

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
BRIEF SYNOPSES OF NINE RECOMMENDED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT A-1/PROPOSITION B-1

FOUR SECTIONS—ALL RELATING TO PROCESS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS

ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 - MAYOR AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND TERM OF OFFICE

- ✓ Change to simplify format and wording, and change label for the April “General” Election to “Runoff” Election
- ✓ Extend the time before the Mayor or a Councilmember assumes office to 4 weeks after the date of the City’s Runoff (currently “General”) Election

ARTICLE X, SECTION 1 – ELECTIONS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- ✓ Change terminology for Mayor and Council elections
- ✓ February Election becomes “General Election” and April Election becomes “Runoff Election”

ARTICLE X, SECTION 2 – DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY – PROCEDURE

- ✓ Change timing for filing a declaration of candidacy to achieve consistency with State law
- ✓ Change reference to elections as “General” and “Runoff” Elections

ARTICLE X, SECTION 3 - ELECTIONS - HOW CALLED—NOTICE—TERMINOLOGY FOR ELECTIONS TO BE REVISED TO BE CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THIS CHARTER

- ✓ Retains power of Mayor to call Mayor and Council elections, but...
- ✓ Changed to provide that notice of elections must be given as provided by State law
- ✓ Further adds a catch-all subsection to make sure names of elections are changed to “General” Election (in February) and “Runoff” Election (in April) throughout the Charter

AMENDMENT A-2/PROPOSITION B-2

ARTICLE II, SECTION 6—QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE OF MAYOR/COUNCIL

- ✓ Reformats section
- ✓ Changes City residency requirement to 1 year (instead of 3 years) and explicitly includes the State law qualification of voter registration for the 1 year “immediately preceding” the filing of a declaration of candidacy for both Mayor and Council
- ✓ Voter registration requirement for Councilmembers would be in the ward they are running to represent

AMENDMENT A-3/PROPOSITION B-3
ARTICLE II, SECTION 10—VACANCIES IN OFFICE OF MAYOR

- ✓ Changes the time period to call a special election or to appoint a temporary Mayor upon a Mayor vacating the position from 15 days to 30 days to be consistent with the time period for filling Council vacancies
- ✓ Note an appointment of a temporary Mayor only occurs if vacancy occurs in last year of vacating Mayor's term

AMENDMENT A-4/PROPOSITION B-4
ARTICLE II, SECTION 11—REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

- ✓ Amend requirement for occurrence of Regular City Council meetings to match current practice
- ✓ Meeting schedule set by ordinance

AMENDMENT A-5/PROPOSITION B-5
ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4—CITY MANAGER – EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF PERSONNEL

- ✓ Explicitly allows certain communications by Mayor/Councilmembers to City Manager regarding work performance of City Manager employees

AMENDMENT A-6/PROPOSITION B-6
ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6—CLARIFY OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONNEL
ASSIGNED TO THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- ✓ More explicitly state in Charter which officers or employers are placed in the Division of Public Affairs

AMENDMENT A-7/PROPOSITION B-7
ARTICLE IX, SECTION 11—CITY CLERK TO AMEND
REFERENCES TO COUNCIL THROUGHOUT CHARTER

- ✓ Enact a new Section 11 in Article IX to direct the City Clerk to work with the Municipal Counselor to redraft all references to Council throughout Charter for consistency
- ✓ Terms to be used throughout Charter are "Councilmember" or "Councilor," or the plurals thereof, as appropriate

AMENDMENT A-8/PROPOSITION B-8
ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 – GENERAL GRANT OF POWERS

- ✓ Amend Article I, Section 3 (General Grant of Powers) to more clearly state the general powers vested in City government
- ✓ Adds the word “welfare” in the delegation of power to the City to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to protect “health, safety, [welfare,] life, or property within the City”

AMENDMENT A-9/PROPOSITION B-9
ARTICLE IV, SECTION 12 – CANNOT ACCEPT PASSES OR FAVORS

- ✓ Reword section heading
- ✓ More clearly state the apparent original intent of the section, which is to prevent City officers or employees from accepting things of value upon terms more favorable than granted to the public generally from certain privately-owned public service businesses operating pursuant to a City-granted franchise or contract