

City of Racine: Process for filling the aldermanic vacancy in District 10

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“The sudden passing Alderwoman Carrie Glenn was a shock to the entire City, and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with her family during this difficult time. However, President Tate II and the Common Council have outlined a process which aligns with our past practice to fill the vacant seat, because we recognize that the people of the 10th do need to have representation on the Common Council,” **said Mayor Mason.**

According to the City Attorney, Wisconsin Statute section 17.23(1)(am) sets forth the procedures for filling a vacancy in an aldermanic seat. The statutes outline that vacancies in aldermanic seats can be filled by appointment from the City’s Common Council.

To keep consistent with past practice, Common Council President John Tate II and the Common Council have instructed the Racine City Clerk to solicit letters of interest and resumes from eligible persons living in the 10th aldermanic district. Documents will be due to the City Clerk’s office by 5pm on November 27, 2020.

The Committee of the Whole will meet (virtually) to interview the interested candidates on December 1, 2020. Candidates must be available to participate in those interviews on December 1 to be eligible for consideration. The Committee of the Whole will then make a recommendation to the Common Council, which thereafter will vote on such recommendation. Any appointment, if made, would be to fill the remainder of Alderwoman Glenn’s term, which ends in April 2022.

“This process is consistent with our past practice when needing to fill a vacant seat on Council. With that said, having to fill a vacancy because of the sudden loss of a colleague is tragic and our deepest sympathies go out to Alderwoman Glenn’s family and loved ones. The Common Council will do our due diligence to make sure that any appointee is well qualified to represent the 10th District,” **said Common Council President John Tate II.**

All eligible applicants should submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Office of the Clerk at Clerks@cityofracine.org or mail to Attention: City Clerk, 730 Washington Ave, Rm 103, Racine, WI 53403. Questions should be directed to the City Clerk’s Office at 262.636.9171