

Memorandum

File #: 21-00982

City Council

11/18/2021

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT TO THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SHERRY MORRIS AS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council consent to the Mayor's appointment of Sherry Morris as Development Services Department Director of the City of Pensacola in accordance with the City Charter Section 4.01(a)(7).

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

City Charter Section 4.01 (a) (7) - Powers and Duties of the Mayor states:

(7) To appoint the head of each department, with the consent of the City Council by an affirmative vote of a majority of City Council Members.

With the recent growth and redevelopment that the City of Pensacola has been experiencing, and anticipates to experience moving forward, it is desired that all land use / development divisions be housed under one (1) department for consistency, clarity, and customer service purposes. This new department will be called the Development Services Department and will house 3 divisions (Building Inspections Division, Planning & Zoning Division, and the Community Redevelopment Agency Division). This restructuring convert Inspection Services and Planning Services from departments to divisions under the Development Services Department. The Community Redevelopment Agency will be moved under the Development Services Department as a division along with Planning and Inspections. Ms. Morris will serve as the Development Services Department Director.

Ms. Morris has an extensive professional background in land development, zoning, and administrative and government management. She has been working for the City of Pensacola since 1997 in Planning Services and has had oversight of Planning Services since 2004. The City of Pensacola will be very fortunate to have her services leading the Development Services Department.

PRIOR ACTION:

None

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this position will be split between Planning, Inspections and Community Redevelopment Agency.

LEGAL REVIEW ONLY BY CITY ATTORNEY: Yes

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STAFF CONTACT:

Kerrith Fiddler, City Administrator David Forte, Deputy City Administrator - Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

1) Sherry Morris - Resume

PRESENTATION: No