

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

**From: Melissa Marsh, City Manager
Cheryl Rottmann, City Clerk
Jeff Sherman, Assistant Legal Counsel**

Date: May 16, 2023

Re: Charter Study Group Ballot Proposals Language

The Charter Study Group proposed the following four amendments to the city charter: (i) Eliminate the provision requiring a council member to resign from office as a condition for running for Mayor; (ii) filling the Mayor position if a vacancy occurs; (iii) appointment of the Mayor Pro-Tem (iv) and, accepting resignations from Boards and Commissions administratively.

A fifth charter provision to change the City Council meeting requirements was considered, but no changes were recommended to City Council by the Charter Study Group. Since the direction of the City Council was to amend this language, staff has included a draft Charter Amendment proposal for Section 6.1, Regular Meetings, for your consideration.

Proposed resolutions have been prepared for your consideration to present to the electorate on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The Home Rule City Act requires a supermajority of five or more votes of approval to place the measures on the ballot, subject to review and approval of the Attorney General and the Governor. The City Council can adopt the proposals as presented, amend the language, or turn down the proposals. It should be noted that the foregoing language revisions are currently being examined by the Attorney General and may be subject to change.

Should it be the wish of Council, a separate motion for each proposal should be considered with the following recommended wording:

to adopt the resolution proposing a Charter Amendment to Section X be placed on the November 7, 2023 ballot for voters to consider