

SUBMITTED BY: Alma Andrade, City Clerk

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Donald C. Huish, Mayor

FOCUS AREA: Collaboration

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS: EnterTextHere

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 22-1485**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, ORDERING QUESTIONS be submitted with respect to the PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to the CITY OF DOUGLAS CHARTER, which shall be VOTED UPON by the QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Douglas at the SPECIAL CITY ELECTION to be held on MAY 17, 2022, and providing direction and authorization related to such election.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Mayor and Council established the City of Douglas Charter Committee on September 29, 2021. The Charter Committee’s responsibility was to review the current city charter and the 2022 proposed charter amendments.

BACKGROUND:

The committee members met in several occasions to review and discuss the proposed charter amendments that ultimately would go to the voters in a special election on May 17, 2022. Copies of Agendas, Agendas with Actions Taken and Minutes are available for review on the city’s website.

One of the main charter committee recommendation is for the City of Douglas to conducts its elections in accordance with the State Fall Election Cycle. By following the State Election Cycle, newly elected officials would have an opportunity to review the city’s budget process and vote on the budget. Additionally, there would be a huge savings per election as the current voter fee is as follows: \$5.25 vs. \$0.75 per voter charge.

The City Attorney has worked diligently with the committee members and staff, to finish up the process as the proposed amendments need to be turned into the Cochise County Elections Department as soon as approved by council. Thereafter, ballots will be ready for the May 17, 2022 special election.

DISCUSSION:

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 22-1485.”

FISCAL IMPACT:

The expense for the General election will be charged to the general election line item for budget year 2021/2022.

Fiscal Year: 2021/2022

Amount Requested: \$

Budgeted: Y / N

Account (s):