



## CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEM

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TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: **Liquor Committee and Traffic Committee Appointments**

### Background:

- The Liquor Committee and Traffic Committee are both committees comprised of 7 members serving 3-year staggered terms. Originally, the terms had members expiring every year in groups as follows: one group consisting of 3 members and the other two groups with 2 members each.

Over the years the staggered terms for both committees became unbalanced for a variety of reasons. Much of the inconsistency was tied to flawed reappointments of unexpired terms.

- The Liquor Committee member terms expire in groups of 4, 2 and 1. The minutes indicate appointments were changing at a rapid pace in the late 1990's and early 2000's and it is very difficult to determine which appointment got out of alignment. Therefore it would be recommended that the staggering of terms for that committee be brought back into balance by adjusting the length of the vacant term to a one-time one-year term (Henry Allemon does not wish to be reappointed, therefore creating a vacant term).
- The Traffic Committee member terms expire in groups of 4 and 3 over a two-year time cycle leaving every third year without an appointment. The even staggering of terms over a three-year time period will be slightly more difficult to restore.

In researching the appointments for the Traffic Committee, one of the discrepancies in the appointments appear to be tied to an appointment two or three members preceding Sara Binkowski's appointment. Ms. Binkowski's appointment was correct. Additionally there appears to be a discrepancy tied to John Diefenbaker's 2001 appointment.

City Council can re-establish the balanced rotation of terms by either extending or shortening the new terms of Sara Binkowski and John Diefenbaker. This can be accomplished by a one time one-year term or a one-time four-year term reappointment of both members or to future members at the time when these original appointments are considered.

### Financial Consideration:

- There is no financial consideration associated with this item.

Legal Consideration:

- There is no legal consideration associated with this item.

Policy Consideration:

- There is no policy consideration associated with this item.

Options:

- The agenda will contain options to re-establish balanced term rotations as outlined above for both committees as well as a continuation of the existing terms.