



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Doris Sorum, City Clerk
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SUBJECT: Resolution – Nominating and Electing Council Member Catherine Ushka as the Deputy Mayor of the City of Tacoma – January 4, 2022
DATE: December 28, 2021

SUMMARY:

Nominating and electing Council Member Catherine Ushka to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2022.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

Electing a Deputy Mayor to act as the presiding officer in the Mayor’s absence encourages and promotes an open, effective, results-oriented organization.

BACKGROUND:

Council Member Keith Blocker’s term as Deputy Mayor will expire December 31, 2021. Council Member Catherine Ushka’s interest in serving and seniority status qualifies her as a candidate for Deputy Mayor.

Per Ordinance No. 26767, the Deputy Mayor shall be a member of the City Council and shall be elected by the Council at its first meeting after such office becomes vacant, or as soon thereafter as practical. The term of such office shall be for one year.

ISSUE:

Council Member Keith Blocker’s term as Deputy Mayor will expire December 31, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council can make the nomination and election at a later date, or elect an alternate Council Member.

RECOMMENDATION:

Nominating and electing Council Member Catherine Ushka to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.