

Item No. 6
October 6, 2026
City Council Meeting

**CONSIDERATION OF A POLICY
REGARDING THE VICE MAYOR
APPOINTMENT PROCESS**





Vice Mayor

- Vice Mayor is selected at the City Council's Annual Organizational Meeting from among Councilmembers
- Vice Mayor shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Mayor during the latter's absence or disability (Charter Section 408)
- If a vacancy occurs in the Office of Mayor, an Acting Mayor is selected from among Councilmembers (Charter Section 407, previously was role of the Vice Mayor)



Historic Practice of the City Council

- Appoint the longest serving City Councilmember who has not yet served as Vice Mayor
- Two one-year appointments
- One two-year appointment
- There have been cases where a Councilmember has served a single one-year term



Vice Mayor – History

NAME	DISTRICT	START OF SERVICE YEAR	YEARS OF SERVICE	VICE MAYOR TERM
Joyce Streater	D1	1995	4	1999 - 2001
Paul Little	D2	1995	6	2001 - 2003
Sidney Tyler	D7	1997	6	2003 - 2005
Steve Madison	D6	1999	6	2005 - 2007
Steve Haderlein	D4	1999	8	2007 – 2009
Victor Gordo	D5	2001	8	2009 – 2011
Margaret McAustin	D2	2007	4	2011 – 2013
Jacque Robinson	D1	2007	6	2013 – 2015
Gene Masuda	D4	2011	4	2015 – 2017
John Kennedy	D3	2013	4	2017 – 2019
Tyron Hampton*	D1	2015	4	2019 – 2020
Andy Wilson	D7	2015 (Appt)	5	2020 – 2022
Felicia Williams	D2	2020	2	2022 – 2023
Steve Madison	D6	1999	24	2023 – 2024
Jess Rivas	D5	2021 (Appt)	3	2024 - 2026

* Served as Vice Mayor from May 6, 2019 to December 7, 2020 – transition from odd to even year elections



Policy for Selecting Vice Mayor

Staff directed to return with information on the creation of a succession order for the Vice Mayor position, including consecutive one-year terms

- Take no action; continue with current practice; or
- Adopt a policy as part the City Council meeting policy resolution, or as a stand-alone resolution; or
- Adopt an ordinance to codify policy in the Pasadena Municipal Code



Suggested Policy

Suggested policy

- Consistent with the longstanding practice of the City Council, the longest-serving Councilmember who has not yet served as Vice Mayor will be considered the next-in-line to serve as Vice Mayor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any action of the City Council, as stated in City Charter Section 506, requires five affirmative votes to be valid. If any Councilmember nominated for Vice Mayor does not receive five affirmative votes, the City Council may nominate and elect another Councilmember to serve as Vice Mayor. Nothing in this policy shall prevent the City Council from electing the same person to serve as Vice Mayor for a second one-year term.