



DATE: December 9, 2025

TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Selection of Temporary Chair for January 6, 2026 Council Meeting

The City Council has had a longstanding practice of designating a member to act as temporary chair to open the first meeting of even-numbered years and preside over the election of the Mayor, as established by Section 3 of the City Council Rules:

The election of the Mayor shall be presided over by a temporary chair who shall be selected at the last regular meeting in December to conduct the election. Once selected, the Mayor will preside over the selection of the Deputy Mayor.

Council rules do not specify a process to select the temporary chair; however, historically the Council has used nominations from the floor to identify the Councilmember to serve as temporary chair. Should Council again wish to proceed in that fashion, the following process information drawn from Robert's Rules and Council Rules may be helpful:

- The Mayor opens the floor for nominations.
- Nominations for temporary chair do not require a second.
- Nominees are voted on in the order in which they are nominated.
- You must cast your vote either "aye" or "no" for each nominee.
- Failure to cast a vote means your vote is counted in the affirmative.
- As soon as one of the nominees receives a majority vote, the Mayor declares the individual elected as temporary chair and no votes are taken on the remaining nominees.