

Further Reflections on Section 3-8 Changes

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to 2020, djsinger, Kathy, me

Hello,

Having thought over my suggested changes since the last meeting where they were discussed, I'd like to offer a couple of clarifications and additional suggestions.

On section 3-8, a, Acting Mayor, I am talking about business days as stated in the charter. I'm wondering if the language should say "more than X business days" instead of the "less than" criteria. I would offer either the number 10 or 12. My reasoning there is that any absence that would involve travel can sometimes include a Monday absence and sometimes both Monday and Tuesday. There is also the possibility that any absence due to recovery from an illness or medical procedure could involve a two-week period (10 business days).

On the second paragraph, I would like to reiterate my support for the changes I suggested. The time frame should be at least 15 business days. The Chief of Staff (or Director of General Administration) has basically all of the information needed on any given issue being handled in the city from complex union negotiations to a specific union grievance to ongoing legal issues and other necessary business to keep the city running smoothly. Also, in many cases, that person also has a fairly good command of School Committee issues at play. It is a complex environment and a complex job. Decisions are made daily. This would ensure that those decisions can be made in a timely manner by the COS for the period of 15 business days. Then the succession could follow with the President of the Council, then the Vice-President, if necessary.

Best regards,
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