

EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: November 2, 2021

DEPARTMENT: City Commission

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2021-21 – First 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 if a candidate conceded, avoiding the time and expense of an election.

The Commission gave consensus to move forward with a ballot question regarding candidate concession at the October 19, 2021 regular meeting.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance 2021-21 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for November 16, 2021.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A
Ordinance 2021-21