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Elections Code Committee

Charter Amendments

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- All “shall” references will be replaced with “will”, “must” or “may” depending on context.
- All “he or she” references will be replaced with “they/their.”
- Change references to “mail” correspondence to “send” correspondence to allow for electronic mail.
 - The Clerk’s Office would request preferred method of communication in the beginning of a process.

- Propose to add to each Article under discussion.
- Deadlines will be at the end of regular business hours.
- “no fewer than”, “no later than” or “at least” a certain number of days “prior to” or “before” the date of an event or proceeding,the period is shortened to and ends on the prior business day that is not a weekend or legal holiday.
- The first day of any period is excluded.
- The last day of any period is included unless it is a weekend or legal holiday.
- If weekend or legal holiday, period will be extended to the next business day.

- Processes required by internal staff would generally be set at increments of 5 business (or working) days
- Processes required by external individuals or groups would generally be set at increments of 7 calendar days

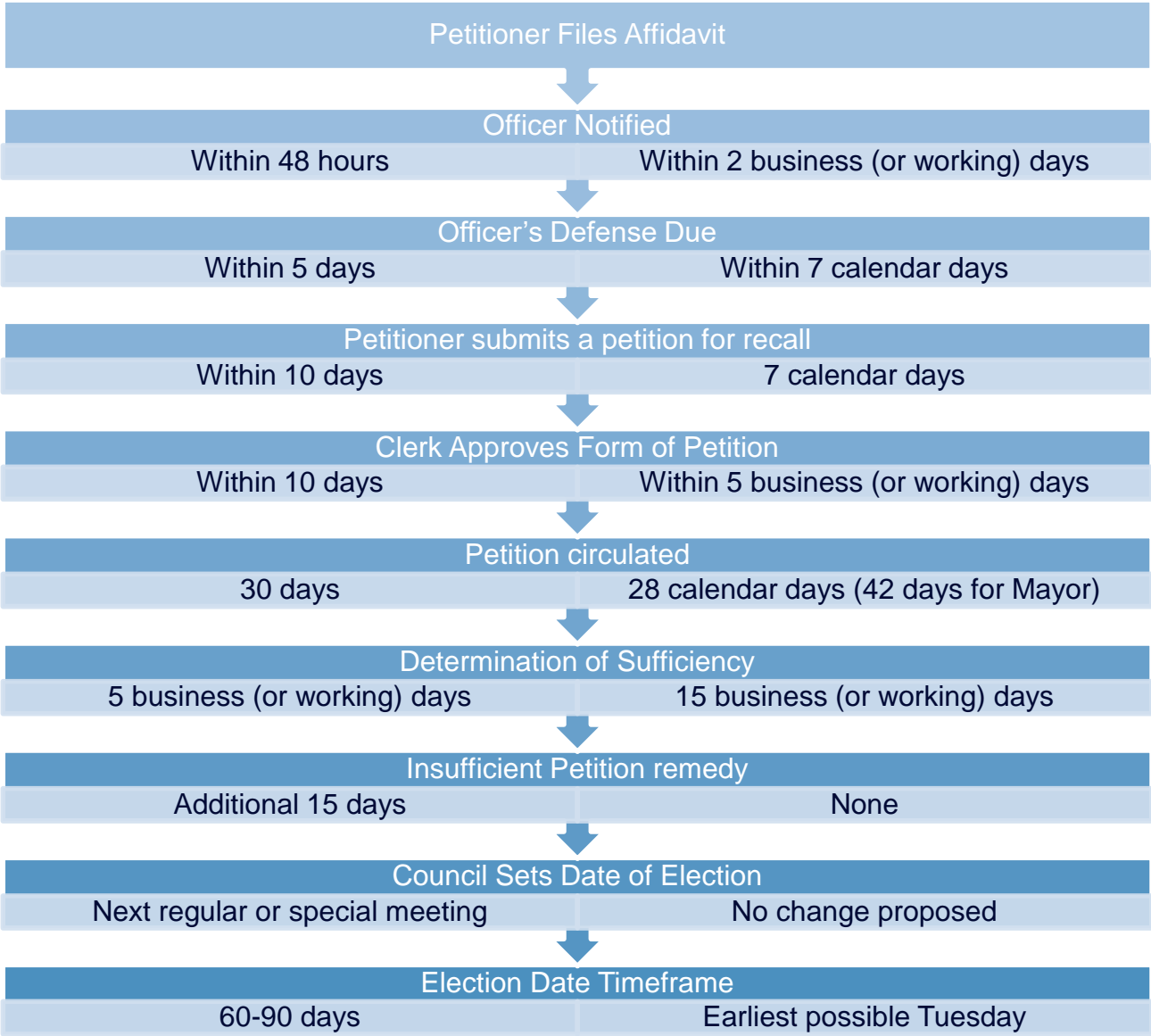
Article VIII. ELECTIONS

- Section 4 – Sufficiency of petition notification within 5 business (or working) days.
- Section 7 – Reduces elected candidate time period to qualify for office from 60 days to 30 days
- Additional changes related to computation of time and modernization of language

