



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Council Session

Item I-2

#2022-152 - Consideration of Approving Appointment of Keith Kurz as Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer

Staff Contact: Mayor Roger Steele

Council Agenda Memo

From: Roger G. Steele, Mayor
Meeting: May 24, 2022
Subject: Appointment of Keith Kurz at Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer
Presenter(s): Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Background

John Collins, current Public Works Director/City Engineer, gave notice of his retirement effective May 31, 2022.

According to Article III – Appointed and Hired Officials, Section 2-30 Officers; Appointive of the Grand Island City Code and Neb. Rev. Stat., §16-308, the Mayor is required to appoint statutory officers for his term. Statutory officers include:

- 1). City Administrator
- 2). City Attorney
- 3). City Clerk
- 4). City Engineer/Public Works Director
- 5). City Treasurer/Finance Director

These officers also must be approved by the City Council.

Discussion

According to Grand Island City Code Section 2-30, I am requesting approval of Keith Kurz as the Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer. Mr. Kurz presently serves as the Assistant Public Works Director in the Finance Department. Mr. Kurz earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Nebraska. Mr. Kurz served as a Public Works Engineer with the city prior to taking his current position. Prior to his employment with the City of Grand Island Mr. Kurz worked as a consulting engineer.

The interim appointment will become effective May 29, 2022 to coincide with the beginning of a new payroll week.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand.
The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Council is recommended to approve the interim appointment of Mr. Kurz.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the appointment of Keith Kurz as the Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer.

RESOLUTION 2022-152

WHEREAS, under Neb. Rev. Stat., §16-308, the office of Public Works Director/City Engineer for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is an appointed position; and

WHEREAS, under Grand Island City Code, §2-30, the office of Public Works Director/City Engineer for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska shall be appointed by the mayor and approved by the council; and

WHEREAS, the position will become vacant on June 1, 2022 and an interim appointment may be made; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended the appointment of Keith Kurz as Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer effective May 29, 2022 until such time as another appointment is made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Keith Kurz is hereby duly appointed Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 24, 2022.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
May 23, 2022	☒ City Attorney