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**Subject:** RE: Comments reg agenda item 2 mayoral terms

To: City Commission  
From: Patricia Sinclair  
Re: Mayoral Terms, Regular Agenda Item 2  
Date: April 5, 2016

I urge you to select Vice-Mayor Leslie Soden as Mayor, with a term beginning in April, 2016 and ending at the latest time proposed, January, 2018.

Vice-Mayor Soden, in her position at the time of former Mayor Jeremy Farmer's departure, was next in line to become Mayor. She was not selected to be Mayor, and also expressed her desire to learn first and not seek this position at that time. There were comments, both from the Commission and the public, at the time that I considered to be rude as far as her ability to assume the mayoral duties and insistent that an old pro like Mike Amyx should be installed instead,

In the interim, we have seen many important items before the commission and many study sessions, and now a new City Manager as well.

This is the position which Vice-Mayor Soden won in the election, by the use of commission custom, and it is time that she assumes the position which she won at the ballot box.

Additionally, I think it would be helpful for the city code to clarify the duties of the mayor as it was said many times that there were no administrative duties. The mayor does more than run the meetings. S/he also sets the agenda, to the best of my knowledge, makes appointments to various groups and committees, signs ordinances and other documents, and probably a lot more.

There does not seem to be any legitimate reason for Vice-Mayor Soden not to assume the duties of the office of Mayor this month.

Lastly, I don't know what the revisions were that were posted yesterday in the staff memo from what was previously written.

Thank you.