

6/24/2019

RESOLUTION M- 4016

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of the City of Vancouver a proposal to amend Article II, Section 2.08 of the City Charter to require the City Council to adopt rules and procedures for filling vacancies on the Council including provisions for public notice of vacancies and public interviews of applicants.

WHEREAS, a Charter Review Committee (“Committee”) was appointed by the City Council on December 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Committee held eight meetings between January 24 and June 6, 2019, to review proposed amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee presented their recommendations to the City Council on June 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed hearing on the 24th day of June, 2019 and considered the recommendations of the Committee and voted to submit the proposed amendment to the Charter below to the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. That the following amendment to Article II, Section 2.08 of the City Charter, requiring the City Council to adopt rules and procedures for filling council vacancies including provisions for public notice and public interviews of applicants, be submitted to the voters of the City of Vancouver:

(Proposed language to be deleted is shown by ~~strike through~~. Added language is shown by underline.)

Article II

Section 2.08 Vacancies in Council: Vacancies in the city council shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the city council, but such appointee shall hold office only until the next regular general election, at which time a person shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The city council shall adopt rules and procedures for filling council vacancies which shall include provisions for public notice of such vacancy and public interviews of the applicants selected for interview. In the event of the extended excused absence or disability of a councilmember, which shall include, without limitation, the period the mayor pro tempore serves as mayor in case of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the remaining members of the city council shall have the power to appoint a councilmember pro tempore to serve during the absence or disability.

ADOPTED at regular session of the Council of the City of Vancouver, this 24th day of June, 2014.

Signed this 24th day of June, 2019.

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City of Vancouver
Proposed Charter Amendment No. 3

Concerns requiring adoption of specific procedures for filling Council vacancies

This amendment to Section 2.08 of the City of Vancouver's charter would require that the City Council adopt specific rules and procedures for filling Council vacancies including provisions for public notice of such vacancies and that interviews of applicants for the position be done in public.

Should this amendment to the Charter be enacted?

Yes

No

Explanatory statement:

Current Law: The charter requires that vacancies on the City Council be filled through a majority vote of the remaining councilmembers but does not define the procedures by which Council appoints applicants.

Result of passage: This amendment to Section 2.08 would require the City Council to adopt specific rules and procedures for filling Council vacancies including provisions for public notice of such vacancies and that interviews of applicants for the position be done in public.

Full Text:

Section 2.08 Vacancies in Council: Vacancies in the city council shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the city council, but such appointee shall hold office only until the next regular general election, at which time a person shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The city council shall adopt rules and procedures for filling council vacancies which shall include provisions for public notice of such vacancy and public interviews of the applicants selected for interview. In the event of the extended excused absence or disability of a councilmember, which shall include, without limitation, the period the mayor pro tempore serves as mayor in case of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the remaining members of the city council shall have the power to appoint a councilmember pro tempore to serve during the absence or disability.