

Councilperson Mota

Pursuant to Rule VI, I submit this memo for distribution for the organizational meeting taking place on January 6, 2021. It is with much enthusiasm and humbleness that I put my name into consideration to be vice president of City Council. As a graduate of the city's school system, long term resident, long term city councilperson, and someone that has been active and rooted in the community for most of my working career, I have the history, experience and record to bring a broad perspective to council as vice president. I know what we are capable of, I know the opportunities available, and I know where we need to target our city services a bit better. This history and experience can help to ensure that city council retains roots in our diverse community.

Each of us, including the Mayor, has been elected by residents of this city. My goal as vice president is to work with each and every one of you to help further your own goals and, recognize the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, to work as a team to establish goals that includes delivering city services in a cost effective and efficient manner that achieves results our citizens deserve.

RULE VI

ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

A. Election of the President and Vice President of Council

Council will elect a President and Vice President at its organizational meeting. The prospective nominees for President and Vice President must submit a memo to the Clerk's Office indicating the office they seek to secure no later than 4:00 PM on the Tuesday preceding the second regular Council Meeting in December. At this meeting, the Clerk shall in a random fashion, by lottery, determine the voting order of the prospective nominees for each position that will take place at Council's organizational meeting.

One week prior to the Council Meeting at which a vote is to be taken on the election of a President and Vice President, nominees who have previously declared their candidacy shall submit a memo to the City Clerk's office restating their intention of the office they plan to seek, their goals and vision for the ensuing year, past achievements and any other information they might find useful to secure their election. This memo will be public and be published as part of the agenda for the Council meeting at which the election takes place.

At the organizational meeting, the President (or Acting President) will call for a vote on the prospective candidates for each position in the order that has been randomly determined. The vote for the President shall be first, followed by the vote for Vice President. Nominations will be limited to those Councilpersons that have submitted a memo outlining their intentions and only for the office they so indicated. If there have been no candidates for Vice President, Council shall vote for Vice President on the basis of the requests to be elected President, provided the potential candidate desires such office.

The first nominee to secure a majority of affirmative votes shall be elected. If no Councilperson that has submitted a memo to Council has secured the nomination for President or Vice President by a majority vote, a revote shall be taken and shall be in the same order unless a nominee removes their name for consideration.

If a Councilperson is not able to attend such meeting, they may participate in the election of the president by phone. (26643 10/21/92; 28613 8/5/09)