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Resolution

Appoint Robert Taylor as City Attorney

Adopted

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2022, voters approved Portland Measure 26-228 (the Measure) which amended the City Charter, establishing a governance structure with an executive Mayor and legislative Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-401(g) of Portland's City Charter provides that the Mayor appoints the City Attorney, subject to City Council confirmation; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Mayor Ted Wheeler appointed Robert Taylor as the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, in this capacity, Robert Taylor has acted as chief legal counsel for the organization and managed an office of attorneys, paralegals, legal assistants, and others that represent and advise on legal affairs of the City's elected officials, employees, bureaus, offices, programs, boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Keith Wilson has carefully reviewed Robert Taylor's qualifications and years of service to the City of Portland, further outlined in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Keith Wilson has appointed, subject to Council confirmation, Robert Taylor as City Attorney; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby confirms Robert Taylor's appointment as City Attorney.

Exhibits and Attachments

[Exhibit A](#) 119.61 KB

Impact Statement

Purpose of Proposed Legislation and Background Information

The 2022 charter amendments established a mayor/council form of government. Under the voter-approved charter, the City Attorney is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council.

Robert Taylor was appointed by Mayor Ted Wheeler and has been serving as City Attorney since February 2021. Mayor Keith Wilson is submitting this resolution for the appointment of Robert Taylor as City Attorney for council confirmation per the requirements of the updated City Charter.

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Introduced by

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Requested Agenda Type

Regular

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

February 5, 2025

Time Requested

45 minutes

Financial and Budgetary Impacts

This Fiscal Impact Statement includes the pay range and relevant terms for the City Attorney. Actual pay is to be negotiated, but estimated to be substantially similar to budgeted amounts in the current fiscal year and planned in the FY 2025-26 budget.

Pay Range: \$190,008.00 to \$282,796.80 annually

Term: 36-month contract, yearly renewal thereafter.

Severance package: 6 months of severance pay if separated without cause during the first 36 months.

Economic and Real Estate Development Impacts

Not applicable.

Community Impacts and Community Involvement

The Charter Commission lead an extensive process to develop their proposals that were submitted to voters for approval. Information about the community engagement can be found in the Charter Commission’s final report at <https://www.portland.gov/charte...> (<https://www.portland.gov/charter-review-commission/key-documents-and-information>).

100% Renewable Goal

Not applicable.

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Agenda	Council action
February 5, 2025 Regular Agenda <div>City Council</div>	Adopted Motion to call the question: Moved by Green and seconded by Zimmerman. Aye (12): Avalos, Dunphy, Smith, Kanal, Ryan, Koyama Lane, Morillo, Novick, Clark, Green, Zimmerman, Pirtle-Guiney