



Measure #: 2025-058

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 04/14/2025

Submitted By: Town Manager

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MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Approval of a Bylaw to create a Standing Confirmations Sub Committee.

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Purpose:

The Town Manager has the power under Section 4-3 of the Charter to make appointments of Department Heads as well as members of Multiple-member bodies subject to confirmation by the Town Council. In order to better prepare the Town Council to vote on those confirmation, it is proposed that the Town Council form a Standing Confirmations Subcommittee.

Justification:

The roll of the Standing Confirmations Subcommittee will be to review the resume' and/or applications for any persons whose appointment is referred to the Town Council under Section 4-3 of the Charter. Measures for appointment will be brought to Town Council with sufficient time to allow referral to the sub-committee, deliberation by the sub-committee, and referral back to Town Council with the twenty-one (21) day period allowed by the Charter.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS:

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Bylaw

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION CONTINUED:

DRAFT Town Council Standing Confirmations Subcommittee.

- A. Composition. The Town Council Standing Confirmations Subcommittee shall be comprised of three members. The complement of the Standing Committee shall be comprised of two Town Councilors and one resident. Members will serve for a term of one year.
- B. Responsibilities of the Chair. The Chair of the Standing Confirmations Subcommittee shall be a Town Councilor appointed by the President of the Town Council and will be responsible for the following: maintaining the schedule and developing agendas, notifying the Town Council Clerk for posting and locations of meetings and reporting to the Town Council. The Chair will appoint a Committee Clerk/Secretary from amongst the Committee members, who will be responsible for taking the meeting minutes. The Chair may appoint a Vice Chair from amongst the Councilors on the Town Council Standing Confirmations Subcommittee, who can lead meetings if/when the Chair is unable to attend.
- C. Purpose. The duties and responsibilities of the Standing Confirmations Subcommittee are to advise and make recommendations to the Town Council on matters related to the confirmation of Department Head and Multiple-member body appointments made by the Town Manager pursuant to Section 4-3(a)(1) and (2) of the Charter.
- D. All Subcommittee members shall comply with the Open Meeting Law¹ and shall provide a period at each regular meeting for public commentary.