CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: December 1, 2025

Prepared By: City Clerk Brod on behalf of Mayor Stevens

Agenda Item: Appointment of Nicholas Cohen to the Planning & Zoning Commission

Explanation: The City of Washington received notification from one of the current commission members who resigned due to meeting attendance standards set forth in the City's Code of Ordinances. Nicholas Cohen has expressed interest in serving in this open position.

After careful review, the Mayor and City staff believe that Nicholas Cohen is well-qualified and will serve as a valuable asset to the commission, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month if needed.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is composed of seven members, appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council. The commission evaluates the community's social, economic, and environmental goals while advising the City Council on long-range planning. It also recommends updates to the city's official plan, supports implementation of improvements, promotes public understanding, coordinates with other agencies, and performs additional duties assigned by the Council.

Fiscal Impact: There are no direct financial impacts with this appointment.

Action Requested: Approval of the appointment of Nicholas Cohen to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The City of Washington wishes to thank John Shelton for his dedication while serving his city and community on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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