



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: 6/19/2014

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Robert F. Greenblum

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

Process to fill the vacancy in the office of the Mayor

SUMMARY:

This item will establish the process to fill the vacancy in the office of the Mayor following his confirmation by the U.S. Senate as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

President Barack Obama nominated Mayor Julián Castro for the office of Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development on Friday, May 23, 2014. Mayor Castro will resign from the office of Mayor of the City of San Antonio upon filing a resignation letter with the City Clerk or upon his taking the oath of office as Secretary, whichever occurs first.

ISSUE:

The City Charter provides that in the event a vacancy occurs in the office of the Mayor, the remaining Council Members shall elect from among themselves, by majority vote, a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. This item would adopt a more detailed policy to guide them through this special circumstance.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may choose to not adopt a detailed policy for guidance during the process to fill the vacancy in the office of the Mayor following his confirmation as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this item.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council adopt a detailed policy to guide them through this special circumstance.