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Election of Council members creates board vacancies

MURPHY (May 22, 2019) The official swearing in of Ken Oltmann, Jene Butler, and Elizabeth Abraham to the Murphy City Council occurred at last evening's City Council meeting, resulting in vacancies in the Parks and Recreation Board and in the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Newly-elected Council members Oltmann and Butler served on the Parks and Recreation Board and Abraham was a member of Planning & Zoning. As members of the City Council, all three are ineligible to continue serving on the respective board and commission.

Citizens wishing to be considered for any of the openings should make their interest known by applying by Friday, May 31. A review of the eligible applications will be conducted, and interviews with Council will occur in early June. The City hopes to place new members on the two advisory bodies as soon as feasible to avoid any delay in their deliberations.

The Parks and Recreation Board acts in an advisory capacity to City staff and City Council on all matters pertaining to parks and recreation services. The members advise the staff and City Council on present and future maintenance, operation, planning, acquisition, development, and use policies for City parks and recreation services.

The Board generally meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Murphy City Hall. This Board is also the Tree Preservation Board for the City.

The Planning and Zoning Commission acts as an advisory commission to the City Council, making recommendations pertaining to planning and zoning. The Commission is responsible for reviewing plats, site plans, landscape plans, and zoning requests, and for making recommendations to City Council for their final approval.

The Commission consists of seven qualified taxpaying, resident voters of the City, plus two alternates with the same qualifications, appointed by the City Council for staggered two-year terms.

The Commission meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Murphy City Hall.

Individuals may obtain more information by contacting Susie Quinn at squinn@murphytx.org or by calling 972-468-4011. Applications, available at <https://murphytx.civicweb.net/Portal/CitizenEngagement.aspx>, will be accepted until 5 p.m., Friday, May 31. Applicants will receive an automated confirmation email to verify the application has been submitted.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.