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Alderwoman resigns, boat fees discussed

By Shaun Szkolnik

Ward 3 Alderwoman Kelly Griffin tendered her resignation during the Board’s meeting on Tuesday, September 1.

“Like the rest of 2020, resigning from something I love was not part of my plan,” said Griffin. “My family was presented with an opportunity which requires us to move out of Ward 3, and I am elated for this new chapter. Being an alderwoman in Long Beach was an absolute privilege, and I was humbled and honored to represent Ward 3 for almost eight years.”

Griffin’s announcement was greeted with an outpouring of emotion from her colleagues on the Board.

“I just want to say, and I think I’m speaking for the Board, how much we appreciate your contribution to this Board,” said Mayor George L. Bass. “I knew after we were elected and we did our retreat that you were a big play-



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Ward 3 Alderwoman Kelly Griffin speaks with Mayor George Bass. Griffin announced her resignation on September 1.

er in this group and you were a contributor. You have proven me correct. It is sad that we are losing you ... you’re truly going to be missed being here. You are always going to be our friend, and we will always count on you to be a part of us.”

Immediately after accepting Griffin’s resignation, the Board established, in accordance with the City Code on municipal elections, that a special election will be held on October 13, 2020. Candidates seeking to fill the position will need to qualify by 5 p.m. twenty days prior to the election. Potential candidates will be required to qualify by submitting a petition to the City Clerk. Each petition will need the signature of at least fifty qualified electors from Ward 3. If no candidate receives a majority of votes in the special election, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes will participate in a run-off election

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Beatline/Pineville development project moves forward towards public hearing

By Lindy Sholes

A mixed-use development that will cover 118 acres of property flanked by parts of Beatline and Pineville Roads moved one step closer to reality after the Long Beach Planning and Development Commission approved in a 5-2 vote the tentative plans submitted by developer Charlie Gant, of Long Beach Holdings, LLC.

The decision was met with discord at an August 27 public hearing, where several nearby residents came to voice concerns over effects the potential development may have on flooding and traffic problems and the rezoning request to go forward.



Approval to change the current residential zoning in that area to Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning would allow the developer to build homes with zero lot lines, so residents are also concerned about the quality of homes that can be built in such close proximity.

Planning and Development Commission approval was the first of many steps for the project to go forward. The decision was then brought before the Board of Aldermen at their September 1, meeting, and was approved and will go forward to another public hearing. If it continues from there, studies will begin to determine how to best con-

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