



CITY OF DEL MAR CITY COUNCIL POLICY BOOK

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POLICY:

Del Mar Municipal Code, Section 2.20.020 A and B, addresses when the City Council shall meet to install newly elected Council members and states that its members shall choose one of its members as Mayor and one of its members as Deputy Mayor by motion of the Council and three affirmative votes. It further states that the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor shall serve a term of one year, or until a successor for each position is chosen.

1. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are members of the City Council and are annually elected by majority vote of the City Council at the first regular meeting in December or, in the case of an election year, upon certification of the election results. As a member of the City Council, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor shall have all the powers of a member.
2. In choosing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, it is the tradition of the Council to place the top two vote getters in any one election into a queue to rotate into the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor. In each City Council election, the person with the most votes shall be placed first in the rotation of that group, the second highest vote getter will be placed second, and in the years when there is a third seat contest, the third highest vote getter will be placed third in that rotation. However, the Council member who received the third most votes in an election year filling three seats will not be in the queue for either Deputy Mayor or Mayor but would be in rotation should the Council member traditionally rotating into the Deputy Mayor or Mayor position be unavailable to serve in that role.
3. In case of appointment to the City Council to fill a vacancy, that person will occupy the last position in the current rotation. Each new election will determine the rotation only for the group in that election. Should any City Council member not be available to take their regular place in the established rotation, the next person in the rotation will be elevated to the Deputy Mayor's position and the rotation will continue as previously set.
4. In the event there are members of the City Council appointed in lieu of an election, the appointed City Council members will go into a Mayoral rotation based on tenure (seniority) on the City Council. The City Council member with the most tenure on the City Council will be placed first in the rotation of that group. If no seniority exists (e.g. members have the same tenure), then the appointed City Council members will be rotated based on a coin toss conducted at a publicly noticed meeting.