

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Confirmation of 2015 City Council Officers

Meeting Date: February 9, 2015
Department: Central Services
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Agenda Item Number: 2D
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This item is to officially confirm the election of the 2015 City Council President and Vice President.

BACKGROUND

Each year the City Council elects a new president and vice president. The City Charter and City Code specify the office of Council President; the City Code outlines the process of selecting the President and Vice President.

Section 13 of the Charter states:

“Council - President.

(1) Each year, at the first regular meeting of the council, or as soon as practicable, the council shall choose by ballot one of its members to serve as council president.

(2) The council president shall preside at council meetings when the mayor is absent.

(3) The council president shall function as mayor, with the powers and subject to the limitations of the office of mayor when the mayor:

(a) is absent from the city on leave granted by the council;

(b) has been absent from the city for 30 days or more; or

(c) has been physically unable to function as mayor for 30 days or more.”

Further, the Section 2.009 of the City Code states:

(1) The council president shall be elected for a one-year term. That person who has served the longest on the council and has not previously acted as council president shall normally be entitled to election as the president. A councilor may be re-elected as president of the council only after the expiration of one year from the date the councilor last served as such president unless two-thirds of the total membership of the council votes otherwise. A councilor will not be eligible to be elected president who has not served as a councilor for at least two years.

(2) The vice-president of the council shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the president of the council. A vice-president may be nominated and elected as president.

(3) The candidates for president and vice-president of the council shall be nominated and elected by a majority vote at the first regular meeting of the council in each calendar year.”

Because the first regular meeting of 2015 was not scheduled to occur until February 9, the council elected Councilor Syrett and Councilor Evans to the positions of President and Vice President, respectively, on January 14, with the understanding that official confirmation of these actions would not occur until February 9.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager has no recommendation on this item.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to confirm the election of Councilor Claire Syrett as the 2015 City Council President and Councilor Greg Evans as the 2015 City Council Vice President.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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