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Agenda Date: 5 September 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Albany City Council Members

From: Councilmembers Jordan and Miki

Re: Adjustment to Council reorganization policy

RECOMMENDATIONS

Direct staff to prepare a resolution approving an amendment to the Council reorganization policy to preclude a Councilmember who will be termed out in one year from being appointed Vice Mayor for the next year.

BACKGROUND

With the passage of [Resolution No. 2021-44](#) on 17 May 2021, the Council approved various changes to its [Procedures and Policies](#). Among these changes were amending Procedure Section L regarding Council reorganization to specify an order for appointing Councilmembers Mayor and Vice Mayor.

DISCUSSION

As currently established, the order for appointing Vice Mayor requires doing so regarding a Councilmember who will be termed out in one year. This fails to realize one of the utilities of the position of Vice Mayor – preparing to subsequently serve as Mayor. To allay this, a proposed amendment to the Council reorganization policy to preclude a member terming out in one year from being appointed Vice Mayor is attached.

The amendment also proposes reordering and reformatting the policy along with various language clarifications and corrections for ease of comprehension and use. Recommended language changes are tracked in the second attachment. Recommended changes in order and format are not tracked because the result would obscure the recommended language changes. Instead, the existing policy is attached for comparison.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The recommended action does not have sustainability implications.

SOCIAL EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed amendment would maximize the probability that a Council member would have a chance to learn as Vice Mayor in advance of becoming Mayor. This would facilitate a less stressful and more effective commencement as Mayor by Council members with less institutional knowledge.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

The recommended actions have no nexus with the Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The recommended action does not have financial implications beyond minimal staff time to prepare the proposed resolution.

Attachments:

1. Council Procedures Section L-1 (redlined)
2. Council Procedures Section L-1 (clean version)