

## **COUNCIL DIRECTION FROM MAY 20, 2025 ON PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

### **A. Items from the Charter Review Commission directed to be placed on the November ballot:**

1. Amend various sections of the charter to update such references as “him, her, or his” to “them, their or they” as applicable.
2. Amend various sections of the charter that require publication of public notices in a newspaper to additionally require posting of such notices on the city’s website and applicable social media.
3. Amend Section 3.01 to increase the term of office for mayor from two years to four years with allowance for two consecutive terms with a break of four years after such consecutive terms to become effective at the regular election in November 2028.
4. Amend Section 3.09 to reduce the minimum number of regular council meetings during a calendar year from 22 to 20.
5. Amend Section 3.10 to require that regular city council meeting agendas include copies of minutes of the immediately preceding city council meeting together with an agenda item for consideration of approval such minutes.
6. Amend Section 3.13 to improve the wording of a run on sentence and to clarify that printed copies of the code of ordinance may be available for purchase at reasonable price.
7. Amend Section 6.02 to increase the time to file a referendum petition from 30 to 90 days after passage of an ordinance.
8. Amend Section 6.10 to increase time for the city clerk to verify citizen-initiated petitions from 45 to 60 days after the petition is filed.
9. Amend Section 7.02(7) to change the interval for the Planning and Zoning Commissions periodic review of the comprehensive plan from at least every five years to at least every 10 years.
10. Amend Section 8.02 providing that the city will endeavor to use plain language in the City’s budget documents.
11. Retitle Article 12 from “General Provisions” to “Ethics” and create a new Article 13 entitled “General Provisions.”

### **B. Items from the Charter Review Commission NOT approved for placement on the November ballot:**

1. Amend Section 3.09 to limit the number meetings in which a council member may participate by videoconference to three, with allowances for additional participation by videoconference under circumstances defined by ordinance such as during declarations of disaster or when a council member is ill. *[This item could be addressed through an ordinance if so desired by the council.]*
2. Amend Section 3.16 to acknowledge the authority of the city council to request or require audits of entities receiving funding from the City.

3. Amend Article VI to add a provision requiring a form of financial disclosure approved by city council identifying the sources of funding for referendum and initiative petitions.

4. Amend Section 7.01(b) to reduce the residency requirement for members of the Planning and Zoning Commission from five years to three years.

**C. Additional Council direction:**

1. Council agreed to continue further discussion at a future date regarding the Charter Commission's recommendation to study single-member districts.

2. Move Section 7.02(7)(c) regarding the planning and zoning commission's periodic review of the comprehensive plan to a new subsection under Section 7.03 which pertains specifically to the comprehensive plan. [*See proposed relocation in the document attached to this agenda item.*]

3. Move Section 12.01 regarding public access to records to a new section 13.01 under a new Article XIII, General Provisions. [*See proposed relocation in the document attached to this agenda item.*]

4. Provide additional information regarding holding over in office under Section 12.09.