

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER MEMO

Agenda Item Number: 14.

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: Oct 13, 2016

Action Requested By: City Council

Agenda Type: Ordinance

Subject Matter:

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Exact Wording for the Agenda:

Introduction of an ordinance amending Section 2-63 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville regarding election of City Council officers.

**Note: If amendment, Please state title and number of the original**

Item to be considered for: Introduction

Unanimous Consent Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state why the action is required; why it is recommended; what council action will provide, allow and accomplish and; any other information that might be helpful.

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Associated Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Budgeted Item: Not Applicable

MAYOR RECOMMENDS OR CONCURS: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Head: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 16- \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT ORDINAINED** by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama that Section 2-63 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntsville is amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 2-63(a) is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-63. Election of officers.

(a) Following the oath of office, the members of the city council shall elect, by a majority vote of the council membership, a president, a president pro tempore, and a third presiding officer from among their number. If no member receives a majority of votes for the office of president, a vote shall be taken for the office of president pro tempore. The member receiving a majority of votes for the office of president pro tempore shall preside and serve as president until such time as a president is elected. After a vote is taken for the office of president pro tempore, a vote shall be taken for the office of third presiding officer. No member of the City Council may be elected as President of the City Council for more than two consecutive years.

Section 2. Section 2-63(c) is amended to read as follows:

(c) At the first regular council meeting in October of each year (except for years in which there is a municipal election), the council shall elect new officers and reorganize the council for the coming year. The presiding officer shall declare all offices and committee assignments vacant and shall yield the chair to the city clerk-treasurer to preside until election of a president or president pro tempore. The rules of procedure for electing officers and organizing the council shall be the same as those to elect officers and organize the council after a municipal election. Officers may succeed themselves, except that no member of the city council may be elected as President of the city council for more than two consecutive years. The foregoing provision notwithstanding, a council member who has been elected president of the city council for two consecutive years may run for the office of President, again, following a one year absence from the office. All committee appointments and assignments shall continue and remain in effect until the first regular meeting of the council in each October, and thereafter until their respective successors are appointed or assigned.

**ADOPTED** this the 27th day of October, 2016.

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President of the City Council  
of the City of Huntsville,  
Alabama

**APPROVED** this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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Mayor of the City of  
Huntsville, Alabama