



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** March 23, 2020
SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance No. 3642 amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, Section 2-65, Rules of Procedure, of the City Code of Ordinances to provide for the selection of a Deputy Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.
PRESENTER: Mark Hindman, City Manager

SUMMARY:

An ordinance amending Section 2-65 of the City Code of Ordinances, Rules of Procedure, to provide for the selection of a Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, in the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

One of the many lessons we have learned so far with the COVID-19 situation is the need to clearly define succession of positions. As you all know there are only two standing leadership positions within the City Council at this time. Those positions, the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, are vital to our continuity of government in these unprecedented times. Staff is recommending the addition of a third leadership position for City Council, the Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. The Deputy Mayor Pro Tem will help to increase the depth of our City Council leadership at a time when the need to implement isolation or illness could make anyone unavailable at any time.

Staff believes the Deputy Mayor Pro Tem position is a critical part in making sure the City of North Richland Hills can continue providing efficient and effective service for all of our residents.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is an amendment to the Rules of Procedure (Rules). In accordance with Section 2-62 of the Code of Ordinances, any amendment to the Rules or adoption of a new rule must first be introduced into the record at a meeting of the City Council, and may be acted upon at a subsequent meeting. No action will be taken on this item at this time. This proposed ordinance will be brought to City Council at the next available meeting for action.