

RESOLUTION NO. 8 January 21, 2020

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PROCESS FOR NAMING MAJORITY AND MINORITY PARTIES AND LEADERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

WHEREAS, there is currently no process for identifying a Minority Party Leader on the Hudson Common Council where either: 1) all members of the Council are enrolled in the same party; or 2) the composition of the Council includes the same number of Council Members enrolled in two minority parties; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of selection of a Majority and Minority Party Leader, the Council desires to clarify that Council Members who are not enrolled in a constituted political “party” as that term is defined by N.Y. Elec. Law § 1-104 (McKinney), shall be ineligible to serve as either a Minority or Majority Party Leader.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 Rules of Order of the Hudson Common Council are hereby amended by adding the following:

Rule #16 Designation of Majority and Minority Leaders

The terms “party” or “political party” shall be given the same meaning as the term “party” in N.Y. Elec. Law § 1-104 (McKinney), to wit: The term “party” means any political organization which at the last preceding election for governor polled at least fifty thousand votes for its candidate for governor.

Majority Party: The Majority Party is the party whose elected Council Members are enrolled members of the political party which controls the greatest number of votes in the Common Council.

Majority Party Leader: The Majority Party Leader shall be chosen by the members of the Majority Party at a caucus of the enrolled members of said party.

Minority Party: The Minority Party is the party whose elected Council Members are enrolled members of the political party which controls the greatest number of votes in the Common Council after the Majority Party.

Minority Party Leader: The Minority Party Leader shall be chosen by the members of the Minority Party at a caucus of the enrolled members of said party.

Minority Representation: Where, during a session of the Common Council, all members of the Council are enrolled members of the same party, or there is an equal number of members of two or more minority parties, the Council President shall select a Minority Party Leader to serve on the Boards of Directors of the Hudson Industrial Development Agency (“IDA”) and the Hudson Community Development and Planning Agency (“HCPDA”).

Unenrolled Party Council Members: Any Common Council member who is not enrolled as a member of a party is ineligible serve as either a Majority or Minority Party Leader.

Term of Office and Acknowledgement by Council of Majority and Minority Leaders: A Majority and Minority Party Leader shall be chosen by their respective caucuses, or by the Common Council President in the case of Minority Leader where no Minority Party can be identified, at the start of every session of the Common Council. Such selections shall be acknowledged by a resolution of the Common Council at its organization meeting.

Introduced: _____

Seconded: _____

Approved: _____
Kamal Johnson, Mayor

Dated: _____