

Call, Rosemarie

From: Bill Jonson <bill.jonson@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 02, 2018 12:40 PM
To: Cretekos, George; Hamilton, Hoyt; Cundiff, Robert; Allbritton, David
Cc: Kuligowski, Patricia; Horne, William; Akin, Pam; Call, Rosemarie
Subject: Councilmember Caudell Replacement

Honorable Councilmembers,

When I heard of Councilmember Caudell's resignation I considered volunteering for the position to complete her term. My first thought was to see if such an appointment would be permitted under the Clearwater City Charter, so I sought out an opinion from the City Attorney. I received the "language is ambiguous" response on Friday. The decision is up to you.

None the less, I would be willing and excited to serve for the remainder of Ms. Caudell's term. Prior to leaving the Council I served as the PSTA representative to Forward Pinellas, so I have familiarity with the key organization that she served on as the City's representative.

If you select someone else, I look forward to working with the entire Council in the future on the many opportunities ahead for Bright and Beautiful Clearwater.

Best wishes,

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From: Akin, Pam <Pam.Akin@myClearwater.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2018 2:56 PM
To: Bill Jonson <bill.jonson@verizon.net>
Cc: City Council <City.Council@myClearwater.com>
Subject: RE: Section_2.03.____Election_and_terms. (1)

We have not issued any opinions previously on this issue. However, Council does not appear to have appointed a termed out Councilmember to serve during the succeeding term since the beginning of term limits 1994. The last Councilmember position filled by appointment was in 2006. JB Johnson was appointed to fill Whitney Gray's seat in December of 2004 after ending 2 3-year terms in March of 2000.

I have always viewed the term limit provision as a "sit out provision", the language is ambiguous. However, the Council ultimately is the decider of the Council qualifications under the Charter.

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From: Bill Jonson <bill.jonson@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2018 1:27 PM

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Subject: RE: Section_2.03.____Election_and_terms. (1)

Ms. Akin,

It is my intent to apply for the Ms. Caudell's open Council seat, but I didn't think it would be appropriate to apply if I clearly would not qualify.

Thus, the reason for my original question. I know that you must be very busy, but I wonder if this is guidance that you have already have in your files.

Best wishes,

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From: Akin, Pam <Pam.Akin@myClearwater.com>

Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 10:41 AM

To: Bill Jonson <bill.jonson@verizon.net>

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Mr. Jonson, I have been on vacation for the Thanksgiving holiday. As you can imagine I have had a number of issues to address. I will respond as soon as possible.

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From: Bill Jonson <bill.jonson@verizon.net>

Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 9:04 AM

To: Akin, Pam <Pam.Akin@myClearwater.com>

Subject: FW: Section_2.03.____Election_and_terms. (1)

Ms. Akin,

Second request. Is this something you can answer for me?

Best wishes,

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From: Bill Jonson <bill.jonson@verizon.net>

Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 4:16 PM

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Subject: Section_2.03.____Election_and_terms. (1)

Ms. Akin,

A couple of people have asked me if I could be appointed by the Council for the remainder of Doreen Caudell's term of office. I am attaching what I believe to be the controlling provision from the City charter.

I don't know how to interpret "for the succeeding four-year term". Does this mean for the succeeding full "four-year elected term of office" where a one-and-a-half-year term would be permitted? I note that it does not say "during the succeeding four-year term." Or would the interpretation of this provision be left up to the Council?

Your guidance would be appreciated. Best wishes,

Bill Jonson