



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



December 8, 2020

File ID: 20-0511

TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRE CHIEF – HARRY MUNS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

Current Fire Chief Jim Geering provided notice that he will be retiring effective December 31, 2020. The City Manager has selected Chula Vista Deputy Fire Chief Harry Muns to fill the position of Fire Chief.

This item seeks to approve the appointment of Deputy Fire Chief Muns to the position of Chula Vista Fire Chief effective December 31, 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

Environmental Determination

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

Current Fire Chief Jim Geering provided notice that he will be retiring effective December 31, 2020. The City of Chula Vista's Charter Section 500 (a) grants the City Manager the authority to appoint department heads subject to the approval of the City Council.

The City Manager has selected Chula Vista Deputy Fire Chief Harry Muns to fill the position of Fire Chief effective December 31, 2020. With 24 years of service to the City of Chula Vista, Deputy Fire Chief Muns has

proven his commitment and ability to move the fire service forward and has shown his leadership participating in multiple emergency responses throughout California and the United States.

Mr. Muns has served as the Deputy Chief of Operations for the past six years with the first four years serving as the Deputy Chief for both the Operations and Administrative responsibilities in the Chula Vista Fire Department. He has extensive experience and his accomplishments include improving response times with the implementation of a 12-hour squad response unit, reducing turnout times department wide by more than 100% since 2015, working as a key team leader in the EOC operations during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Muns is a highly respected leader in the fire service by serving on State and National positions and committees. He has had unique opportunities in deploying on large scale disasters and being placed into significant leadership roles. His significant accomplishments, duties and responsibilities are impressive and can be reviewed in the attached resume.

City Council adoption of the resolution will ratify the City Manager's appointment.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations section 18704.2(a)(1), is not applicable to this decision. Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from this action.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from this action.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resume

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