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# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2010 101-02  
TO: CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER R=2/12  
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK P=2/12  
SUBJECT: MAYOR SELECTION PROCESS

Approved for Agenda:



City Manager's Office

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## SUMMARY

The City Council requested re-agendizing discussion of the mayor selection process to determine whether the mayoral seat should be a fixed rotation, or whether the mayoral seat should be placed on the November 2010 ballot as an elected position.

## RECOMMENDATION

Pleasure of the City Council.

## PROPOSED COSTS

No cost for a fixed rotation process, or approximately \$9,300 from the FY 2010 general fund if placed on the November 2010 ballot.

## DISCUSSION

At the January 6, 2009 meeting, Council voted to maintain the selection process of majority Council vote for the mayor/chair and mayor pro tem/vice chair (see Attachment 1 for agenda letter and minutes). Subsequently, Council requested agendizing discussion of implementing a fixed rotation selection process or placing a measure for a directly elected mayor on the November 2010 ballot. Staff surveyed all Orange County cities which revealed that 6 cities had directly elected mayors, 27 cities selected the mayor by Council majority vote, and 1 city had mandatory rotation.

Should the Council decide to place a measure for an elected mayor on the ballot, the Orange County Registrar of Voters provided an estimate of \$8,500 to cover sample ballot pamphlet costs (\$8,500 is in addition to the cost to consolidate the November 2010 election), and the City Attorney provided an estimated cost for writing the measure of approximately \$800.

There would be no costs associated with a fixed rotation process for the mayoral seat if implemented.



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Attachment

# ATTACHMENT 1

Quirk as representative, Keller alternate to Orange County Sanitation District; Bankhead as representative, no alternate for Water Advisory Committee of Orange County; Bankhead as representative, Keller as alternate to Fullerton Investment Advisory Committee; Nelson as representative, Keller as alternate to Fullerton Sports Field Users' Committee; Bankhead as representative, no alternate for Orange County Water District; Jones as representative, to Orange County Vector Control

11. ADVISORY BODIES REPRESENTATION

Council concurred to appoint the following members: Orange County Sanitation District Board (OCSD) – representative Quirk, alternate Keller; Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) – representative Bankhead, no alternate; Fullerton Investment Advisory Committee – representative Bankhead, alternate Keller; Fullerton Sports Field Users' Committee – representative Nelson, alternate Keller; Orange County Water District (OCWD) – representative Bankhead, no alternate; Orange County Vector Control (OCVC) – representative Jones; and the remaining Advisory Body representatives would continue to serve. (107-02)

Current procedure to remain in effect

12. MAYOR/CHAIR, MAYOR PRO TEM/VICE CHAIR SELECTION PROCESS

It was moved by Keller, seconded by Quirk, to remove the Mayor/Chair, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Selection Process item from the table to be discussed.

Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Bankhead, seconded by Jones, to continue with the current Mayor/Chair, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair selection process.

As an alternate motion, it was moved by Quirk, seconded by Keller, to implement an automatic Mayor/Chair, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair rotation by seniority.

The following member of the audience spoke in support of majority Council vote for Mayor/Chair, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair selection process:

Jan Flory

The following member of the audience spoke in support of an automatic Mayor/Chair, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair rotation:

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An unidentified speaker (no speaker slip completed)

Mayor Bankhead, and Councilmembers Jones and Nelson stated they were happy with the current selection process of majority Council vote of Mayor/Chair, Mayor Pro Tem Vice/Chair and opposed changing the process.

Alternate motion failed 2-3, Bankhead, Jones and Nelson opposed.

Mayor Pro Tem Keller and Councilmember Quirk stated they opposed continuing the current selection process because each councilmember should automatically serve as Mayor.

Original motion carried 3-2, Keller and Quirk opposed. (101-02)

Measure to be placed on the November 2010 ballot to limit Council terms to 3 consecutive 4 years

13. COUNCIL TERM LIMITS

The following members of the audience spoke in opposition to Council term limits:

Gerald Brown and Jan Flory

It was moved by Keller, seconded by Quirk, to place a measure on the November 2010 ballot to limit Council terms to 3 consecutive 4 years.

As an alternate motion, it was moved by Nelson, seconded by Quirk, to place a measure on the November 2010 ballot to limit Council terms to 3 in a lifetime.

Mayor Bankhead and Councilmember Jones stated they opposed placing Council term limits on the ballot.

Mayor Pro Tem Keller opposed limiting Council term limits to 3 in a lifetime.

Alternate motion failed 2-3, Bankhead, Keller, and Jones opposed.

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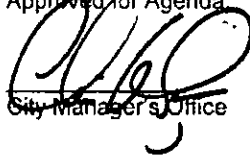
# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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101-02  
R=1/11  
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MEETING DATE: JANUARY 6, 2009  
TO: CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER  
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
SUBJECT: MAYOR/CHAIR, MAYOR PRO TEM/VICE CHAIR SELECTION PROCESS

Approved for Agenda:



City Manager's Office

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## SUMMARY

At the request of the City Council, the Mayor/Chair and Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair selection process has been re-agendized for discussion.

## RECOMMENDATION

Pleasure of the City Council.

## PROPOSED COSTS

None.

