AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 3, 2019

Subject: Council Reorganization

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Attachment(s):
None

Initiated by:
City Council

Fiscal Impact:
None

Environmental Review:
Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:
- Which individuals do Council wish to serve as Mayor and Vice Mayor for 2019/20?

Summary:
- Councilmembers serve as Mayor or Vice Mayor for one year
- The Council Norms and Procedures outline the process for selecting Mayor and Vice Mayor

Staff Recommendation:
Submit nominations for Mayor and Vice Mayor for 2019/20

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Purpose
To select a Mayor and Vice Mayor for 2019/20.

Background
Section 2.2 of the Council Norms and Procedures details the process for the Election of Mayor (for complete text of the section, see the Council Norms and Procedures):

"Election of Mayor. Only Council members elected by the voters may serve as Mayor…the term of office shall be one year. The Council member must have served at least 23 months to be eligible for Mayor. A majority vote of the Council is necessary to designate the Mayor. If there is at least one elected Council member with a minimum of 23 months of service who has not served as Mayor, he or she shall be designated Mayor before those who have already served as Mayor."

Section 2.3 outlines the process for the Election of Vice Mayor (for complete text of the section, see the Council Norms and Procedures):

"Election of Vice Mayor. Only Council members elected by the voters may serve as Vice Mayor…the selection process for determining who shall serve as Vice Mayor will follow that of Mayor, except the Councilmember must have served at least 11 months to be eligible to serve as Vice Mayor."

Discussion/Analysis
The following is a list of Council members in order of seniority and service record:

- Councilmember Pepper (re-elected in 2016 with the highest number of votes, previously served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2013/14, Vice Mayor in 2018/19 and Mayor in 2014/15)
- Councilmember Bruins (re-elected in 2016 with the second highest number of votes, previously served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2014/15 and Mayor in 2015/16)
- Councilmember Lee Eng (elected in 2016 with the third highest number of votes, previously served as Vice Mayor in 2017/18 and Mayor 2018/19)
- Councilmember Fligor (elected in 2018 with the highest number of votes, no previous service as Vice Mayor or Mayor)
- Councilmember Enander (elected in 2018 with the second highest number of votes, no previous service as Vice Mayor or Mayor)

Any Councilmember may offer a nomination for the position of Mayor, with no second required. If at least three affirmative votes are cast, the nominated member becomes the Mayor.

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Following the selection of Mayor, any Councilmember may offer a nomination for Vice Mayor. A second is not required. If at least three affirmative votes are cast, the nominated member becomes the Vice Mayor.

Seating of Councilmembers
Section 2.1 of the Council Norms and Procedures outlines the process for seating of Councilmembers:

"Seating preferences on the dais shall be made by the Mayor, Vice Mayor and then by seniority of the rest of the members, in that order. If two members have equal seniority based on year elected, then the member with the higher vote count in their most recent election is considered to have higher seniority."

Options

1) Submit nominations for Mayor and Vice Mayor for 2019/20

Advantages: Allows for the selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor for 2019/20

Disadvantages: None identified

2) Alter the process and/or timing for selecting Mayor and Vice Mayor for 2019/20

Advantages: None identified

Disadvantages: This may delay the selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor

Recommendation
The staff recommends Option 1.