

## **Section 2.6 The Mayor's Powers and Duties.**

**2.6.1** The mayor shall preside at meetings of the council and shall have a vote as a member. The mayor shall be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for serving civil process, and by the governor for purposes of martial law, but shall have no administrative duties.

**2.6.2** Consistent with the responsibility to accept considerable leadership over the general conduct of city affairs, the mayor shall study the operations of the city government and recommend desirable changes and improvements to the council. The mayor shall also deliver messages to the council and the public, including a comprehensive message on the state of the city, as soon as practicable after the beginning of each year of his/her term of office.

**2.6.3** At the first meeting of each year the council shall choose an acting mayor from the councilmembers. He/she shall perform the duties of mayor during the disability or absence of the mayor, or, in the case of vacancy in the office of mayor, until a successor has been appointed and qualifies.