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During the regularly scheduled meeting Monday, December 7, the Ventura City Council voted to appoint Councilmember Erik Nasarenko as mayor and Neal Andrews as deputy mayor. Both will serve a two-year term in their appointed roles.

Nasarenko was first elected to the Ventura City Council in 2013. He recently completed two years as the City's deputy mayor and will serve as mayor for two years. In addition to his City Council responsibilities, Nasarenko serves as a deputy district attorney for Ventura County where he prosecutes child molestation and rape cases. Prior to becoming a prosecutor, he worked in public education for more than a decade, serving as chief deputy to the Los Angeles school board president and as a communications director to the L.A. and Pasadena schools districts. Nasarenko and his wife have two children, and are actively involved in local service organizations.

As a member of the Council, Nasarenko serves on the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee.

"I am excited about the future of Ventura," said Nasarenko. "As residents, business owners, parents and property owners, we share common goals for our community," he continued. "I am looking forward to working together to make sure our city is safe, clean and attractive, and that we are maintaining our unique quality of life and our economic and cultural infrastructure for the next generation."

Councilmember Neal Andrews was first elected in 2001 and will serve as deputy mayor the last two years of his current term. Neal is widely known as an active citizen advocate in water quality and water conservation public policy issues in Ventura. He is a member of Rotary, Kiwanis, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

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