Recall Timeline

Current Provision

Proposed Provision



Additional Recall Changes

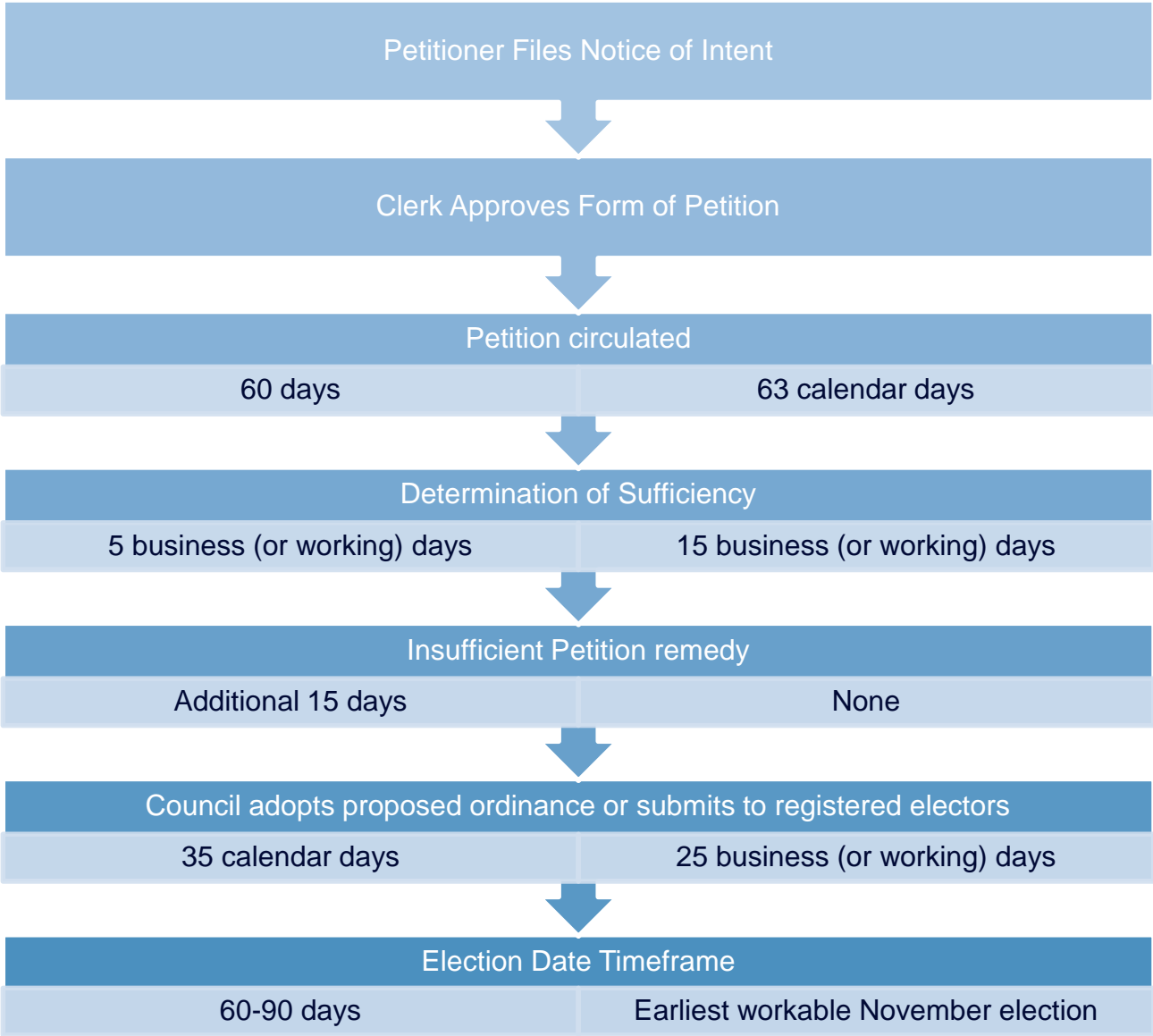


| | Staff Proposal | Municipal Election Code | Uniform Election Code |
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| Signature Requirement | At least 25% of the entire vote cast at last preceding regular city election for all candidates for the office in question [current] | Same | Same |
| Days to Circulate | 28 calendar days for Council, 42 days for Mayor | 60 | 60 |
| Cure | None | 15 days after determination of insufficiency and only by the addition of required info relating to the signers of the petition or the circulator affidavits | Can cure errors and insufficiencies regarding circulator affidavits – 5 calendar days after notification by DEO of errors |
| Timing of Election | Earliest possible Tuesday that allows the City Clerk sufficient time to meet all legal, logistical, and technical requirements applicable to the conduct of an election. No less than 75 days prior to