

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM52.23	ACTION			Ward:All
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Designation of a Member in the Event of the Absence of the Deputy Mayor - by Deputy Mayor Norman Kelly, seconded by Councillor John Parker

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Deputy Mayor Norman Kelly, seconded by Councillor John Parker, recommends that:

1. City Council designate Councillor Mike Del Grande to assume the role of the Deputy Mayor, including all the powers and duties of the Deputy Mayor, if in the opinion of the City Clerk Deputy Mayor Kelly is absent from the City or is absent due to illness.

Summary

City Council should designate another Member of City Council to serve in Deputy Mayor Kelly's place in the event both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are absent.

Mayor Rob Ford is absent and Deputy Mayor Norman Kelly has assumed the powers and responsibilities of the Mayor for the duration of the Mayor's absence.

In the event both Mayor Ford and Deputy Mayor Kelly are absent, there is no provision for another Member to assume the Mayor's powers and duties, other than convening a special meeting of City Council to appoint one.

City Council should designate another Member of City Council to serve in Deputy Mayor Kelly's place in the event both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are absent.

City Council should consider this Motion as soon as possible. Designating another Member to act in the Deputy Mayor's place ensures continuity in the event both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are absent.

Reasons for designating another Member

If both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were absent, there would be no one to exercise their

powers and duties, including:

- Chairing meetings of various committees
- Calling special meetings of City Council and certain committees
- Carrying out duties of the Deputy Mayor in the event of an emergency
- Signing various documents and instruments
- Supervising the work of the staff of the Mayor's Office and the Deputy Mayor's Office

While it is true that City Council could meet to appoint another Member to act as Deputy Mayor should it be necessary, there would be time and effort required to call a special meeting of City Council by petition and there would be a gap in time when no one holds the powers of Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

No title associated with the designation

There is no title associated with this designation. Councillor Del Grande would only be addressed as Deputy Mayor if Deputy Mayor Kelly is absent.

How the powers and duties transfer

Councillor Del Grande would only assume the powers and duties of the Deputy Mayor (and the Mayor during Mayor Ford's absence) if the City Clerk is of the opinion that Deputy Mayor Kelly is absent from the City or is absent due to illness. The City Clerk will notify Members of City Council and the City Manager should this occur.

When Deputy Mayor Kelly is no longer absent, the powers and duties of the Deputy Mayor would revert to him.

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Background Information (City Council)

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