

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MISSION, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE, APPOINTING MEMBERS, ASSIGNING DUTIES AND DURATION, PROVIDING FOR COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC MEETINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A DATE OF TERMINATION OF ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, the City of Mission's Home Rule Charter was adopted at an election held on August 29, 1961, and which the enumeration of powers made in the Charter shall never be construed to preclude, by implication or otherwise, the city from exercising the powers incident to the enjoyment of local self-government, nor to do any and all things not inhibited by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 1987, City of Mission, through a subsequent charter election, further authorized several substantive amendments to the City's Charter on January 17, 1987; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2008, City of Mission, through its third charter election, authorized one additional change; specifically, Section 3.01(C), changing the uniform election month to May, as provide by Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mission has not considered a holistic review and set of revisions of the City's Charter since 1987; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to create a Charter Review Committee to review the City's Charter regarding possible revisions to said charter, determine which articles and sections of the Charter need amendment, deletion, or addition, develop a list of possible amendments to the Charter for review by the City Council and present those recommendations to the City Council for the purpose of calling a Charter Amendment Election; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council shall each select one responsible and independent member as their appointment to serve on the committee; and

WHEREAS, each Committee member shall serve until recommendations have been presented to the City Council for their review and approval; and

WHEREAS, each member of the committee shall serve without compensation; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, all Assistant City Managers, the Planning Director and the City Attorney, are hereby directed to support the Charter Review Committee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The following individuals are appointed to serve terms to the Charter Review Committee:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Section 2. The Charter Review Committee is charged with considering and making recommendations to the City Council, including but not limited to technical and other updated amendments that might be suggested.

Section 3. The Charter Review Committee may adopt bylaws to govern the conduct of its meetings and hearings, but shall at all times be subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Section 4. The Charter Review Committee shall meet during the months of October - December of 2023, research preliminary findings and make an interim report of these findings to be presented to the City Council on January 8, 2024 so that City Council may have at least two meetings to discuss any proposed Charter changes and still order special election of the Charter Amendments that must be called before February 16, 2024, the deadline to order a special charter election for May 2023.

Section 5. The Charter Review Committee shall conduct at least one (1) public workshop, prior to the January 8, 2024 interim report deadline to City Council, to solicit community feedback on issues to be considered in the City Charter Amendment election.

Section 6. The Charter Review Committee shall, by majority vote of all of its members, make its final recommendations to the City Council by submitting the report to the City Secretary's Office by January 3, 2024, concerning the issues in the charge to the Charter Review Committee. The report may include the position of the minority and any accompanying explanations of the majority and minority position. The report adopted by the Charter Review Committee will be presented as part of the January 8, 2024, City Council Agenda Packet for Council's review.

Section 7. The City Council may amend the charge of the Charter Review Committee at any time.

Section 8. Not later than January 22, 2024, the City Council shall hold a public hearing at its City Council meeting on the preliminary draft of the proposed City Charter Amendments to obtain citizen feedback on the Amendments under consideration.

Section 9. Not later than February 12, 2024, the City Council shall make the final determination concerning whether and when to hold a City Charter Amendment election and the propositions to be submitted to the voters at the election.

Section 10. The Charter Review Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and shall serve unless or until replaced by the City Council and shall be subject to rules applicable to other City boards.

Section 11. The Charter Review Committee shall cease to exist upon the accomplishment of the purpose for which it was created unless earlier abolished by majority vote of the City Council.

Section 12. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated as findings of fact and made part of this resolution for all purposes.

CONSIDERED, PASSED, AND APPROVED this 25th day of September, 2023, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Mission, Texas, at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

CITY OF MISSION

By: _____
Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Victor A Flores, City Attorney