



DATE: January 8, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council through City Manager

FROM: Kami Noriega, Interim City Clerk

SUBJECT: Resolution Appointing Councilmember Shribbs As Vice Mayor For 2024

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment 1) appointing Councilmember Shribbs as Vice Mayor for 2024.

BACKGROUND

Section V(B) of the City of Petaluma City Council Rules, Policies, and Procedures states:

The Vice Mayor shall be selected at the first meeting in January and shall serve for a one-year term. The selection shall be based on seniority. In the case of newly seated Councilmembers, their seniority shall be established by the number of votes received at the time of their election. If a Councilmember does not accept the appointment, the member's name shall go back to the bottom of the seniority list. No member of the Council shall serve a second term until all other members of the Council have had an opportunity to serve.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the City of Petaluma City Council Rules, Policies, and Procedures Councilmember Shribbs is eligible to serve as Vice Mayor for 2024 because he received the second highest number of votes of the newly seated Councilmembers, and because no member is to serve a second term as Vice Mayor until all members have had an opportunity to serve. All returning Councilmembers have already had an opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This agenda item appeared on the City's tentative agenda document on December 18, 2023 which was a publicly-noticed meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2), in that adopting the regular meeting schedule does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because this action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None by this action.

ALTERNATIVES

Councilmember Shribbs could not accept appointment as Vice Mayor. Councilmember Nau has the third highest seniority based on votes received in the most recent election. All returning Councilmembers have already had an opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor. Therefore, in accordance with the City Council Rules, Policies, and Procedures, as noted above, if Councilmember Shribbs declines to serve as Vice Mayor, he will rotate to the bottom of the seniority list for purposes of Vice Mayor appointments and the opportunity would be presented to Councilmember Nau.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution