

Council Business Meeting

February 21, 2023

Agenda Item	Chair of the Council Election by the City Council	
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SUMMARY

The election of Tonya Graham, City Councilor for Position No. 2, to fill the Mayoral vacancy now requires the Council elect her replacement to the Chair of the Council position. The Chair of the Council's role is to perform the duties of the Mayor in those times of absence or inability of the Mayor to attend to their duties.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

The Ashland City Charter outlines the responsibilities for the Chair of the Council and the procedure for their selection:

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.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

Each year, the Council votes one Councilor to become the Chair of the Council.

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

FISCAL IMPACTS

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

I move to confirm _____ as Chair of the Council for one year.

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

None