

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the re-exemption of one Utility Rates and Policy Specialist III (Class Code 1681-3) position from the Civil Service for the Board of Public Works (BPW) pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the re-exemption of one Utility Rates and Policy Specialist III (Class Code 1681-3) position from the Civil Service for the BPW pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Mayor. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 21, 2021, your Committee considered a March 31, 2021 communication from the Mayor relative to the re-exemption of one Utility Rates and Policy Specialist III (Class Code 1681-3) position from the Civil Service for the BPW pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b). According to the Mayor, the BPW has requested the exemption of one position of Utility Rates and Policy Specialist III, Class Code 1681-3, in accordance with Charter Section 1001(b), from civil service as management, professional, scientific, or expert services exemptions. On March 9, 2021, the Mayor asked the Personnel Department to review BPW's request. The Utility Rates and Policy Specialist III position was previously approved for exemption under 1001(b) by the City Council and was subsequently filled. Charter Section 1001(b)(1) requires that, "When the position is vacated, the exemption shall terminate unless re-authorized in accordance with this subsection." The Utility Rates and Policy Specialist III position was vacated on November 22, 2019, and deleted from the count.

Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 145 are approved. Approval of this request will increase the count. As of March 31, 2021, this request will be in the 146th position of the 150 exemptions. There are an additional 50 exempt positions added by Council pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4), of which 7 are filled. The Utility Rates and Policy Specialist III position will serve as Petroleum Administrator and function as a key policy advisor to the Mayor, City Council, and the Board of Public Works on matters related to the City's oil and gas production. The position will oversee the Office of Petroleum and Gas Administration and Safety; be responsible for examining, monitoring, negotiating, and reporting on matters related to the exploration for and production of petroleum within the City, franchise agreements, and evaluation of oil, gas, and electric utility fees; administer and determine compliance with all provision of oil and gas (utility) leases; represent the City at news conferences/events; and will plan, strategize, organize, and respond to various oil and utility requests, including inspection and safety compliance. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public

comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the requested exemption. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
KORETZ:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
BONIN:	YES

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