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Please include this as public comment and a written communication concerning Item #8 on the February 18 agenda.

To convert these positions to appointments by the City Council doesn't seem to be the an efficient way to run City government.

To add a separate appointed position of treasurer the following should be considered:

- First; you would have to recruit and hire a Treasurer; most likely this would command a six-figure income.
- Second; according to the City Attorney "it is not a recommended practice for a financially-related position to be appointed/removed by the elected officials, as it could lead to political influence on the safekeeping and prudent accounting of public funds".

To add a separate appointed position of City Clerk the following should be considered:

- The City Clerk is the local official who administers local elections. It would seem inappropriate to make this a politically appointed position as it may lead to corruption at some point in the future.

City Attorney: "We are not aware of any cities where only one department head is appointed directly by the City Council rather than the City Manager."

Staff report "In 1962, Lompoc voters elected to have the offices of the City Clerk and Treasurer appointed rather than directly elected." That was 58 years ago. Before you unilaterally decide to make drastic changes in the way City government is being run perhaps you should go back to the voters and let us decide if these changes make sense.

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