



City of Huntington Beach

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REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

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Subject:

Procedure for the election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Statement of Issue:

The City Charter provides that at the Council meeting at which any Councilmember is installed following any general or special municipal election, the City Council shall meet and elect one of its members as its presiding officer, who shall have the title of Mayor.

The Charter also provides that the City Council shall designate one of its members as Mayor Pro Tempore, who shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the City Council.

To ensure that each Councilmember had the opportunity to serve as Mayor, the City Council adopted Resolution 6320 and Resolution 2019-09 (Council Manual) establishing a procedure to rotate the position. Essentially, the Mayor Pro Tem is chosen based upon years of service and number of votes received by the electorate, and then becomes Mayor the following year. Also, to ensure that repeat Mayors occur as infrequently as possible, Councilmembers who have served as Mayor during the previous four years are not eligible for election as Mayor Pro Tem.

Financial Impact:

No Financial Impact

Recommended Action:

A) Follow procedure as established in City Council Resolution No. 6320 and Resolution No. 2019-09 for the election of the next Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem; - OR-

B) Set aside City Council Resolution No. 6320 and Resolution No. 2019-09 and establish different procedures.

Analysis:

The City Council resolutions are adopted policy, not law, and is binding upon the Council only to the extent that the Council chooses to follow its own previously established policies.

Environmental Status: None

Strategic Plan Goal: Non Applicable - Administrative Item

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 6320
2. Resolution No. 2019-09 - Council Manual