

# Worksession

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	9
<b>Meeting Date</b>	May 11, 2009
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<b>Discussion Item</b>	Discussion of Process for Selection of a Ward 6 Councilmember to Fill the Unexpired Term of Doug Barry
<b>Background</b>	<p>Councilmember Doug Barry has announced that he will resign from the City Council at the end of May 2009. Mayor Williams has scheduled a worksession discussion on May 11 to provide an opportunity for Council to determine a process for selection of an individual to fill the vacancy. Since the vacancy will occur less than 240 days before the November 3, 2009 election, the Council may appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. The appointment must be made within 60 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.</p> <p><b>City Charter, Section 308 Vacancies on the Council</b></p> <p>(a) Method of Filling Vacancies. Should a vacancy on the Council occur more than two hundred and forty (240) days before the next regularly scheduled City election, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy. If the vacancy occurs less than two hundred and forty (240) days before the next regularly scheduled City election, the remaining members of the Council by a majority vote shall, within sixty (60) days, appoint a person who is qualified in accordance with Section 302 or Section 304, as applicable, to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.</p> <p><b>City Charter, Section 304 Qualifications and Salary of the Councilmembers</b></p> <p>(a) The Councilmembers shall have resided in the City (and ward from which they are elected) for at least six (6) months immediately preceding their election and shall be qualified voters of the City. The Councilmembers shall maintain their principal residence in the City and in their ward during their term of office. If a Councilmember changes his/her principal residence from the City or from the ward from which the Councilmember was elected, the Councilmember's term shall be immediately terminated and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 308 of this Charter. The Councilmembers are prohibited from holding other publicly elected offices during their term of office, and are prohibited from serving on any City board, commission, or other body that has authority to adjudicate or otherwise resolve disputes.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	City Charter, Section 308(a) and 304(a).
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None at this time.
<b>Attachments</b>	None
<b>Recommendation</b>	Council to discuss a process for selection of an individual to fill the unexpired term to be vacated by Councilmember Barry.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	