

**City Clerk Susan Weathers' response to Huckleberries reader question:
"What exactly is the process IF there are enough signatures? Then what happens? Are the "recalled" then booted, or is there another vote?"**

If the recall petitions have submitted enough signatures by June 19th, the County then has 15 business days in which to certify that they have valid signatures.

That would take the process to July 10th.

If the petitions are perfected, then the affected Officials have 5 days from the date I notify them to resign from office. If they do not resign after 5 days, then the CITY CLERK calls for an election on one of the four election dates provided by I.C. and which election dates exceed 45 days from the date the affected officials respond to me in writing that they will either resign or will not resign.

If an election is held, the ballot would contain the reasons the petitioners for recall gave for their removal from office and the affected official has 200 words or less to state why they do feel the recall is justified. The voters would vote to either recall or not recall. In order to recall, the majority of votes cast must be in favor of a recall, as well as, the number of those votes cast (in favor of the recall) must exceed the number of votes the affected official received when they were elected.

As soon as the canvass of votes has been conducted, the members who have been recalled will be immediately removed from office (the public does not get to vote on who will replace the recalled officials).

If all affected officials are recalled that would leave the City without a quorum to do any City business. The Governor would appoint one Councilman to make a quorum of the Council. It is those 4 Councilmen that would immediately appoint a mayor, then the newly appointed mayor would appoint the two remaining Council positions which is confirmed by a vote of the newly formed Council.

I hopes this helps clarify the full recall process. If I may be of any further assistance, please feel free in contacting me.

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