



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Mayor Collins and Town Council Members

**FROM:** Kevin Burke, Town Manager  
Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

**DATE:** September 14, 2017

**DEPARTMENT:** Town Manager

**AGENDA TITLE:**

**Interview of Applicants for Appointment to the Municipal Property Corporation and Review of Reappointments to the Mummy Mountain Preserve Trust**

**Town Value(s):**

- Primarily one-acre, residential community
- Limited government
- Creating a sense of community
- Partnerships with existing schools and resorts to enhance recreational opportunities
- Improving aesthetics/creating a brand
- Preserving natural open space

Approximately 120 residents volunteer their time and expertise to the Town by serving on one of the many Town committees, commissions, and boards thus continuing the founder's spirit of volunteerism and sense of community.

**Council Goals or Statutory Requirements:**

Mummy Mountain Preserve Trust Articles of Incorporation Section 8.1  
Municipal Property Corporation Articles of Incorporation Section 6.02

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Last year, the Town Council voted to change the terms of office for most committees, commissions, and boards to a spring appointment cycle to coincide with the Mayor and Council's terms of office. The Mummy Mountain Preserve Trust and the Municipal Property Corporation were the exceptions because those two boards were created by Articles of Incorporation which specify terms starting in October.

**Mummy Mountain Preserve Trust (Trust)**

The Mummy Mountain Preserve Trust was formed in 1998 as a separate 501©(3) charitable organization. Its goal is to protect the natural landscape, desert plants, wildlife, and scenic beauty of the mountain areas of the Town. Trustees encourage and assist owners of property on Mummy

Mountain to donate vacant land by deed or in the form of conservation easements to the Trust. There are five trustees who serve three-year terms.

The terms for Fred Pakis and Ron Clarke expire this year. Mr. Pakis, who co-founded JDA Software, Inc, has served since 2005. Ron Clarke, former IBM executive and Paradise Valley Mayor, has served since 2012. Both have submitted requests to be reappointed.

### **Municipal Property Corporation (MPC)**

The Municipal Property Corporation Board of Directors issues debt on behalf of the Town to finance major capital projects such as construction of sewer line infrastructure and public buildings. The Board is made up of seven members who serve three-year terms.

The terms for Richard Gordon and Bernie Barry expire this year. Dr. Gordon has served since 2005 and submitted a request to be reappointed.

Mr. Barry sits on both the MPC and the Trust. His term on the MPC is up this year but continues to serve on the Trust. When he was contacted about his interest in being reappointed to the MPC, he expressed his willingness to serve another term but said if there were other residents who would like to volunteer he would happily step aside. Mayor Collins directed staff to invite residents to apply and see if there were any applicants with the same or better qualifications.

The Town received eight applications. The Council will meet with each applicant and discuss their qualifications during the Study Session.

### **Appointment Process**

The Town Council will review and discuss the three requests for reappointment (Clarke and Pakis for the Trust, and Gordon for MPC) and the eight applicants for the one seat on the MPC. If there is Council consensus, the Mayor will make the formal appointments and the Council will vote to confirm on September 28, 2017. The terms for the reappointed/appointed members will begin October 1, 2017.

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

There is no budget impact.

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

Applications (8)