

DISCUSSION ~ DIRECTION on filling vacant Assembly seat and potential appointment.

The election of Mr. Hunter as Mayor creates a vacancy on the Assembly. The Assembly must fill the vacancy within 20 days (October 31st). This individual will serve until the results of the next Municipal Election are certified on October 10, 2017. The remaining one year of Mr. Hunter's term will be filled through the regular election.

Charter language:

Section 2.05 Vacancies and Forfeiture of Office

The office of an elected municipal official shall become vacant upon death, resignation, removal from office in any manner authorized by law or by this charter, or by forfeiture of his/her office.

An elected municipal official shall forfeit his/her office if he/she:

1. Is convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude.
2. Fails to comply with all qualifications prescribed by this Charter.
3. Knowingly violates any prohibitions of this charter.
4. Fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the assembly without being excused by the assembly.

The assembly shall by ordinance provide the procedures for filling of vacancies.

A vacancy shall be filled by the assembly which shall elect a qualified person within 20 days after the vacancy occurs to be acting Assembly member until the next regular election and until a successor is elected and qualified to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

Possible Options:

- Nominate one of the candidates from the 2016 Municipal Election

I NOMINATE _____ to fill Mr. Hunter's vacated Assembly seat until the results of the next Municipal Election are certified on October 10, 2017.

- Appoint another individual of Assembly's choosing
- Solicit letters of interest

Voting

The Assembly has the option to appoint the interim Assembly Member by 1) voice vote or 2) vote by secret ballot as stated in Section 2.10 of the Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka:

Charter language:

Section 2.10

Four members of the assembly shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time and may compel the attendance of absent members in the manner and subject to the penalties prescribed by the rules of the assembly. No assembly action shall be valid or binding unless adopted by an affirmative vote of four or more members.

A roll call vote shall be taken on authorizations for the expenditures of funds and on the passage of ordinances. Upon request of an assembly member, a roll call vote shall be taken on any question, and a record of the ayes and nays shall be entered in the journal.

A vote by secret ballot shall be taken only to elect assembly officers and fill assembly vacancies.

Unless otherwise prohibited by this charter, each assembly member shall vote on each question before the assembly for consideration unless excused by an affirmative vote of all remaining assembly members able to vote on the question.