

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: November 16, 2021

DEPARTMENT: City Commission

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2021-24 – Second Reading – Ballot language regarding the filling of commission vacancies

SUMMARY:

The ordinance provides a referendum question for the March 8, 2022, General Election specifying a time line to fill a commission vacancy that occurs less than six (6) months before the next General Election.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The City Commission discussed possible changes to the City's Charter at the October 5, 2021 regular meeting and gave consensus to move forward with a ballot question regarding the filling of candidate vacancies at the October 19, 2021 regular meeting.

According to Article III – Legislative, Section 5 – Vacancies; forfeiture of office; filling of vacancies – (c) (1) Filling of vacancies in the City's Charter, a commission vacancy occurring less than six (6) months before the next regular city election shall be filled by the commissioner or mayor being chosen and appointed by a majority vote of the remaining members to serve until a newly elected commissioner or mayor is qualified. The City Commission proposed setting the timing to fill such a vacancy occur no later than 24 hours prior to the beginning of the City's qualifying period.

The ordinance was approved unanimously at the November 2, 2021 regular meeting.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance 2021-24 regarding the filling of commission vacancies.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Ordinance 2021-24