

office for two years and until the qualification of their successors, and the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint such other officers and committees as may be required for the conduct and regulation of municipal affairs. The Mayor shall have the sole power of appointments of all officers herein provided for, subject to confirmation by a majority of all the members elected to the Council, which confirmation shall not be later than the next regular meeting after the receipt of such appointment or appointments. If the Council fails to take action within the stated time, then the person or persons nominated shall be to all intents and purposes such officer or officers as if they had been confirmed by the City Council.

(6) If the Council shall by the required vote and in the prescribed time refuse to confirm such nomination or nominations, the Mayor shall, at the next regular meeting of the Council send to it another name or names for such office or offices, and the duties of the City Council and Mayor shall continue to be as above prescribed until a confirmation is had or a failure to act as aforesaid by the City Council.

All the vacancies occurring in the offices which the Mayor has the power to fill, subject to the ratification or confirmation of the City Council, shall be filled by the Mayor until the next regular meeting of the Council, at which meeting the Mayor shall present the name of a person for each office in which such vacancy has occurred for the confirmation by the Council, and the mode and manner of procedure in such cases shall be the same as provided in this section for other appointments by the Mayor and confirmation by the City Council. And any person or persons appointed by the Mayor to fill any vacancy or vacancies in any office shall hold the same until his or their successors have been confirmed by the Council.

The Councilmen and all persons appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council shall, before entering upon the discharge of their respective duties, qualify by taking before the Mayor an oath to faithfully perform the duties of their respective offices, and that they will support the laws and Constitution of the United States and of the State of Maryland. A test book shall be kept by the Mayor which shall be signed at the time of taking the oath aforesaid by said official, and after the qualifications aforesaid, the Mayor shall issue to the said official a commission signed by himself and the corporate seal attached.

Before entering upon his office, the Mayor shall qualify by taking the oath of office before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Frederick County.