## **Council Photo Archives**

We have had a tradition of hanging photos of all council members, past and present, on our hallway walls. This has been a wonderful tradition and I'm not sure if this seen in other City Halls. In almost 6 decades, we have collected and hung over 78 photos of mayors and council members – however, they are of various sizes, framing, and quality. Due to the visual inconsistencies and lack of space, we may need to consider other options.

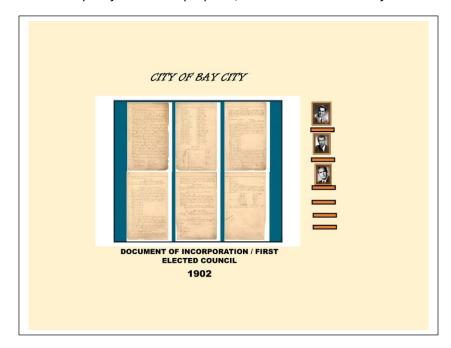
For example, Mayor Ernest Opella's photo has faded from sun light. His family brought in a framed, but larger photo to hang in its place. To hang this larger photo, all the current photos will need to be shifted/rearranged. Currently, there is no remaining space to accommodate the larger Opella photo, former Mayor Mark Bricker's photo, or current and future photos of mayors. Another concern is where will we hang new council photos – next council will be hanging out around the restrooms.

Another concern is the preservation of these photos. I am proposing the removal of all photos from the walls and digitally archive them. Actual photos will be properly stored in archive quality storage boxes for photos.

In addition, I would like to propose keeping a historical listing of Mayor and Council on our website with a link to their photo (if website space allows). Having the listing on our website would be useful for those doing genealogy and a great visual of their relatives and descendants.

Option to consider to display:

a. Current Mayor and Council on west wall (by the City Manager office) and 1902 Documents of Incorporation and those elected as first council on the south wall (Mayor wall).



A crude sample of south wall proposal, recommend assistance from Historical Commission.

The south wall is one that the public most frequently stops to look at. The north hallway is not *frequented by the public other than the restroom use.* 





