

## MEMORANDUM

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March 20, 2014

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Commission

**VIA:** Kenneth Fields, City Manager

**FROM:** Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk, MMC

**RE:** Appointments – Police Officers’ Retirement Board

**SYNOPSIS:** Appointments fill vacancies due to resignations, expiration of terms, newly established boards, etc.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor makes appointments to various citizen advisory and regulatory boards, commissions, committees, and authorities with the advice and consent of the City Commission (City Charter, Sec. 3.06).

The Mayor is asked to make the appointment as deemed appropriate.

### BACKGROUND

Vacancies exist on various Boards, Commissions, and Committees due to resignations, expirations of terms, newly established boards, etc.

**Police Officers’ Retirement Board (City Code Sec. 16-233)** – The board consists of five (5) trustees. Two (2) members must be legal residents of the City and two (2) members must be full-time police officers’ employed by the Lake Wales Police Department. Resident members are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Commission; police officer members are elected by a majority of the police officers who are members of the plan. The fifth member is chosen by a majority of the other four members and appointed by the Mayor. (4-year term-)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **1 resident**

**Current Members:** Patrick Quinn, police officer, 5<sup>th</sup> Seat  
Joe Elrod, police officer  
Mark Stroup, police officer  
Leon Weech, resident

**1 - Resident vacancy:** Term expires 09/30/14

**Applying for appointment:** Anthony Elrod, resident

Anthony Elrod is related to Police Officers’ Retirement Board member Joe Elrod. Although, relatives are not prohibited from serving on the same board as long as they do not discuss board business without complying with the requirements F. S. 286.0111 AGO 89-06, the City Commission chose not to appoint Anthony Elrod to the board at its meeting on March 18, 2014.

Joe Elrod agreed to resign from the board since he is no longer eligible to serve on the board once his term expires on September 30, 2014 to allow Anthony Elrod to serve on the board if appointed by the City Commission at the April 1, 2014 meeting.

### OPTIONS

Do not appoint the applicants named above and seek other applicants; however, it may be difficult for the boards to obtain a quorum until vacancies are filled.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None. These are volunteer citizen boards.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None