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Special Council Meeting Set to Address the DeHart Resignation

Salem City Councilor Brent DeHart has submitted his resignation from the Ward 7 Council position. His term was due to expire on December 31 of this year. The Salem City Council will hold a special Council meeting following their Monday Urban Renewal Meeting to consider whether to declare the position vacant and to discuss the process for filling the position. The Urban Renewal meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Ward 7 is in south Salem. It begins at Mission St and has Liberty St. S. as its eastern boundary all the way to the city limits. The city limits also mark the south and west boundaries.

Under the City Charter, if the City Council accepts the resignation and declares the position vacant before the May 20 primary election, the City Council can appoint a successor. If the City Council accepts the resignation and declares the seat vacant after the primary election, the position will be filled at the next special election in September. In the alternative, the Council could decline Councilor DeHart's resignation, in which case he would continue to hold office until a successor assumes office.

Bob Cannon is currently running unopposed on the May 19 primary election ballot for the Ward 7 position.

Councilor DeHart took office in 2004 under similar circumstances when former Councilor Anna Braun resigned. A reception honoring Councilor DeHart will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks to give the City Council, staff and the public a chance to thank him for his service to the community.