



MANAGERS REPORT

DATE: June 10, 2022
TO: Mayor Benage and City Council
FROM: Ty Lasher, City Manager
RE: June 14, 2022 Special Meeting Agenda

Charter Ordinances Amending The Terms Of Elected Officials (Items A-C)

Council held several workshops regarding terms and term limits last spring and summer. In 2021, Council requested a survey be collected during the November election period to gather public input on term limits. The results were provided to Council in January for review and discussion. They are also included in your packet. The Governing Body wanted to hold a referendum during the 2021 election but was not allowed due to state prohibitions. Mayor Benage requested a Charter Ordinance be drafted and placed on the June 7, 2022 Council Meeting Agenda for consideration. At that meeting, discussion occurred on whether it was best to include the term limits for Mayor and Council as well as term adjustment from two years to four years for the Mayor in one ordinance or whether they should be separated. Council tabled the action to allow the City Attorney to draft three separate ordinances. A special meeting was requested for council to take action. Timing is important as Charter Ordinances require a 60 day protest period and Mayor Benage wanted to make sure, should there be a protest filed, the questions could be included on the November 2022 ballot. If approved, the Charter Ordinances shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper and shall take effect sixty-one days after its final publication, unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed. If a referendum is held, these ordinances shall become effective on the day after approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.