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Summary statement: Palmer Municipal Code 2.30.140 requires the council to approve resignations by members of the Board of Economic Development

Jesse Jones has submitted his resignation effective December 2, 2013.

The Clerk has begun the advertising process to fill the vacancy created by Board of Economic Development Member Jones and will forward applications to the Mayor for appointment and to the council for confirmation.

Administration recommendation: Approve action memorandum 14-002.

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Good Afternoon,

Please let me begin by apologizing for getting this to you in such short notice. I've been trying to reschedule my conflicting appointment this evening since I was notified of the BED meeting and it has not worked out. So, I will not be able to attend. Again, I'm sorry I couldn't notify you earlier.

When I accepted the appointment to the Board I hadn't anticipated it taking a year to hold a meeting. Even now it appears that we barely have enough members to meet quorum. It was also apparent the last time I attended a City Council discussion of the ED Plan and the BED that there was a staggering lack of interest in actually doing anything beyond voting to approve the plan. I'm doubtful that the sentiment has changed much lately as the majority of the Council members have not changed.

However, over the past year other things *have* changed. For starters, in February of this year I was offered and accepted a position as Network Specialist for the Mat-Su Borough School District which resulted in selling my business. I'm no longer in contact with the business owners and community stakeholders that are most directly impacted the economic climate of the City. I'm also no longer in a leadership position, or a member, of the Chamber of Commerce. My priorities have shifted to my family where they should have been, not business and community involvement where they once were. This is the only Board in which I am still a member, simply because there was no activity and no time commitment. But, I cannot justify the not being home to kiss my 2-year old goodnight, even if it's just once or twice a month. That is time I will never get back. There will always be other Boards and other opportunities.

With that said, it is with a great deal of thought and reflection that I respectfully resign my seat on the City of Palmer Board of Economic Development effective immediately. I wish you all luck in your endeavors.

Jesse L. Jones S+, ECS-W | Network Specialist

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