



Legislation Text

File #: 24-1349, **Version:** 1

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the North Port Commission

FROM: Amber L. Slayton, B.C.S., City Attorney

TITLE: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the City Attorney's Resignation, Including the Potential Appointment of an Interim City Attorney and Filling the Upcoming City Attorney Vacancy

Recommended Action

Accept the City Attorney's resignation, effective September 25, 2024, unless the Commission prefers an earlier date and waives the 30-day notice requirement.

Consider whether to make an appointment for an Interim City Attorney, effective the date after Ms. Slayton's last day, and determine the interim pay.

Consider whether to address at this time how the City Commission would like to approach filling the upcoming vacancy.

Background Information

On August 26, 2024, City Attorney Amber Slayton submitted her resignation letter with an identified effective date of September 25, 2024.

Section 7.a of the *City Attorney Employment Agreement* provides that:

Ms. Slayton may cancel this Agreement and her position as the City Attorney by giving the Commission at least thirty (30) days written notice before the effective date of separation, unless the Commission agrees to waive such notice requirement. No severance shall be paid to Ms. Slayton if she retires, resigns, or cancels this Agreement and her employment. However, Ms. Slayton will be paid any unused leave that she has accrued as of the effective date of termination, in accordance with the Personnel Policy in effect at that time.

In her resignation letter, Ms. Slayton endorsed the potential appointment of Deputy City Attorney Michael Golen as Interim City Attorney.

Strategic Plan

Good Governance

Financial Impact

Ms. Slayton should be paid her unused leave in accordance with the Personnel Policy. Any increased pay for the Interim City Attorney would be covered by savings due to the City Attorney vacancy.

Procurement

Not applicable

Attachments:

1. Slayton Resignation Letter
2. Slayton Employment Agreement

Prepared by: Amber L. Slayton, B.C.S., City Attorney

Department Director: Amber L. Slayton, B.C.S., City Attorney