PROTOCOL FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR

City Council Meeting

August 18, 2015

Current Protocol

- Incumbent Mayor/Vice Mayor calls for nominations from the floor
- Nomination must receive a second and be accepted by nominee
- Nominations are voted on in order received
- Once a nomination receives a majority vote, no action is taken on remaining nominations

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Issue

- Current protocol does not address who conducts the election in absence of presiding officer
- Occurred following 2014 election
- Council authorized City Clerk to conduct election by accepting nominations through random draw
- Council directed staff to bring forward proposed protocols to resolve issue

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Presiding Officer - Option 1

- Same as current protocol
- In absence of a presiding officer, Council Member with longest period of continuous service is presiding officer for election of Mayor
- If multiple members with equal length of service, City Clerk conducts drawing prior to meeting to determine presiding officer

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Presiding Officer - Option 2

- Same as current protocol
- Same as Option 1 – Council Member with longest period of continuous service is presiding officer for election of Mayor
- If multiple members with equal length of service, highest number of electorate votes received determines presiding officer

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Voting – Option

- If more than one nomination, Council votes by ballot using the process employed for voting on board and commission applicants

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Staff Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Clerk that the Council, by motion, (1) establish protocols for the election of Mayor; and (2) direct the City Clerk to incorporate the protocols into the Council's Manual of Protocols and Procedures for approval by the City Council.

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