

***With respect to Section 8, the discussion has been to provide for an election for all vacancies if time permits, the appointment when it does not. Further, if Council selects a sitting Council member to serve as mayor, the current procedure for replacement is initiated.***

**Sec. 8. Vacancies.**

Vacancies in the council, ~~including the mayor, [other than in the last place (mayor)]~~ arising from any cause with 120 [270] days or less remaining in the term shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members for the unexpired term only and provided the successor shall possess all qualifications required for the office. Vacancies in the council, ~~including the mayor, [other than in the last place (mayor)]~~ arising from any cause with more than 120 [270] days remaining in the term shall be filled by special election and, where necessary, by a run-off election, in the same manner as provided for in this Charter for the regular election of a councilmember. Such special election shall be held on the next authorized uniform election date that occurs before the regular election and that allows enough time to hold the election in the manner required by law. The City Council may appoint a person to serve as a council member or mayor on a temporary basis during the period between the creation of the vacancy and the special election. ~~[In the event of a vacancy in the office of the mayor, the remaining council members shall elect from among themselves, by majority vote, a person to serve as mayor for the unexpired term and the person elected shall take over the last place on the council.]~~