

Agenda No. 130

RESOLUTION No. 37532

Appoint Robert Taylor as City Attorney effective February 22, 2021
(Resolution)

WHEREAS, Tracy Reeve served as the City Attorney since January 2014 until her retirement in December 2020; and

Introduced by
Mayor Ted Wheeler

WHEREAS, a national recruitment to fill the position was conducted by the Bureau of Human Resources at the request of the Mayor; and

Bureau
Management and
Finance
Human Resources

WHEREAS, Robert Taylor has been a member in good standing of the Oregon State Bar since 2004, was elected Secretary of State in 2011 and was deputy Secretary of State and has served within the Portland City Attorney's office since September 2017.

Prepared by
Natasha Eberth

WHEREAS, Robert Taylor currently serves the City as Chief Deputy City Attorney for Management and Administrations, where he manages attorneys responsible for defending the City's interests in state and federal courts advises council members, bureau directors and City staff, and assists the City Attorney in office management; and

Date Prepared
February 15, 2021

WHEREAS, Robert Taylor is a highly skilled and experienced attorney, and is well regarded throughout the legal community, the City Attorney's Office, and the City as a whole; and

**Requested Council
Date**
March 3, 2021

WHEREAS, Section 2-601 of Portland's Charter provides that the City Council appoints the City Attorney; and

**Requested Agenda
Type**
Regular
15 minutes requested

WHEREAS, The Mayor has carefully reviewed Robert Taylor's qualifications and has conferred with the other members of City Council; and

Date Filed with Clerk
February 23, 2021

WHEREAS, The Mayor has nominated Robert Taylor to be appointed as City Attorney by the City Council, effective February 22, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby appoints Robert Taylor to be City Attorney effective February 22, 2021; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby thanks and commends Tracy Reeve for her 25 years of outstanding service to the city of Portland.

Adopted by Council: March 3, 2021

MARY HULL CABALLERO

Auditor of the City of Portland

By *Megan Lehman*

Deputy

Action taken:

Four Fifths Agenda	Commissioners voted as follows:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Rubio	1. Rubio	✓	
2. Ryan	2. Ryan	✓	
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty	✓	
4. Mapps	4. Mapps	✓	
Wheeler	Wheeler	✓	