

RESOLUTION NO. 899

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
APPOINTING A COUNCILMEMBER PRO TEMPORE FOR CITY COUNCIL POSITION
NUMBER 4**

WHEREAS, Councilmember Kenneth Grassi has continuously served as a member of the University Place City Council since incorporation in 1995, serving two terms as the City's Mayor and holding a number of leadership posts with the City; and

WHEREAS, state law, and more specifically RCW 35A.13.035 and RCW 35A.12.065 (and made applicable to a Council-Manager form of government under RCW 35A.13.020) allows for the appointment of a councilmember pro tempore "[i]n the event of the extended excused absence or disability of a councilmember, the remaining members by majority vote may appoint a councilmember pro tempore to serve during the absence or disability," see, RCW 35A.13.035; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Grassi has been absent from regular meetings of the City Council, which the remaining members of the City Council have unanimously excused; and

WHEREAS, at the July 15, 2019 and August 5, 2019, City Council meetings, the City Council was briefed on its various options for addressing Councilmember Grassi's extended absence and announced that it would begin the process of interviewing candidates for the position of Councilmember Pro Tempore; and

WHEREAS, during the filing period, which ran from August 6 to August 19, 2019, the City received a total of thirteen (13) applications for this position; and

WHEREAS, at the August 19, 2019 meeting, the City Council evaluated applicant qualifications and thereafter on August 19, 2019 and September 3, 2019 invited a total of six candidates to interview for the position; and

WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting held on September 9, 2019, the City Council conducted interviews of these six candidates; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best public interest to fill, on a temporary basis, University Place City Council Position 4 with a Councilmember Pro Tempore;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Incorporation. The recitals are hereby incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

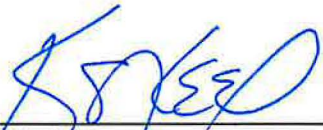
Section 2. Appointment of Councilmember Pro Tempore. In accordance with RCW 35A.13.035 and RCW 35A.12.065 (as incorporated by RCW 35A.13.020), Howard Lee shall be appointed as a Councilmember Pro Tempore to serve upon the University Place City Council, holding Position No. 4, until either (1) the incumbent, Councilmember Kenneth Grassi returns and resumes his duties as a Councilmember; (2) Councilmember Grassi's current tenure as a councilmember ends; or (3) December 31, 2021, whichever occurs first. During such period of office, the Councilmember Pro Tempore shall receive all rights and privileges accruing to an elected member of the City Council, including those under Section 3.20.040 of the University Place Municipal Code, except as may be otherwise limited by law.

Section 3. Continued Excused Absences. During the term of office of the Councilmember Pro Tempore, Councilmember Grassi's absences from the City Council shall be excused, under City Council Rule 2 (F)(1), without the necessity for further action of the City Council.

Section 4. Committee Appointments. Pending further action of the Council, the Councilmember Pro Tempore shall serve on all committees to which Councilmember Grassi has been appointed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2019.



Kent Keel, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emelia J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney