



## **AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS**

Project/Issue Name: 23-R-56 A Resolution of the City Council Excusing Absences of Council Member Pool.

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### **Issue Statement**

To excuse absences as required by the Charter for a Council Member to remain in their seat after 3+ missed meetings.

### **Discussion and/or Analysis**

Council Member Gerry Pool was elected to serve Ward II at the regular Municipal Election held on April 6, 2021.

According to Article 3.6 of the City of Republic's Charter, a Council Member shall forfeit office if the Council Member fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Council without being excused by the Council.

On May 3, 2022, the City Council voted to excuse absences by Council Member Pool after 7 consecutive absences from Council Meetings.

Council Member Pool has since missed three consecutive regular session meetings and has attended less than 50% of all City Council Meetings for 2023. In order for Council Member Pool to remain in her Ward II seat, Council would need to vote to excuse her absences as they did in 2022.

### **Recommended Action**

As this pertains to City a Council Member, staff does not have a recommendation as this falls under Article 3.7 of the City of Republic's Charter, "the Council shall be the judge of the qualifications of its members and of the grounds for forfeiture of their office".