

Request for Recommendation

Appointment of Priorities Chair and Vice-Chair for the term ending December 31, 2009

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Recommendation

That Councillor _____ be appointed Chair and Councillor _____ be appointed Vice-Chair of the Priorities Committee for the term ending December 31, 2009 or until his/her successor is appointed, whichever occurs later.

Background

Article 33 of the Procedure By-law provides for the annual appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Priorities Committee. Both the Chair and Vice-Chair are eligible for reappointment for a second term.

No Member of Council shall simultaneously serve as a Deputy Mayor or Chair of Planning, Priorities or Finance Committees.

Remuneration

The Chair of the Priorities Committee is currently paid \$4,277 per annum.

Selection

The selection of the Priorities Committee Chair and Vice-Chair is to be conducted in accordance with Article 37 of the Procedure by-law.

In the event more than one candidate is nominated for either the Chair or Vice-Chair positions, then the voting process to be used will be decided by the Priorities Committee at the outset of the meeting.

In the event a Member of Council requests a paper vote, a supply of simultaneous written votes has been prepared.

In order to be appointed, the applicant must receive a majority of votes (i.e. if all thirteen Members of Council are present, the applicant would require seven (7) votes to be appointed). In the event of an equality of votes, then the successful candidate is to be determined by lot conducted by the Clerk.

Where no applicant receives the majority required for appointment and where two or more applicants are tied with the least number of votes, a special roll call vote shall be taken to decide which of the tied

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applicants with the least number of votes shall be dropped from the list of names to be voted on in the next vote.

It is always in order for a Member of Council to nominate themselves and to vote for themselves.

Under Robert's Rules of Order a nomination does not need a second.

ARTICLE 37**NOMINATION COMMITTEE - CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS****37.1 Made by Committee of the Whole- Procedure**

Appointments to the various local boards, Advisory Panels and corporations of the City shall be recommended by the Nomination Committee at a meeting called for that purpose. In making such appointments, the procedure set out in this article shall apply unless otherwise provided in a shareholders' declaration.

37.2 Advertising - position - requirements - to local citizens

At least thirty (30) days prior to the Committee meeting at which a Citizen appointment is scheduled to be considered, the Clerk shall place an advertisement in a local newspaper to run on at least two occasions and place an advertisement on radio or television or both, as the Clerk deems advisable, on at least one (1) occasion outlining the position to be filled and inviting applications from interested citizens. A copy of each advertisement shall be provided to each Member of the Committee.

37.3 Applications - in writing - time limitation

All Citizen applications for appointment must be in writing and received by the Clerk at least four (4) clear days prior to the meeting of the Committee.

37.4 Applications - qualifying - included - Committee of the Whole Agenda

Copies of all applications received for each position from qualifying applicants shall be included with the agenda material for the Committee of the Whole meeting concerned.

37.5 Applicants - qualified - exact number - motion

Where there are only the exact number of qualified applicants as required for any position or positions, a motion to appoint the applicants to the position or positions concerned shall be presented and voted upon.

37.6 Applicants - qualified - more than required - selection

If there are more qualified applicants than positions available, then the Committee shall recommend from the qualified applicants the ones to fill the position or positions concerned.

37.7 Roll call vote - Committee - taken - regarding applicants

A roll call vote of the Committee shall be taken with respect to the qualified applicants for each position available.

37.8 Appointment - determined - by vote - exception

If upon the first roll call vote no applicant receives the votes of the majority of Members present, the name of the applicant receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped and the Members shall proceed to vote anew and so continue until either an applicant receives the votes of the majority of Members present, at which time such applicant shall be declared to be the recommended candidate; or, it becomes apparent by reason of an equality of votes that no applicant can be recommended by the voting process.

37.9 Voting - unsuccessful - position selected - by lot

Where by reason of an equality of votes, it becomes apparent that no applicant can be selected by the voting process, then the recommended applicant shall be the applicant selected by lot by the Clerk.

37.10 Special vote - applicants tied - least number of votes

In the case where no applicant receives the majority required for appointment on a roll call vote, and where two or more applicants are tied with the least number of votes, a special roll call vote shall be taken to decide which of the tied applicants with the least number of votes shall be dropped from the list of names to be voted on in the next roll call vote.

37.11 Staff Member - appointment - conditions

Except where prohibited by law, the Committee may recommend the appointment of a Member of staff to a local board or outside agency in the place of a Member of Council when no Member of Council wishes to be appointed.

37.12 Further votes

If no person receives more than half the votes, the Clerk shall take another vote, excluding the person who received the fewest votes in the previous vote; if two or more persons received the fewest votes, the Clerk shall choose the person to be excluded by lot.

37.13 Term of Appointment - Citizens

Citizens appointed by the Committee to Advisory Panels, local boards and committees shall be appointed for the term of office coinciding with the term of Council, or the terms set out in such appointments, and until their successors are appointed unless otherwise provided by Council, the Committee or by law.

37.14 Council Appointments - ballots

At the first regular meeting of a new Council, or as soon thereafter as is reasonable, Council shall appoint Members to Committees by way of simultaneous, written, signed ballots which will be read aloud by the Clerk and recorded in the minutes.

37.15 Council Appointments - destruction of ballots

These ballots, as well as ballots used for simultaneous roll-call votes generally, may be destroyed by the Clerk and need not be retained following the confirmation of the minutes.

EXAMPLES OF VOTES
(All Members of Council Present - Four Nominees)

Candidate	Votes Received
A	6
B	4
C	3
D	0

Result: Candidate D is dropped from the next vote.

Candidate	Votes Received
A	5
B	4
C	3
D	1

Result: Candidate D is dropped from the next vote.

(All Members of Council Present)
(Three Nominees Remaining)

Candidate	Votes Received
A	6
B	4
C	3

Result: Candidate C is dropped from the next vote.

Candidate	Votes Received
A	5
B	3
C	3
D	1

Result:

1. Candidate D is dropped.
2. A special roll call vote is taken to decide which of the tied Candidates B or C shall be dropped from the list of names to be voted on in the next roll call vote.
3. Then a roll call vote shall be taken of the remaining two Candidates: A and one of B or C.

**THE CONSEQUENCES OF SAMPLE TIE VOTES
(All Members of Council Present - Five Nominees)**

Candidate	Votes Received
A	3
B	4
C	2
D	2
E	2

Result:

1. A special roll call vote is taken to decide which of the tied Candidates C, D, or E) shall be dropped from the list of nominees to be voted on in the next roll call vote.
2. Then a roll call vote shall be taken of the remaining four Candidates: A, B and two of C, D or E.

**THE CONSEQUENCES OF SAMPLE ZERO VOTES
(All Members of Council Present - Six Nominees)**

Candidate	Votes Received
A	4
B	4
C	2
D	3
E	0
F	0

Result:

1. Candidates E and F are dropped from the next vote.
2. Then a roll call vote shall be taken of the remaining four Candidates: A, B, C and D.