

The following process has been followed for the selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the past three elections. Per discussion during the selection of a temporary chair to preside over the first meeting of 2018, the following changes are proposed for section 3B of the Council Rules:

B. Election of Mayor. The Council shall elect a Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a term of two years and organize itself at the first official meeting of the City Council during even-numbered years.

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 this election.

1. The Temporary Chair opens the meeting and calls for nominations for the position of Mayor. Nominations do not require a second. Each Councilmember may nominate no more than one candidate for the position.
2. The Temporary Chair will close the floor to nominations when no other nominations are forthcoming. Under Robert's Rules, after nominations have been closed, a majority vote is required to reopen them.
3. The list of nominees is voted by paper ballot. If there is only one nominee for an office, the ballot must still be taken for that office.
4. The Clerk will distribute fresh ballots to Councilmembers for each round of balloting. In the middle of the ballot, each Councilmember will legibly write the name of his/her preferred candidate from the current list of nominees. Staff will collect and count the ballots and the Clerk will prepare and provide the Teller's Report to the Temporary Chair, who will publicly read the results aloud (i.e., Councilmember X casts his ballot for Councilmember Y, and so on.)
5. Under Robert's Rules, when repeated balloting for an office is necessary, the names of all nominees are kept on the ballot. Robert's further provides that the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes is never removed from the next ballot unless he/she withdraws.
6. Balloting continues until a Councilmember receives a majority vote (i.e., 4 votes). The Temporary Chair declares that person elected, and the new Mayor assumes the gavel.

Once selected, the Mayor will preside over the selection of the Deputy Mayor using the same process.

In the event the Mayor is unable to serve the remainder of the term, a new Mayor shall be elected. In the event the Deputy Mayor is unable to serve the remainder of the term, a new Deputy Mayor shall be elected