

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: November 16, 2021

DEPARTMENT: City Commission

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2021-21 – Second Reading – Ballot language to allow a candidate to concede without forcing a run-off election

SUMMARY:

The ordinance provides a referendum question for the March 8, 2022, General Election to allow a candidate to concede after the General Election without forcing a run-off.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Charter Review Committee submitted recommendations to the City Commission regarding changes to the City's Charter at the October 5, 2021 regular meeting. This recommendation is that a candidate may concede within 48 hours of the certification of the election results thereby doing away with the need for a run-off election and allowing the remaining candidate to be duly elected

In March 2019, four candidates ran for the District 4 Commission seat resulting in a run-off being necessary as no candidate received a majority of the vote. The candidate who had the second greatest number of votes conceded, but because the issue of concession was not addressed in the Charter, the City held the run-off election. Adding an allowance for a concession would prevent a run-off should a candidate concede, avoiding the time and expense of an election.

The ordinance was approved unanimously at the November 2, 2021 regular meeting. An effective date has been added to the ordinance to clarify that this option to concede will be applicable to any run-off candidate in an election after the March 2022 election.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance 2021-21 to allow a candidate to concede without forcing a run-off election.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Ordinance 2021-21