

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

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Amend No. _____

Date prepared: December 8, 2010

Council Meeting Date: January 4, 2011

TO: Carl Swenson, City Manager
THROUGH: Susan K. Thorpe, Deputy City Manager
FROM: Wanda Nelson, CMC, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Establishment of Term, Nomination and Election of Vice Mayor

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion and possible action to establish term of office, nomination and election of a Vice Mayor.

SUMMARY:

By a motion and vote of the Council, Vice Mayors have been elected to serve either one or two-year terms. At the January 5, 2010 meeting, Councilmember Ron Aames elected Vice Mayor to a one-year term. A new election for Vice Mayor and the establishment of term will occur at this first meeting in January 2011.

The election of Vice Mayor is a two-tier process. Council will first establish the term of office by a motion and vote. Subsequently the Presiding Officer will open the floor for nominations. A motion is required to close nominations. The Presiding Officer will then state which Councilmembers have been nominated and instruct the Clerk to explain the voting process to Council.

The Procedure for the Establishment of Term, Nominations and Election for Vice Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem procedure is attached.

FISCAL NOTE: Not Applicable

ATTACHMENT:

1. Procedures for the Establishment of Term, Nominations and Election for Vice Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

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CITY CLERK USE ONLY:

- Consent Agenda
- Carry Over to Date: _____
- Approved
- Unfinished Business (Date heard previous: _____)
- New Business
- Public Hearing: No Action Taken

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Action Date: _____

PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR VICE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Election of the Vice Mayor

1. Mayor will announce the floor is open for nominations for the position of Vice Mayor. No second is required for nominations and a Council Member can nominate themselves.
2. After all nominations are made, the Mayor should close the floor and the matter will proceed to a vote.
 - A. If there is only one nomination, then a motion to select that individual by acclamation should be entertained by the Mayor. If there is a second, the motion is voted on and the person is deemed elected.
 - B. If there is more than one nomination for the position of Vice Mayor, the Mayor should announce that there will be an election. The City Clerk will distribute seven ballots containing a number of blank lines. Each Council Member should write in the name of the candidate that they desire to vote for and fold the ballot. The City Clerk will collect the ballots and the Chief Assistant City Attorney and City Clerk will go into the Executive Session Conference Room and count the ballots and provide the Mayor with a tally sheet indicating the votes for the candidate. The candidate with the most votes is elected Vice Mayor.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

1. Mayor will announce the floor is open for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. No second is required for nominations and a Council Member can nominate themselves.
2. After all nominations are made, the Mayor should close the floor and the matter will proceed to a vote.
 - A. If there is only one nomination, then a motion to select that individual by acclamation should be entertained by the Mayor. If there is a second, the motion is voted on and the person is deemed elected.
 - B. If there is more than one nomination for the position of Mayor Pro Tem, the Mayor should announce that there will be an election. The City Clerk will distribute seven ballots containing a number of blank lines. Each Council Member should write in the name of the candidate that they desire to vote for and fold the ballot. The City Clerk will collect the ballots and the Chief Assistant City Attorney and City Clerk will go into the Executive Session Conference Room and count the ballots and provide the Mayor with a tally sheet indicating the votes for the candidate. The candidate with the most votes is elected Mayor Pro Tem.