



City of Arts & Innovation

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: JANUARY 21, 2020**  
**FROM: COUNCILWOMAN PLASCENCIA              WARDS: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

**ISSUE:**

Councilwoman Plascencia recommends that the Mayor and City Council remove Sean Mill from the Ward 5 seat on the Planning Commission.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Councilwoman Plascencia recommends that the Mayor and City Council:

1. Remove Sean Mill from the Ward 5 seat on the Planning Commission; and
2. Direct the City Clerk to process the vacancy.

Charter Section 802 reads:

*“The members of each such board or commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and City Council and shall be nominated and appointed by the Mayor and City Council from the qualified electors of the City, none of whom shall hold any paid office or employment in the City government. Each such board or commission shall have at least one member from each Council ward. They shall be subject to removal by the Mayor and City Council by a motion adopted by five affirmative votes with the Mayor entitled to vote. The members thereof shall serve for a term of four years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified, and may serve for not more than two consecutive full terms.”*

Charter Section 805 further provides, in part:

*“...If a member of a board or commission absents himself/herself from three consecutive regular meetings of such board or commission, unless by permission of such board or commission expressed in its official minutes, or is convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, or ceases to be a qualified elector of the City, the office shall become vacant and shall be so declared by the City Council...”*

Pursuant to the two Charter sections cited above, members of City boards and commissions serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and City Council. Additionally, if any of the following three circumstances exist, the Charter provides that the City Council shall declare the seat vacant.

- No longer a qualified elector of the City
- Convicted of a crime of moral turpitude
- Absent from three consecutive regular meetings, unless excused by the board/commission

Councilwoman Plascencia requests removal of Sean Mill from the Ward 5 seat on the Planning Commission. Mr. Sean Mill was appointed to the Ward 5 seat on the Planning Commission on March 1, 2017, for a term ending March 1, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**


Recruitment and appointment costs are included annually in the City Clerk's budget.

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