



# *City Council Report*

**DATE:** March 24, 2026

**TITLE:** **Appointment of Vice Mayor**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the City Council consider appointing a member of the City Council to serve as Vice Mayor for the remainder of the current year.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the March 3, 2026, City Council meeting, the Council considered the City Council's Statement of Values in relation to allegations raised during Oral Communications at the February 3, 2026, City Council meeting regarding the Vice Mayor. Following discussion, the City Council voted to remove Vice Mayor Scozzola from the position of Vice Mayor.

The City Council's Vice Mayor position is filled by a member of the City Council and serves at the pleasure of the Council. The Vice Mayor performs the duties of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence and may represent the City at events, meetings, and other official functions as assigned.

## **DISCUSSION**

With the removal of the Vice Mayor the position is currently vacant. In order to ensure continuity in City Council leadership and the ability to perform mayoral duties when necessary, the City Council may wish to appoint a Councilmember to serve as Vice Mayor.

City Council Policy 1.33, Annual Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor, (Attachment 1) establishes the City Council's preferred method for selecting the Mayor and Vice Mayor during the annual December reorganization meeting. The policy notes that the Mayor and Vice Mayor serve for one calendar year and serve at the pleasure of the City Council. It also states that while the Vice Mayor position is often considered a natural progression toward serving as Mayor, appointment to either position is not automatic and remains subject to a majority vote of the City Council.

The policy further outlines a preferred rotational schedule based on Council District numbers. For calendar year 2026, the schedule identifies the Mayor as representing

District 3 and the Vice Mayor as representing District 4. While the policy establishes a preferred framework to provide predictability for City operations and the community, it also allows the City Council to deviate from the rotational schedule by majority vote.

Because the current vacancy occurred outside of the annual reorganization process, the City Council may determine how best to fill the Vice Mayor position for the remainder of the 2026 term. The Council may choose to follow the preferred rotational order identified in Policy 1.33 or may select any member of the City Council by majority vote.

The appointment process is at the discretion of the City Council. Typically, the Mayor may call for nominations from the Council, and the City Council may appoint a Vice Mayor by majority vote.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Do not appoint a Vice Mayor to the City Council at this meeting.
2. Provide other direction to staff.

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### Report Approval Details

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