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To: Lemoore City Council **Item # 3C**
From: Kristie R. Baley, City Clerk
Date: May 23, 2013
Subject: Authorization to Appoint Planning Director

Discussion:

It is now necessary to appoint a Planning Director, given the recent Council action to dissolve the Planning Department and lay off the former Planning Director. The appointment is one the Acting City Manager must make. The options include: (i) appoint one of the existing Department heads to the position; (ii) appoint himself; or (iii) appoint an outside consultant. After considering these options, the Acting City Manager Believes the wisest course, and the most cost effective, is to appoint Public Works Director David Wlaschin.

As Public Works Director, Mr. Wlaschin currently oversees the Building Department and is also the City's Fire Marshall. He has been involved in a variety of planning issues for many years, has worked with the former Planning Director on many types of planning decisions, and is well acquainted with the Municipal Code. Therefore, Mr. Wlaschin is the one best positioned to supervise the work of Quad Knopf, which is handling the technical planning work that may be needed on land use applications that may be filed.

The Acting City Manager has consulted with the City Attorney's Office, which has also expressed the view that the appointment of David Wlaschin may be the wisest course of action at the present time.

Budget:

Not known at this time.

Recommendation:

That the City Council, by motion, authorize the Acting City Manager Jeff Laws to appoint Public works Director David Wlaschin as Planning Director for the City of Lemoore.