



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 17-00646

City Council

8/30/2020

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Vice President Sherri F. Myers

SUBJECT:

AMENDING SECTION 3.01 OF CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council amend Section 3.01 of the Council Rules and Procedures to have the offices of President and Vice-President be elected on a rotating basis by District.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

Currently Section 3.01 - Election of Officers - of the Council Rules and Procedures states in part:

Nominations for the offices of President and Vice President of the City Council shall be submitted in writing to the City Clerk by individual members in November each year no later than five (5) days prior to the Council meeting held to elect those officers as provided in the City Charter....A member may nominate himself or herself...If more than one member is nominated, voting shall be by written ballot and if one member does not receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the existing membership of Council, the member receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and balloting shall continue until the officer is elected by such a majority.

Section 4.03 - City Council Procedures - (e) - President, Vice President of City Council of the City Charter states in part:

The City Council shall elect one of its Members as president and another as vice president on the fourth Tuesday in November of each year....

The Charter is silent to the process for the election; the process is covered within Section 3.01 of Council Rules and Procedures.

This amendment proposes a change from the nomination system to an election of officers based on a rotation between districts. If an individual district representative declines the position, it would then move to the next sequential district.

This process lends itself to creating a more stable and collegial environment in selection of the City Council President and Vice President.

PRIOR ACTION:

July 18, 2016 - Council Rules and Procedures approved by City Council

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Proposed amendment to Council Rules Section 3.01

PRESENTATION: No