

COUNCIL CHAMBER

June 14, 2023

WHEREAS, the city council has determined that the process for electing the mayor pro tem and deputy mayor pro tem be codified in the City Council Rules of Procedure to provide uniformity, transparency, and clarity; and

WHEREAS, the city council desires to require a ballot procedure for nomination and election of mayor pro tem and deputy mayor pro tem; and

WHEREAS, the city council desires that the mayor pro tem and deputy mayor pro tem be elected for one-year terms; and

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That Section 5, "Chairs and Duties," of the City Council Rules of Procedure is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 5 OFFICERS [CHAIR] AND DUTIES.

5.1. **Chair.** The mayor, if present, shall preside as chair at all meetings of the city council. In the absence of the mayor, the mayor pro tem shall preside. In the absence of both the mayor and mayor pro tem, the deputy mayor pro tem shall preside. In the absence of all three, the council shall elect a chair. If the mayor vacates the chair during a meeting, and the mayor pro tem or deputy mayor pro tem is not available, the mayor may, subject to the approval of the city council, appoint a temporary chair. The first adjournment puts an end to this appointment. [City Charter Chapter III §2 and §11]

5.2. **Election of Mayor Pro Tem and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem.** On the day the city council takes office, the city council shall elect a mayor pro tem and a deputy mayor pro tem to serve one-year terms that expire on the first Monday following the first voting agenda meeting in June. Before the end of the initial one-year terms the city council shall elect a mayor pro tem and a deputy mayor pro tem to serve one-year terms that expire on the day a new city council takes office. If the position of mayor pro tem or deputy mayor pro tem becomes vacant, the city council shall elect a mayor pro tem or deputy mayor pro tem to serve for the remainder of the one-year term. Nominations and elections will be conducted by ballot at a regular meeting or special called meeting of the city council.

5.3. **Call to Order.** The meetings of the city council shall be called to order by the mayor or, in the mayor's absence, by the mayor pro tem or, in the mayor pro tem's absence, by the deputy mayor pro tem. In the absence of the mayor, mayor pro tem, and deputy mayor pro tem, the meeting shall be called to order by the city secretary.

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5.4[3]. **Preservation of Order.** The chair shall preserve order and decorum, call upon the sergeant-at-arms as necessary to enforce compliance with the rules, and confine members in debate to the question under discussion.

5.5[4]. **Questions to be Stated.** The chair shall state all questions submitted for a vote and announce the result. A roll call vote shall be taken when requested by a member in accordance with Subsection 4.6.

5.6[5]. **Call for Recess.** The chair may call for a 10-minute recess at regular intervals of approximately one hour at appropriate points in the meeting agenda.”

SECTION 2. That the City Council Rules of Procedure, as amended, will remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this resolution.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.