

Notes from City Charter RE

Election of *Mayor & Mayor Pro Tem*:

- **Section 4.5. - Election of Mayor.**

The City Commission shall at its first meeting following each regular City election, elect one of its members to serve as Mayor for a term expiring at the first Commission meeting following the next regular City election.

- **Section 4.6. - Duties of Mayor.**

(a) Insofar as required by law, and for all ceremonial purposes, the Mayor shall be recognized as the head of the City. He shall have an equal voice and vote in the proceedings of the Commission, but shall have no veto power. He shall be the presiding officer of the Commission.

(b) He shall be a conservator of the peace, and may exercise within the City the powers conferred upon sheriffs to suppress disorder, and shall have the power to command the assistance of all able-bodied citizens to aid in the enforcement of the ordinances of the City, and to suppress riot and disorderly conduct.

(c) He shall authenticate by his signature such instruments as the Commission, this Charter, or the laws of the State of Michigan or of the United States shall require.

(d) He shall exercise only such powers as the state laws, this Charter, or the Commission shall specifically confer upon or require of him.

- **Section 4.7. - Mayor Pro Tem.**

The City Commission may designate a Mayor Pro Tem. to perform the duties of the Mayor when, because of absence from the City, disability, or otherwise, the Mayor is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office.