

Article III. MAYOR

Section 2.

The mayor shall preside over all meetings of the council but shall not have a vote on the council. The mayor may call a special meeting of the council. The mayor shall exercise the veto power as provided in Article II. The mayor shall appoint and may remove the vice-mayor and the chair of all committees of the council without the advice and consent of the council. The mayor shall assign all legislative matters to the appropriate committee for consideration except under the following circumstances: (1) if a legislative matter is not assigned by the mayor by the second regularly scheduled meeting of council following the date the matter was submitted to the clerk of council, then the clerk of council shall assign the legislative matter to an appropriate committee for placement on the agenda at the committee's next regularly scheduled meeting; and (2) motions and non-legislative resolutions on the council calendar may be immediately considered by council upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members. The mayor may propose and introduce legislation for council consideration.

Each ordinance assigned to a committee shall be placed by the committee chair on the agenda no later than the third regularly scheduled committee meeting after referral unless the legislative sponsor (or sponsors) of the ordinance grants an extension of time to the clerk of council in writing. If a committee votes to recommend passage of an ordinance, the mayor shall place it on the council calendar for passage no later than the third regularly scheduled council meeting after committee approval, unless the legislative sponsor (or sponsors) grants an extension of time to the clerk of council in writing. For purposes of this paragraph, "legislative sponsor" means a member of council, or the mayor, who introduced and submitted the legislation to the clerk of council.

The mayor shall be recognized as the official head and representative of the city for all purposes, except as provided otherwise in this charter.

The mayor shall appoint the city manager upon an affirmative vote of five members of the council following the mayor's recommendation for appointment. Prior to the vote, the mayor shall seek the advice of council, to include the opportunity for council to interview the candidates considered by the mayor. Should the council not approve the recommendation of the mayor, the mayor may submit another recommendation or institute a new search. The mayor, with the advice of council, shall have the authority to initiate and recommend to the council the removal of the city manager, provided that such removal shall require an affirmative vote of five members of the council. A temporary appointment to the position of city manager that may be required by reason of a vacancy in the office shall be submitted by the mayor to the council for its approval prior to the appointment.

The mayor shall deliver an annual address to the council and citizens of the city reporting on the state of the city and making recommendations for the establishment and achievement of future city goals.

The mayor shall transmit to the council the annual budget estimate prepared by the city manager. The transmittal shall occur within 15 days after receipt from the city manager and may include a letter commenting on the proposed budget.

The mayor shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter or as may be imposed by council, consistent with the office. The mayor shall be recognized as the official head of the city for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for the purpose of serving civil process, and by the governor for military purposes.

In time of public danger or emergency, the mayor may, with the consent of the council, take command of the police, maintain order and enforce the law.

The mayor shall appoint his or her assistants in the unclassified service and shall fix their salaries. Such assistants shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and shall constitute the mayoral service. All other appointments to be made by the mayor shall be made with the advice and consent of the council except as otherwise provided in this charter.