

Budget Veto Amendment
6/30/10

Add to Mayor's powers and duties (Article II, Sec. 5):

(h) To exercise veto power over the annual appropriation resolve as provided in Article VII, section 8;

Add to Article VII, Financial Provisions:

Section 67. Appropriation resolve.

The city council shall adopt the annual appropriation resolve for the next fiscal year on or before the last day of the twelfth month of the fiscal year currently ending. Such resolve shall appropriate those amounts deemed necessary for general city purposes and additionally one gross amount for school purposes as required by Section 45 of Article III ~~hereinbefore~~. The total amount appropriated shall not exceed the estimated revenue of the city.

If it fails to adopt ~~such said~~ resolve by this date, the city council may make appropriation for current departmental expenses, chargeable to the appropriation for the year, when passed, to an amount sufficient to cover the necessary expenses of the various departments until the annual appropriation resolve is in force. **This continuing appropriation shall not be subject to the mayor's veto in section 8 below.**

The city council may by resolution appropriate to any purpose or object for which there shall have been no appropriation for the current year, or for which the appropriation for the current year has proved insufficient, any accruing revenue of the city not appropriated as hereinbefore provided and any unencumbered appropriation balance, or portion thereof, remaining after the purpose of the appropriation shall have been satisfied or abandoned. **Such appropriations shall not be subject to the mayor's veto in section 8 below.** (Referendum 6/13/78)

Section 8. Mayoral veto of appropriation resolve.

Within five (5) days of the meeting at which the city council adopts the annual appropriation resolve, the mayor may veto such appropriation resolve by written communication to the other members of the city council. Such communication shall specify the reasons for such veto and shall, at minimum, be

posted upon the city's website or similar location and sent to the councilors by electronic mail and by the same means that agendas are delivered to councilors. Any councilor may place an item on the agenda of the next regular council meeting which is at least five (5) days after the date of the mayor's veto communication, and such veto may be overridden by a vote of at least 6 members of the city council. The mayor shall not vote on such item. In counting days hereunder, Saturday, Sunday and city holidays shall be excluded.

(Note: Renumber following sections accordingly).