



# CITY OF OXNARD

## MEMORANDUM

April 21, 1970

**To:** City Council

**From:** City Attorney

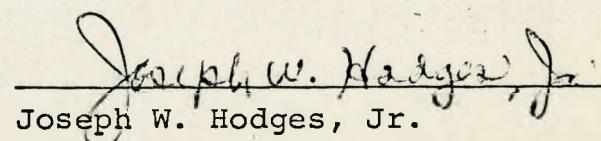
**SUBJECT:** Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Section 36801 of the California Government Code provides as follows:

"The City Council shall meet on the Tuesday after the general municipal election and choose one of its number as mayor, and one of its number as mayor pro tempore."

This section does not prohibit the City Council from adopting an ordinance or an informal procedure providing for the selection of these officers by rotation or by lot. The ordinance or procedure would fix the term of the offices. The council may change these officers during their terms by voting in new officers. However, on the Tuesday after election, the council would have to select the mayor and mayor pro tempore.

In my opinion the council may meet in executive session to pick the mayor and mayor pro tempore.

  
Joseph W. Hodges, Jr.

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