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December 13, 2023  
File Number 0610-70

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## **SUBJECT**

### **DEPUTY MAYOR APPOINTMENT**

## **DEPARTMENT**

City Clerk's Office

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Request the City Council appoint a Deputy Mayor in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-28.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (City Clerk: Zack Beck, City Clerk)

Presenter: Zack Beck, City Clerk

## **BACKGROUND**

On November 18, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2020-28, which amended Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 2-24 of the Escondido Municipal Code as follows:

Sec. 2-24. Deputy Mayor Selection.

- (a) The city council shall meet on the first Wednesday following certification of the results of the general municipal election and select a deputy mayor by appointment from among the councilmembers. If the deputy mayor leaves elected office, the city council shall appoint a new deputy mayor at the next regular city council meeting.
- (b) The deputy mayor shall serve a one-year term.
- (c) The deputy mayor position shall rotate among councilmembers representing the four council districts.
  - (1) The city council shall appoint the deputy mayor based on seniority in current office. Each councilmember shall be appointed deputy mayor at least once during their four-year term in office.



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- (2) If multiple councilmembers have the same seniority at the time of appointment, the city council shall appoint the deputy mayor based on the highest votes received in the general election.
- (3) If a councilmember fails or refuses to serve as deputy mayor, the councilmember shall not serve as deputy mayor until the other three councilmembers have another opportunity for appointment.
- (d) No city councilmember should be appointed deputy mayor during their first year in office.
- (e) The city council retains the right to appoint the deputy mayor by majority vote, notwithstanding subsection (b), whenever it deems necessary.