regular election. | Not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days from submission to the Council. If regular election is to be held within 180 days after submission to Council, it must be held as part of the regular election. | Not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days from submission to the Council. If regular election is to be held within 120 days after submission to Council, it must be held as part of the regular election. |
| Blackout period | Actually held office for 1 year, nor within 6 months of the end of such term. | 6 months after officer has actually held office (petition cannot be circulated earlier); petition cannot be circulated or filed if office is up for election within 6 months | Actually held office for 6 months following the last election; petition cannot be circulated or filed if office is up for election within 6 months |

Initiative Timeline

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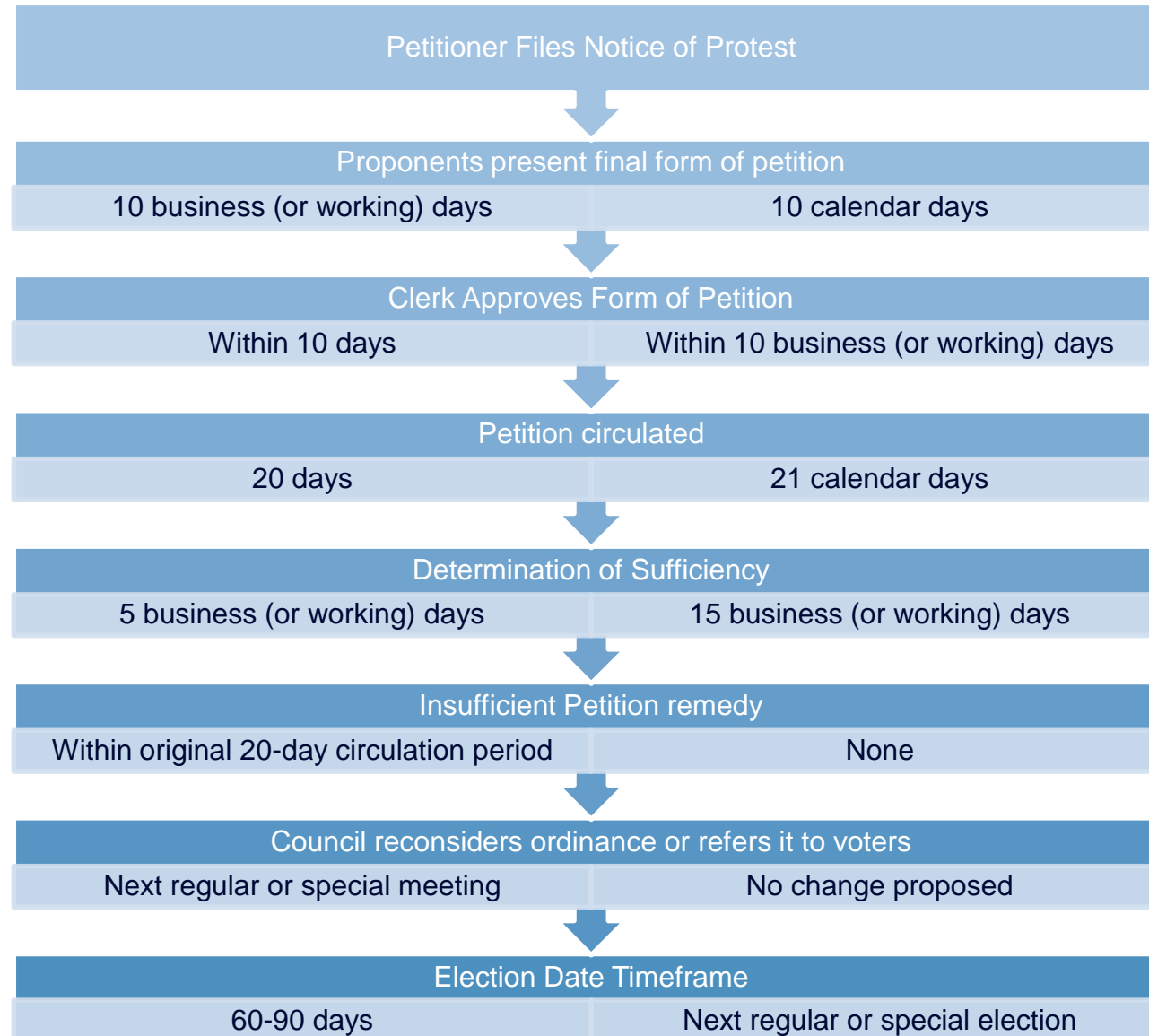
Additional Initiative Changes

