



# City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota

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### **WORKSHOP ITEM** *Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk*

## **2020 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

Council reviewed the 2020 Board/Commission and Council appointment process at the October 14 workshop, particularly in light of upcoming vacancies on the SBM Fire Board. After discussion, Council directed staff to:

- (1) Bring forward language for review regarding possible term limits and a path for serving outside designated Council Wards in the event suitable candidates were not identified within a Ward.
- (2) Allow time to review the annual Council appointments to organizations, especially in light of anticipated changes after the 2020 election.
- (3) Bring forward for review Fire Board applications received to date for scheduling interviews.

Each Board/Commission term and appointment process is outlined in different sections of City Code, with the exception of the Natural Resources Conservation Board which is outlined by Resolution. Staff is suggesting removing the process outline from Code/Resolution and instead creating a Council policy that could be easily amended should Council wish to make changes to the appointment process again in the future. Potential language that would allow for a resident to serve at large in the event a candidate from a particular ward is not identified is as follows:

In the event a suitable candidate cannot be identified from any ward a resident from outside that ward can be appointed to serve at large for one 2-year term upon consensus of the majority of City Council.

Potential language for term limits is below:

A Board Member/Commissioner can serve no more than three 2-year terms unless agreed upon by a consensus of the majority of the City Council.

Council input on the above topics is requested.