



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3294, **Agenda Item #:** 13.

10/29/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution confirming the appointment of Farah Ahmed and the reappointment of Jolsna Thomas to the Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission.

Lead Department

Human Resources Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel Civil Service Commission has been established to ensure compliance with applicable provisions of Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code, the local Civil Service Rules established by the Commission, and any current agreements between the City of Austin and associations representing firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical services personnel. The Commission may take action on matters related to promotion, appeals of promotional exams, disciplinary suspension and termination, as well as other matters regarding firefighters, police officers and emergency medical services personnel in accordance with the above-mentioned statutes, rules, and agreements.

Chapter 143.006 of the Texas Local Government Code directs the City Manager to appoint three Commissioners for staggered terms. The appointment must be confirmed by the City Council. If a vacancy occurs, the City Manager shall appoint a person to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

In accordance with applicable provisions of Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code, the City Manager has appointed Farah Ahmed to fill the vacancy on the Commission created when Commissioner Ronald Morgan resigned from his appointment on December 20, 2020. The City Council is respectfully requested to confirm the appointment of Ms. Ahmed to the Commission to fill the unexpired term ending December 6, 2022. Ms. Ahmed meets the statutory prerequisites for appointment to the position.

Additionally, Jolsna Thomas is a current member of the Commission, having been appointed to a term expiring November 1, 2020. The City Manager has reappointed Ms. Thomas to new term beginning November 2, 2020 and ending November 1, 2023 and seeks Council confirmation of the appointment. Ms. Thomas meets the statutory prerequisites for appointment.

Attachments: Resumes and Bios

Strategic Outcome(s):

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