, and select a candidate to fill the vacant position of Mayor.

### Suggested Schedule

Advertise Vacancy	April 15, 2010
Accept Applications	April 15 through April 30, 2010
Forward information to Council	May 3, 2010
Special Meeting/Interviews	May 10, 2010 (Noon)
Select Mayor	May 10, 2010
Install/Oath of Office	May 10, 2010 (regular meeting)

- B. The Council could advertise the vacancy, and select a Mayor from the applications, without conducting interviews.
- C. The Council could simply select someone to serve, who meets the qualifications for the position, and appoint the person.
- D. The Council could decide to wait to fill the vacancy until the outcome of the November General Election is known.

At the April 12, 2010 Council meeting, the position of Mayor should be declared vacant and direction should be provided to staff regarding how the City Council wishes to proceed in filling the vacancy.



**NIKKI L. LESICH**  
*Mayor*

April 6, 2010

Nolan Young, City Manager  
The Dalles City Council

Personal circumstances have made it essential that I establish a secure income. The Mayor's job, like all councilor's positions, is strictly volunteer and unpaid.

I have accepted a position with the City of The Dalles as Codes Enforcement Officer effective April 7, 2010. My prior experience in this position and my understanding of processes and procedures has prepared me for this opportunity. I have a longstanding personal commitment to the codes enforcement position and the council's long-term goals for improving the city's livability. I will now, again, be in a position with direct responsibility for those goals.

As an elected city official, I cannot simultaneously hold an appointed city position. Therefore, I must tender my resignation as your city Mayor.

It's been an honor and privilege to serve my community and work with such an amazingly gifted and dedicated city council and supportive staff.

Respectfully submitted,