



CITY OF OXNARD

MEMORANDUM

April 24, 1970

To: City Council

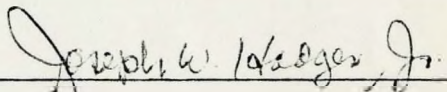
From: City Attorney

SUBJECT: Selection of Mayor on Rotational Basis

Enclosed is a form of ordinance which would provide for selection of the mayor and mayor pro tem on a rotational basis.

The Council may wish to consider a resolution, rather than an ordinance, adopting the policy to rotate the position of mayor among councilmen. One reason for this is that an ordinance would bind the new council taking office in 1972. However, the resolution could be repealed or amended on the same day the mayor is to take office.

One factor to be considered in adopting, whether by resolution or by ordinance, the policy is whether a councilman taking office for the first time should serve as mayor if all of the other councilmen have already served as mayor.



Joseph W. Hodges, Jr.

JWHJr/mwf
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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD ADDING SECTION 2-1.1 TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OXNARD TO PROVIDE FOR THE SELECTION OF A MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.

The City Council of the City of Oxnard does ordain as follows:

PARAGRAPH 1. That Section 2-1.1 is added to the Code of the City of Oxnard to read as follows:

Section 2-1.1. Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

On the Tuesday after the general municipal election and on the third Tuesday of April of intervening years, the City Council shall choose one of its number as mayor and one of its number as mayor pro tempore. The offices shall be filled by rotation among the members of the council. The order of rotation shall be based on seniority, ^{with the aim that all have the opportunity to serve as mayor if desired} except that ^{if the senior councilman} ~~if a majority of the council~~ determines that the senior councilman does not have the personal time, ^{experience in office} good health or interest to carry out the social and ceremonial functions of the office of mayor, ^{he may skip his turn as mayor} the order of rotation may be changed. The seniority ranking of councilmen, elected to the council at the same election, will be based on which received the highest number of votes. ^{A councilman shall serve on the council one year before he is eligible to serve as mayor.}

Provided, however, that until April 18, 1972, the offices of mayor and mayor pro tempore shall be held by the following named councilmen for the following named periods of time:

April 21, 1970 to April 20, 1971:

Mayor Salvatore Sanchez, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tempore R. H. Roussey

April 20, 1971 to October 19, 1971:

Mayor R. H. Roussey
Mayor Pro Tempore Donald H. Miller

October 19, 1971 to April 18, 1972:

Mayor Donald H. Miller
Mayor Pro Tempore A. E. Jewell

In the event one of the above named councilmen vacates his office prior to April 18, 1972, the position of mayor or mayor pro tempore shall be filled as determined by a majority of the council.

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