

- G.** The Council, overall, strives for consensus.
- H.** There are individual interests and areas of expertise of Council members – allowing the Council to rely on one another for information and positive action.
- I.** Council looks to boards, commissions, and committees for independent advice and possible legislative actions.

XII. MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR: ELECTION/RESPONSIBILITY

- A.** The Mayor is elected for a two-year term immediately following the installation of newly-elected Councilmembers. In accordance with the City Charter, a Councilmember may not serve consecutive terms as Mayor. If a Mayor fails to complete a full term, the Council member elected to fill out the remainder of the unexpired term shall not be barred from serving a consecutive term as Mayor thereafter if the remaining term filled was one year or less.
- B.** The Vice Mayor is elected annually for a one-year term. The Council, at the time it selects a Mayor and during each November in odd numbered years, shall choose one of their number Vice-Mayor, who shall serve as Mayor in the absence, sickness, or other disability of the Mayor. The Vice Mayor is not a natural ascendancy to Mayor and there is no rotation system for selecting the Mayor or the Vice Mayor. Nominations for and election of the Vice Mayor shall follow the procedures set forth in paragraph C below.
- C.** At the same meeting and immediately following the installation of newly-elected Councilmembers, the Mayor shall call for nominations from the floor for Mayor. The nomination must receive a second and be accepted by the nominee prior to a vote on the nomination. Nominations will be voted upon in the order made. Once a nomination receives a majority vote of Councilmembers present, no further action will be taken on subsequent nominations. The Mayor shall then pass the gavel to the newly-elected Mayor, who shall assume the role of Presiding Officer. Immediately following election of the Mayor, the same procedure shall be followed for election of the Vice Mayor.
- D.** Following the election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor, and at such other times as the Mayor deems it necessary, the Mayor shall establish the dais seating arrangement of the Councilmembers. The Vice Mayor shall always be seated immediately next to the Mayor.
- E.** The Mayor and Vice Mayor are peers of, and serve at the pleasure of, the other Councilmembers.
- F.** The City Charter gives the Mayor additional authority and responsibility.
- G.** Council committee and liaison assignments are reviewed and made annually by the Mayor. The Mayor may, subject to the approval of the Council, appoint such