

ARTICLE 8 Council

Section 1. Where Powers Vested Except as this Charter provides otherwise, all powers of the City shall be vested in the Council and the Mayor.

Section 2. Composition The Council shall be composed of six (6) Council members elected in the City at large and by position number. Each position shall bear a number running from one (No. 1) through six (No. 6), and any candidate for Council shall, starting with his/her nominating petition, designate the number of the Council seat to which he/she seeks election; further, one candidate may only run for one position at an election.

The Council members whose terms of office expire with the end of 1972 shall be assigned seat numbers 1, 3 and 5; 1974 shall be assigned seat numbers 2, 4 and 6. Within the scope of the preceding provision, the Council shall forthwith determine by lot the numbers to be assigned to the incumbent Council members.

Section 3. Council Meetings and Rules The Council shall hold a regular meeting in the City at least once each month at a time and place which it designates. Other meetings may be called as the Council deems necessary, with notice given the Mayor and Council members and the public as provided by ordinance. Minutes of any such special meeting shall be presented at the next regular Council meeting. The Council shall adopt rules for its proceedings.

Section 4. Quorum The Mayor and not less than three (3) of the Council members, or four (4) of the Council members, shall constitute a quorum for conducting Council business.

Section 5. Journal The Council shall cause a record of its proceedings to be kept. Upon request of the Mayor or any of the Council members, the ayes and nays upon any question before it shall be taken and entered in the record.

Section 6. Proceedings to be Public No action by the Council shall have legal effect unless the motion for the action and the vote thereon take place at proceedings open to the public.

Section 7. Mayor's Function at Council Meetings The Mayor shall preside over the deliberations of the Council. He/she shall have authority to preserve order, enforce the rules of the Council, and determine the order of business under the rules of the Council.

Section 8. Chair of the Council At the first regular meeting of the Council in January of each year, the Council shall by ballot elect a Chair of the Council from its membership to serve for one (1) year. He/she shall, during all times when the Mayor is absent or unable to attend to his/her duties or act in any matter, have and exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Mayor, except that he/she shall retain his/her Council member's right to vote. If, at any meeting of the Council, both Mayor and Chair are absent, the Council members present shall elect one of their number as Chair Pro Tem, who shall preside at that meeting.

Section 9. Vote Required Except as this Charter otherwise provides, the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Council present at a Council meeting shall be necessary to decide any question before the Council.