TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR SELECTION OF A COUNCIL MEMBER TO SERVE AS MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

SUMMARY STATEMENT

At the Council meeting of December 9th, Mayor Pro-Tem Nassif requested that staff suggest a policy for Mayoral rotation.

Staff surveyed the twenty-three (23) incorporated cities of San Bernardino County to ascertain how Mayors are selected in our region. Thirteen of the twenty-three (23) cities surveyed elect their Mayor at-large. The remaining nine (9) cities select their Mayor amongst the Council Members on an annual basis. One of the nine cities is the City of Victorville, whose Council does not select their Mayor by rotation. Instead, Victorville's City Council selects their Mayor according to who received the highest number of votes in the election. The City of Yucaipa selects their Mayor Pro-Tem based on seniority and the highest number of votes. Although the City of Yucaipa selects their Mayor annually by members of the Council, generally the Mayor Pro-Tem rotates to Mayor.

There is no formally adopted policy in any of the nine incorporated San Bernardino County cities where the Council Members select the Mayor. Although there are seven cities that traditionally select their Mayor by rotation, because there is no adopted policy or procedure it does not always occur in that manner.

Attachment: Survey of Incorporated San Bernardino County Cities

Recommended Action:

Pursuant to Prior Town Council Direction, Staff Recommends that the Town Council Consider a Proposed Resolution Establishing a Policy for Selection of a Council Member to Serve as Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore

Proposed by: <u>Frank W. Robinson, Town Manager</u>   **Item Number** _____

T. M. Approval: _____   **Budgeted Item** ☐ **Yes**   ☐ **No** ☒ **N/A**

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Survey Results

CITY	HOW DOES CITY SELECT MAYOR
Adelanto	Mayor elected at-large
Barstow	Mayor elected at-large
Big Bear Lake	Chosen annually by members of the Council
Chino	Mayor elected at-large
Chino Hills	Chosen annually by members of the Council
Colton	Mayor elected at-large
Fontana	Mayor elected at-large
Grand Terrace	Mayor elected at-large
Hesperia	Chosen annually by members of the Council
Highland	Chosen annually by members of the Council
Loma Linda	Subsequent to the election the Council selects the Mayor
Montclair	Mayor elected at-large
Needles	Mayor elected at-large for a 2-year term
Ontario	Mayor elected at-large
Rancho Cucamonga	Mayor elected at-large
Redlands	chosen after a municipal election by members of the Council for a two year term
Rialto	Mayor elected at-large
San Bernardino	Mayor elected at-large
Twentynine Palms	Chosen annually by members of the Council
Upland	Mayor elected at-large
Victorville	**The Council Members select the Mayor according to the highest number of votes**
Yucaipa	Chosen annually by members of the Council and has usually been the Mayor Pro Tem **Mayor Pro Tem is based on seniority and highest number of votes**
Yucca Valley	Chosen annually by members of the Council

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR SELECTION OF A COUNCIL MEMBER TO SERVE AS MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley desires to establish a policy for selecting a Council member to serve in the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore; and

WHEREAS, it is the common practice of many municipal Councils in Southern California to select the Council member who receives the highest number of votes in the most recent election to fill the position of Mayor and the second highest number of votes to fill the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore; and

WHEREAS, the selection of a Council member to serve in the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore are determined by a majority vote of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley has determined that it is in the best interest of governance to annually select, by majority vote of the Council, the Council candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the most recent election to serve in the position of Mayor and the Council candidate receiving the second highest number of votes to serve in the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley establishes the term of office for Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore as one year terms unless otherwise directed by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley desires to create an orderly succession of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore and that the Mayor Pro-Tempore rotate to Mayor unless otherwise determined by Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley formally establishes a policy for the selection of a council member to serve in the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore, whereby, the Council member receiving the highest number of votes in the most recent election may be selected by a majority vote of the Council to serve in the position of Mayor, and the Council member receiving the second highest number of votes in the most recent election may be selected by a majority of the Council to serve in the position of Mayor Pro-Tempore, unless otherwise determined by Council.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 2009.