



Agenda Item A.6
CONSENT CALENDAR
Meeting Date: December 2, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Dan Singer, City Manager

CONTACT: Steve Chase, Director of Planning and Environmental Services

SUBJECT: Resignation of Planning Commissioner Edward Easton

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the resignation of Planning Commissioner Edward Easton.

BACKGROUND:

On November 18, 2008, Planning Commissioner Edward Easton submitted a letter of resignation in light of his successful election to the Goleta City Council. A copy of the letter is attached.

DISCUSSION:

Goleta Municipal Code section 2-25.5 specifies the term of office for a Planning Commissioner expires "at the first regular meeting of the first February following the expiration of the current term of office of the City Council member who appointed the Commission member." Section 2-25.5 specifies the methods of terminating the office prior to the expiration. It provides that a member of the Commission is removed by absence from three consecutive regular meetings or "by a vote approved by at least three of the members of the City Council."

The Municipal Code does not currently expressly provide for unilateral resignation by a Commission member. As such, it is appropriate for the Council to affirmatively accept the resignation of Commissioner Easton.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council may choose whether or not to accept the resignation of Commissioner Easton. Choosing not to accept the resignation would have no direct effect. The City lacks any meaningful ability to compel a Commissioner to perform their duties.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There are no relevant fiscal impacts.

Submitted By:

Reviewed by:

Approved By:

Steve Chase, Director
Planning and Environmental
Services

Michelle Greene, Director
Administrative Services

Daniel Singer
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. November 18, 2008 letter of resignation, Edward Easton

ATTACHMENT 1

November 18, 2008 letter of resignation, Edward Easton

Dan Singer

From: ed.easton@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 7:32 AM
To: Dan Singer
Cc: Margaret Connell
Subject: Planning Commission resignation

To: The Goleta City Council

c/o Dan Singer City Manager

cc: Deborah Constantino, City Clerk
Tim Giles, City Attorney

Upon certification of the recent election for City Council, I resign as a member of the Planning Commission.

I would regret this were I not continuing to serve the City as a member of the future Council. I look forward to the opportunity to join you and the work we will do together.

Edward Easton