



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, December 14, 2021

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### Filling Councilmember Kelly's Seat

Ms. Fernandez stated a majority vote would be needed for the selection and noted there was not a process in place so the council must decide on the process and fill the seat within 30 days or have a special election.

Discussion took place about the process of filling a council vacancy, ranking, transparency, a ballot process, and simplifying the process.

Mayor Feinsod noted there were three candidates who ran for council and recommended appointing the person who had the most votes from the last election.

Ms. Stelzer explained the staff recommendation and noted a special election would not be possible within the 60 days.

**A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler to direct the charter review committee to reconvene and provide a recommendation on how to fill Councilmember Kelly's seat.**

**It was explained that you could do that for the future, but there would not be time to do that for Councilmember Kelly's seat.**

**Dr. Fiedler withdrew her motion.**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pachota, seconded by Dr. Neunder, to direct staff to announce and receive letters of interest to fill the remaining year of Councilmember Kelly's seat within 14 days, and compile a ballot for council to vote on.**

**An amendment to the motion was made by Vice Mayor Pachota, seconded by Councilmember Moore, that council will announce and receive resumes and letters of interest for 14 days to fill Councilmember Kelly's seat, and each council member is to bring a nomination which will require a second from another member to be placed on a ballot to be voted on at the special meeting. The amendment carried by voice vote unanimously.**

**The amended motion carried by voice vote unanimously.**

**There was consensus to schedule a special meeting for January 6, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**