

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Clerk

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 6, 2023

Re: Appointment of Business Loop CID Board Member due to a Resignation

Executive Summary

The Business Loop Community Improvement District (CID) is requesting a change in its board membership due to a resignation.

Discussion

The Business Loop CID, which was established by ordinance on April 20, 2015, provides for seven Board of Director members. Due to a resignation, the CID is requesting the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, appoint a new member.

James Roark-Gruender, who had been initially appointed in 2017, reappointed in 2020, and again reappointed to a three-year term ending in April, 2026 this past April, has resigned.

Per the petition establishing the District, qualifications are that each director be at least 18 years of age and be either an owner of real property within the District as defined in the Act (state statutes), an owner of a business operating within the District as defined in the Act (state statutes), or a registered voter residing in the District. The ordinance approving the petition provides for appointment of the directors by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council, and allows the CID to make non-binding recommendations to the City for successors, which they have done.

The Business Loop CID has recommended James Bayless be appointed to serve the remainder of James Roark-Gruender's term, which ends in April, 2026.

As noted in the correspondence from Mayor Barbara Buffaloe, she is agreeable to appointing James Bayless to a term ending April 19, 2026, and would like the consent of the City Council as is required to make that appointment.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

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Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History	
Date	Action
April 20, 2015	Ord. No. 022415 – Approving the petition requesting the formation of the Business Loop CID; establishing the District as a political subdivision of the State of Missouri
April 17, 2017	REP24-17 – Appointment of Business Loop CID board members, which included James Roark-Gruender
April 6, 2020	REP17-20 - Appointment of Business Loop CID board members, which included James Roark-Gruender
April 3, 2023	REP17-23 - Appointment of Business Loop CID board members, which included James Roark-Gruender

Suggested Council Action

If agreeable, the City Council should provide consent to the appointment of James Bayless to the Business Loop Community Improvement Board of Directors for a term ending on April 19, 2026 as recommended by Mayor Buffaloe.