



## AGENDA ACTION FORM

### **Consideration of a Resolution Requesting a Private Act from the Tennessee General Assembly Amending Various Sections of the City Charter**

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Presentation By: McCartt

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#### **Strategic Focus Area: Efficient & Responsive Government**

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#### **Recommendation:**

Approve the resolution.

#### **Executive Summary:**

If approved, the accompanying resolution requests the Tennessee General Assembly to pass a private act allowing for certain amendments to the city charter. If the act is passed, to make the act effective it will have to be approved by the board by a two-thirds majority vote.

Two of the requested changes will align selection of the vice-mayor and president of the Board of Education with the general city election which now occurs in August. Article III, Section 11 addresses selection of the vice mayor while Article XIX, Section 2 addresses selection of the president of the Board of Education

A third changes Article XI Section 5 to change the date real property taxes are due from November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Currently, taxes are due on November 1<sup>st</sup> but penalties and interest are not assessed until December 1<sup>st</sup>. Citizens have expressed uncertainty relative to when taxes are due and when penalties and interest are applied and this uncertainty appears to be a result of this 30 day delay.

Lastly, an amendment is proposed to Article XV, Section 2 to align the requirements for publication of the tentative appropriation ordinance (proposed budget) with state law and specify that amendments thereto or additional appropriations be adopted by ordinance. Currently, the charter requires the tentative appropriation ordinance be published earlier than what is required by state law. The change to the publication requirement will allow for greater time between the May budget planning meetings and the date when publication must be made. Changes to the manner of amendments or further appropriations will align the charter with actual practice.

#### **Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Charter Provisions

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Baker	—	—	—
Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Mayes	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—