

MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

The Mayor shall serve as Chairman of the Council and preside at all Council meetings. The Chairman may take part in all discussions but he shall have no vote except in a case or cases of a tie vote in which case the Chairman shall have the right to vote. The Mayor, with the approval of the Council immediately after the first Council meeting in June, shall appoint a Vice-Chairman who shall preside at any regular or special meeting of the Council and shall discharge the duties of the Mayor during his absence, temporary disability, death or removal from office.

-14.17. Quorum

A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum and a quorum is necessary for the transaction of business but no ordinance shall be approved, nor shall an authorization for expenditure of unbudgeted items be approved without the favorable votes of a majority of the number of members constituting the Council. The Mayor for all purposes except as hereinbefore noted shall constitute one of the Council.

-14.18. Rules and orders of business; journal

The Council shall determine its own rules and order of business. Guidelines shall be set by "Robert's Rules of Order". It shall keep a journal of its proceedings and enter therein the "yeas" and "nays" upon final action on any question, resolution or ordinance or at any other time if required by any member. The journal shall be open to public inspection.

-14.19. Vacancies in Council

(a) If a vacancy exists in the Council, the Mayor with the majority vote of the Council shall fill the same for the unexpired term, from the ward from which the Councilman was elected, and if no one is available, AFTER due notice in a publication or a newspaper having general circulation in the Town, then from "at large" in the Town.

(b) A vacancy shall be declared to exist if the Councilman resigns, is deceased, or if no one is elected in an election or if the Councilman fails to retain all the qualifications necessary for his election, or is absent from three regular consecutive Council meetings and gives no written excuse for his absence.

-14.20. Passage of ordinances, publication, effective date

No ordinance shall be passed at the meeting at which