| | Staff Proposal | Municipal Election Code | Uniform Election Code |
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| Signature Requirement | At least 10% of the total ballots cast in the last regular city election | 5% of registered voters on date of notice of intent – No provision for forcing a special election by collecting additional signatures | 5% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state at the previous general election |
| Days to Circulate | 63 calendar days | 180 days | 6 months from date titles and submission clause have been fixed and no later than 3 months before the election |
| Cure | None | No cure period | Can cure errors and insufficiencies regarding circulator affidavits – 5 calendar days after notification by SOS of errors |
| Timing of Election | Earliest workable November election | At a regular or special election not less than 60 and not more than 150 days after final determination of petition sufficiency | Targeted election |
| Amount of time to check signatures | 15 business (or working) days | 30 calendar days | 30 calendar days |

Referendum Timeline

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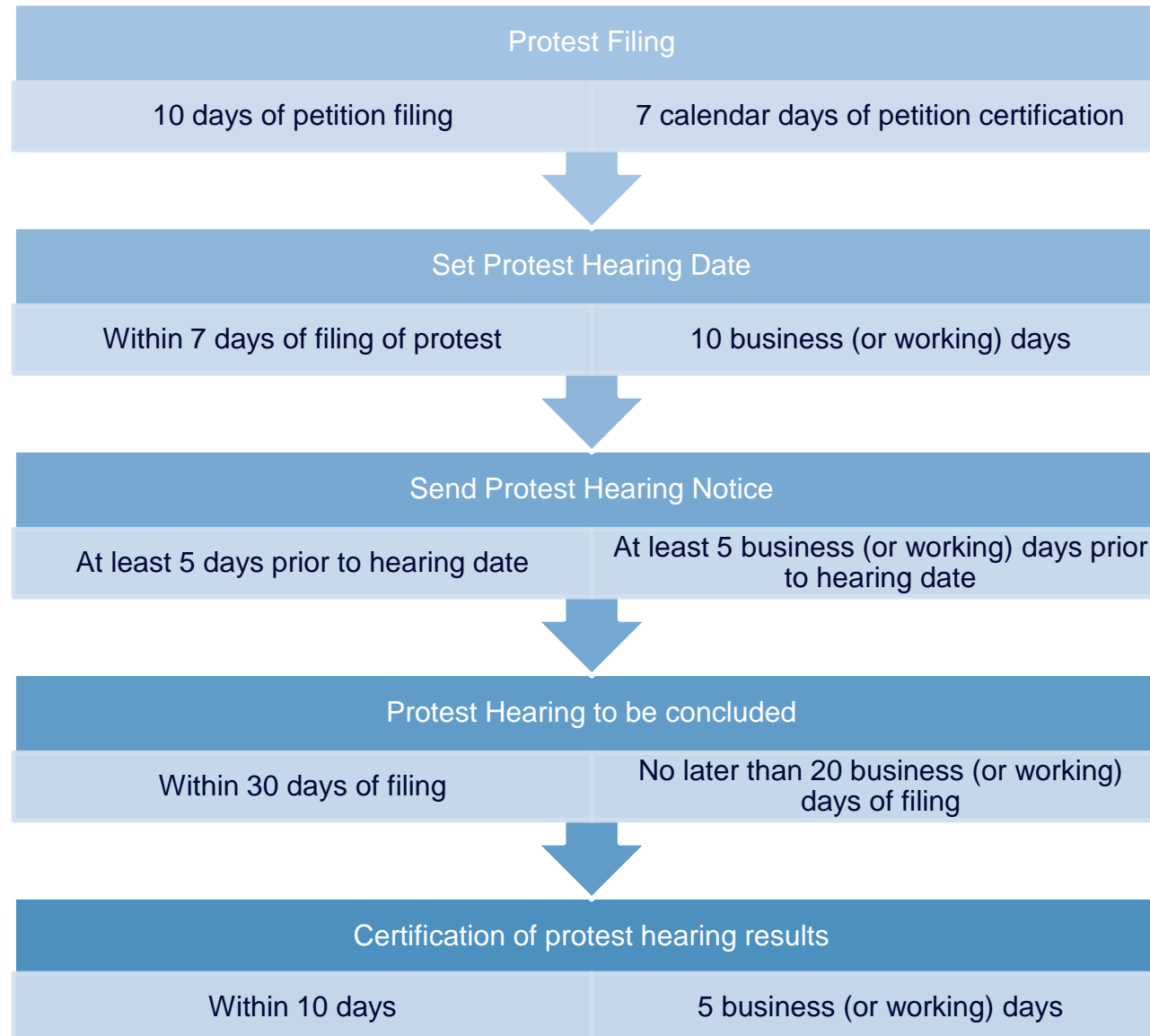


Additional Referendum Changes

| | Staff Proposal | Municipal Election Code | Uniform Election Code |
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| Signature Requirement | At least 10% of the total ballots cast in the last regular city election | 5% of reg voters on date of notice of intent | 5% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state at the previous general election |
| Days to Circulate | 21 calendar days | 30 days | 6 months from date titles and submission clause have been fixed and no later than 3 months before the election |
