

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney/City Clerk

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2025-20 – Second Reading – calling for referendum to amend the Charter regarding certification of election results

SUMMARY:

The Ordinance calls for referendum to amend Article III, Section 2 of the Charter to provide for the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections to certify the City's election results

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Article III, Section 2 provides for the City Commission to canvass the ballots of City elections and to certify the election results. In 2021, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections informed the municipalities that she would be unable to sit on each municipality's canvassing board and requested that the municipalities utilize the County Canvassing Board instead. Since the 2022 election, the City has, by Resolution, directed the use of the County Canvassing Board to canvass the City's elections. As a function of her position, the Supervisor of Elections certifies the results of the elections that are canvassed by the County Canvassing Board. The language in the Charter is obsolete because the City Commission does not canvass the ballots nor certify the results of an election.

According to Florida Statute 166.031, amendments to a municipality's charter must be submitted to its electors. A referendum question is needed to amend this Section of the Charter to reflect that the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections certifies the election results. The Ordinance was approved unanimously at the November 4, 2025 regular meeting.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance No. 2025-20 calling for referendum to amend the Charter regarding certification of election results.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Ordinance 2025-20
Charter language – election certification