

STAFF REPORT SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney/City Clerk

TITLE:

Potential charter amendments – term limits

SUMMARY:

According to Florida Statute 166.031, amendments to a municipality's charter must be submitted to its electors.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Discussion regarding potential charter amendments for future ballots.

Possible charter amendments:

Article III, Section 2. – Election and terms.

This Section establishes the term limits for elected officials. Currently, Commissioners and the Mayor are elected for 3-year terms and may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms as Commissioner or Mayor, respectively, and no more than twelve (12) consecutive years as a City elected official. These term limits and twelve year maximum limit became applicable to any individual elected to a full term of office on or after the March 2022 election.

The Commission has discussed changing the term limits to three (3) consecutive terms or having two (2) 4-year terms which would run concurrently with State and Federal elections, thus saving the City money. The Commission may consider putting forward a referendum question to have the election terms amended.

DIRECTION:

Direction is necessary regarding potential charter amendments for future ballots. An Ordinance for each referendum question authorized by the Commission would be placed on future agendas for consideration.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A