## DISCUSSION

At the December 18, 2007 meeting, the City Council was presented with alternatives for the Mayor/Chair, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair selection process (agenda letter attached as Exhibit 1). Alternatives included:

- 1) Maintaining the current procedure of nominating the mayor/chair, mayor pro tem/vice chair, with the majority vote winner for each position assuming the mayor/chair, mayor pro tem/vice chair;
- 2) A seniority-based rotation system in which the senior member of Council/Redevelopment Agency/Public Financing Authority, who has not served as mayor in the past several years, would be appointed as mayor/chair, and the second senior member appointed as mayor pro tem/vice chair; and

- 3) An alternate appointment process deemed appropriate by the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Public Financing Authority.

The City Council voted unanimously to table the item (see December 18, 2007 City Council/ Redevelopment Agency minutes attached as Exhibit 2).

Should Council decide to change the mayor/chair, mayor pro tem selection procedure, staff would incorporate the changes with the Council Rules of Procedure and agendize a revised resolution at the January 20, 2009 City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting.



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Attachment

# EXHIBIT 1



2. Begin a seniority-based rotation system in which the senior member of Council/Redevelopment Agency/Public Financing Authority, who has not served as mayor in the past several years, would be appointed as mayor/chair, and the second senior member appointed as mayor pro tem/vice chair.

#### MAYOR/CHAIR ROTATION

Seniority for the mayor/chair position would be based on the number of years serving on the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Public Financing Authority without being appointed to the mayor/chair position. For example, the December 2, 2008 mayor/chair rotation would be (1) F. Richard Jones, (2) Don Bankhead, (3) Pam Keller, (4) Shawn Nelson, and (5) Sharon Quirk. The December 2009 mayor/chair rotation would be (1) Don Bankhead, (2) Pam Keller, (3) Shawn Nelson, (4) Sharon Quirk, and (5) F. Richard Jones. The rotation would continue until all councilmembers have served as mayor/chair. The process would then begin again with the senior councilmember serving as mayor/chair. Should the councilmember (in the first position) due to serve his/her term as mayor/chair elect not to serve, he/she will be placed in the last position (5<sup>th</sup> position) of the rotation list and the councilmember in the second position will then serve as mayor/chair.

In the case where two or three new councilmembers (not including re-elected incumbents) are elected in the same year, the councilmember who received the highest number of votes would be placed in front of the other newly elected councilmembers on the Mayor/Chair rotation list. The newly elected councilmember with the second highest number of votes in the election would be placed after the highest vote getter, and continuing with the third newly elected councilmember.

#### MAYOR PRO TEM/VICE CHAIR ROTATION

The December 2, 2008 mayor pro tem/vice chair rotation would be (1) Don Bankhead, (2) Pam Keller, (3) Shawn Nelson, (4) Sharon Quirk, and (5) F. Richard Jones. The December 2009 mayor pro tem/vice chair rotation would be (1) Pam Keller, (2) Shawn Nelson, (3) Sharon Quirk, (4) F. Richard Jones, and (5) Don Bankhead. The rotation would continue until all councilmembers have served as mayor pro tem/vice chair. The process would then begin again as noted above. Should the councilmember (in the first position) due to serve his/her term as mayor pro tem/vice chair elect not to serve, he/she will be placed in the last position (5<sup>th</sup> position) of the rotation list and the councilmember in the second position will then serve as mayor pro tem/vice chair.

In the case where two or three new councilmembers (not including re-elected incumbents) are elected in the same year, the councilmember who received the highest number of votes would be placed in front of the other newly elected councilmembers on the Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair rotation list. The newly elected councilmember with the second highest number of votes in the election would be placed after the highest vote getter, and continuing with the third newly elected councilmember.

3. An alternate appointment process deemed appropriate by the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Public Financing Authority.



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# EXHIBIT 2

Richman/Valencia/West Neighborhood Property Acquisition Project to pay costs associated with property acquisition and reasonable closing costs;

- (3) Authorize the Executive Director to execute the purchase agreement and take all actions reasonably necessary to complete the transaction.

Motion carried 5-0.

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Existing policy to remain in place with addition of medians be specifically identified as areas that would be given higher enforcement priority due to public safety and traffic issues; and any type of signs posted in medians be removed and destroyed by staff.

22. POLITICAL SIGNS AND HANDBILL GUIDELINES

It was moved by Nelson, seconded by Bankhead, to have the existing sign policy remain in place and no additional enforcement be done in the public right of way; medians be specifically identified as areas with a higher enforcement priority due to public safety and traffic issues; and any type of signs posted in medians be removed and destroyed by staff.

Motion carried 4-1, Keller opposed.

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23. MAYOR/CHAIR, MAYOR PRO TEM/VICE CHAIR SELECTION PROCESS

It was moved by Bankhead, seconded by Nelson, to table Mayor/Chair, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Selection Process.

As an alternate motion, it was moved by Keller, seconded by Quirk, to continue the Mayor/Chair, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Selection Process to the March 4, 2008, 6:30 p.m. City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting and directed staff to provide more selection options.

Alternate motion failed, 2-3, Bankhead, Jones, and Nelson opposed.

Original motion carried 5-0.