| Cure | None | No cure available | Can cure errors and insufficiencies regarding circulator affidavits – 5 calendar days after notification by SOS of errors |
| Timing of Election | Next regular or special city election scheduled for any other purpose for which election process requirements can be met | At a regular or special election not less than 60 and not more than 150 days after final determination of petition sufficiency | Targeted election |
| Amount of time to check signatures | 15 business (or working) days | 30 calendar days | 30 calendar days |

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2024 Work Plan

ELECTION CODE COMMITTEE

| 2024 WORK PLAN | | | |
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| | Committee Discussion | Council Meetings | Scheduling Notes |
| 1. Charter Amendments for November 2024 Ballot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article VIII • Article IX • Article X | May Committee Meetings | 1 st Reading July 2 2 nd Reading July 16 | Summer Break – 7/23 – 8/6 |
| 2. Campaign Finance | August and September Committee Meetings | October 8 Work Session 1 st Reading November 4 2 nd Reading November 18 | Budget session #3 on October 8 tends to be shorter so a possible option for a work session on 10/8 - best to get done during 2024 due to timing of election activities for November 2025 |
| 3. Education for Ranked Choice Voting | January and February Committee Meetings | March Work Session Council TBD | Winter Break 12/18 – 1/4 |
| 4. Additional Charter Amendments? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article II – Vacancies • Article IV - General Provisions | TBD | | |
| 5. Oversight Committee | TBD | | |
| 6. Public Financing of Campaigns | TBD | | |