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## **MEMORANDUM**

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To: City Council Members

CC: Dustin Fratto, Council Executive Director

From: Aaron Dekeyzer, Council Member At-large

Subject: Second Reading: Council Member Committee Assignments

On Tuesday July 30, 2024, I presented to the Council a first reading on a new Council Member Committee Assignments Policy. During the presentation the Council had a great discussion and provided me with plenty of feedback for consideration. I've done my best to include as much of your feedback as possible in the policy that I'm presenting this evening for your formal consideration. Below, I'd like to cover a couple of the key points and reasoning behind my proposed policy.

#### Goals of this Policy

My goal in drafting this policy is to solidify our historical practice, address the timing of certain appointments, and to create a new procedure in the event of any future stalemates involving council committee assignments.

### **Committee Assignment Dates**

The Council held much discussion on this point during my first reading. After considering your feedback, I'm proposing that assignments all be made at the same time each year (January), but that certain assignments begin/end at different points throughout the year. For example, I'm proposing that the ULCT LPC assignment more closely align with the Utah Legislative Session (Appt begins in April) and that the Youth Council Assignment more closely align with the Youth Council Calendar (assignment begins in May). All other assignments will begin immediately after the Council adopts its Assignment Resolution, which the policy requires be adopted by the end of January each year.

## **Committee Assignment Stalemates**

Earlier this year the Council reached a stalemate over an assignment to the ULCT LPC Committee. To help the council better navigate future stalemates I've included a process in my proposed policy to address those situations in the future. The process that I've drafted is not one that I created myself. Instead, I've opted to include the exact process outlined in Utah code for the filling of vacancies in municipal offices (see Utah Code 20A-1-510(1)(d)). The process involves multiple opportunities for the Council to make a decision, followed by one or more coin tosses to break any ties.