



Memorandum

Date: 7/21/2026
Meeting of: City Council Special Meeting

File No. SPC 26-066
Type: Verbal Report

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Executive	Cheryl Xanthos	City Clerk
Executive	Kalli Biegel	Deputy City Clerk

TITLE:

Human Services Commission Candidate Interview

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

There is currently an opening on the Human Services Commission, due to the resignation of David Poe.

The press release advertising this opening was posted on June 1, 2026, and can be viewed at: [Human Services Commission Seeks New Member Redmond, WA <https://www.redmond.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/2960>](https://www.redmond.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/2960). Six applications were received and reviewed. Initial interviews were conducted, and Austin Ashenbrenner was selected to move forward. Mr. Ashenbrenner interviewed with Mayor Birney on July 10, 2026.

Staff is requesting Council interview Austin Ashenbrenner to fill this opening. The term would expire on March 31, 2029.

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☒ **Provide Direction** ☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
N/A
- **Required:**
Council confirmation is required for Commission Member mayoral appointments.
RMC: 4.30.050(A)
- **Council Request:**
N/A

- **Other Key Facts:**

N/A

OUTCOMES:

If appointment is confirmed by Council, Austin Ashenbrenner will fill this seat until the term expiration listed below:

Human Services Commission

Austin Ashenbrenner First Term to Expire: March 31, 2029

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

N/A

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

This opening was advertised, and all completed applications were reviewed and considered.

- **Feedback Summary:**

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

N/A

Approved in current biennial budget:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

N/A

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
8/3/2026	Special Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

This position is currently open.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If not approved, the seat will remain open and recruitment efforts would need to continue.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.