

Council Agenda Report

Date: July 25, 2016
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SUBJECT: Selection of Council President and Chair pro tempore

Recommendation that Council:

- A. Select a President from July 2016 to January 2021, and
- B. Select as Chair pro tempore from July 2016 until July 2017.

Discussion:

Traditionally, Council President and Chair Pro Tempore have been the same person. The current incumbent is Comm. Sydnor. The Charter calls for electing a president after the seating of new commissioners and therefore a president would serve 4 years. However, the election of the Chair pro tempore is to occur annually on a rotational basis.

Per Charter Section 3-19:

The newly elected commissioners, immediately upon taking the oath of office, shall organize and elect a president, the mayor presiding but having no vote except in case of a tie.

Per Charter Section 3021A:

While a vacancy exists in the office of mayor, all rights, powers and duties of the mayor, all rights, powers and duties of the mayor shall be assumed by the president of the commissioners.

Per Muni. Code Section 1-15(f)(6):

The Council shall select a chair pro tempore on an annual Basis who shall preside in the absence of the Mayor, in the capacity of the presiding. The council member selected to serve as chair pro tempore shall be chosen by a majority of the council, on a rotational basis.

Unless the code is changed to align the terms of President and Chair pro tempore, the Chair pro tempore will have to be selected again a year from now.