

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Wednesday, October 19, 2022
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	INFO/ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Consider Ordinance Amending the Marshall City Charter Regarding City Attorney and Terms of Office
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p><b><u>Marshall Charter Commission</u></b> The city charter is the constitution of the City of Marshall. Legally, it is a delegation of a portion of the State’s central governing authority exercised at the local level. The city charter fulfills many purposes; among these are:</p> <p>It defines the powers and authority of the City, granted by the people.</p> <p>It prescribes the City’s operating structure and its officers, including their number, qualifications, manner of selection, terms, and duties.</p> <p>It specifies the processes by which official acts and decisions are made, implemented, and enforced.</p> <p>It establishes the lines of authority over the administrative departments that deliver municipal services and programs to the community and its residents.</p> <p>The Marshall Charter Commission is analogous to a standing constitutional convention: it is the state agency that exercises primary oversight of the city charter. Its 15 members are appointed by the district court, acting through its chief judge, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 410.05. The Charter Commission meets on an annual basis, and subject to call for additional meetings.</p> <p>The meetings are open to the public.</p> <p><b><u>Meetings</u></b> Meetings are generally held annually in December of each year.</p> <p><b><u>About the City Charter</u></b> Minnesota was the fourth state in the U.S. to permit “home rule” through a constitutional amendment approved in 1896. That amendment allowed citizens to create municipal governments separate from the standard plans established under state law. Essentially, a home rule charter served as a constitution for a local government: through it, a community establishes and maintains a municipal corporation to provide for the common health, safety, and welfare of its people.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	To approve the proposed changes to the Marshall City Charter Regarding City Attorney and Terms of Office