



Deputy Mayor Role and Responsibilities

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Key themes from 6/26 OSAC discussion

- Deputy Mayor role feels under-defined beyond “fill in when the Mayor is absent.”
- Balancing the role of Deputy Mayor as senior partner to the Mayor alongside their independence as a council member
- Term length, rotation frequency, general agreement on value of experience for role effectiveness and continuity
- Uncertainty around best approach to potential changes; code/charter/rules, or staffing and process



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Opportunity

Where might the Deputy Mayor's role and expectations benefit from greater intentionality and consistency?



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Research Areas

Role and expectations
of Deputy Mayor

Functional relationship
between Mayor and
Deputy Mayor

Term duration,
eligibility, and selection
methods

Alignment with
concurrent initiatives
(Council staffing, rule
updates)



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Proposed Approach

Internal

- Gather feedback from current & former council members who have served as Deputy Mayor
- Review Council staffing initiative for opportunities and overlap

External

- Review peer jurisdictions with council-manager forms of government
- Comparative role and expectation analysis
- Succession planning and related definitions



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