

nances or resolutions. The mode and manner of procedure of both Branches of the City Council and of the Mayor in the matter of the veto of one or more distinct items of appropriation in any ordinance or resolution shall be the same as the mode and manner of procedure prescribed in this section for the passage of an entire ordinance or resolution over the veto of the Mayor.

24. The Mayor shall summon all the heads of departments to a conference on municipal matters at least once in each fiscal year, and oftener, if he thinks the public interests will be promoted thereby, and every head of department shall report to him, orally or in writing, as he may prefer, once in every month.

25. The Mayor shall have the sole power of appointment of all heads of departments, heads of sub-departments, municipal officers not embraced in a department and all special commissioners or boards, except as otherwise provided in this Article, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of all the members elected to the Second Branch of the City Council ; *provided*, said Second Branch shall take action on such nomination within the first three regular succeeding sittings of said Branch after said nominations are sent to it by the Mayor. If the Branch fails to take such action within said time, then the person or persons so nominated shall be to all intents and purposes such officer or officers as if they had been confirmed by said Second Branch. If said Second Branch shall, by the required vote and in the prescribed time, refuse to confirm such nominations, the Mayor shall, within the next three regular succeeding sittings of said Branch, send to it other name or names for such office or offices, and the duties of said Second Branch and the Mayor shall continue to be as above prescribed until a confirmation is had or a failure to act for three regular succeeding sittings by the said Second Branch occurs. The Mayor shall have the power to remove at pleasure, during the first six months of their respective terms, the heads of all departments or members thereof, heads of sub-departments, or members thereof, municipal officers not embraced in a department and special commissions or boards, or members thereof, appointed by him, but after six months the Mayor shall only remove said officials for cause, after charges preferred against them, notice