

Councilperson Hendricks:

Pursuant to Rule VI, I submit this memo for distribution for the organizational meeting taking place on January 6, 2021. It is with much gratitude and humbleness that I ask for your support for vice president.

I have been involved in the community my entire life. I was born and raised in Allentown. My children and I are graduates of Allentown schools. They have participated in school activities and recreation programs. Like I, we are a product of the community.

To continue:

I have been a dedicated employee serving the citizens of Allentown for over forty-three (43) years - 36 years as a Police officer and 7 years as a Councilperson.

As President of Council over the past year, I have attended all Council meetings, Committee meetings and numerous other meetings **IN PERSON** irrespective of the ongoing pandemic. I have done so with the greatest respect for others and while taking precautions to safeguard all those present. I have made sure that all councilpersons were kept informed during the initial shut down of city hall last year.

I have participated in numerous meetings with the administration during a most difficult year in which we had to lay off employees and faced a deficit of more than 11 million dollars.

I have served as one of two representatives on the Allentown Parking Authority Board since joining Council and have attended all meetings.

I have also served as Council Representative on the Allentown Economic Development Corporation Board for the past five (5) years and have attended all meetings.

I have served with the Allentown Health Bureau representatives in the CHAMPS feeding program and coordinated the establishment of an Anti-hunger Task Force and the "Firehouse Fridays" after school feeding program. The results of these endeavors were honored by the Governor with the City receiving an award for our efforts to combat childhood hunger.

I feel that my continuity as a Council Officer will be most beneficial going forward into 2021 as we envision a Post-pandemic Allentown. I will continue to lead our Council to be as transparent as possible while safeguarding our most vulnerable citizens. I will encourage all members to continue to find new ways to safeguard our financial stability while following the recommendations of the recent Novak report.

Given my work over my lifetime and my time on council, I would like to continue as Vice President of Council.

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)