



Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Agenda Title:

- Bill No. 21-01 Consideration of a Bill to Place a Question Before the Voters of the City as to Whether the City Charter Should be Amended to Appoint a Person to Fill the Incomplete Term of an Elected City Official When a Vacancy Occurs in an Elected City Office

Department/Contact Person:

- Shelby Teufel, City Administrator

Background Information:

- The City's Charter and Code of Ordinances outline the process to fill mayoral and council vacancies, with Charter language prevailing over any other language. The Charter now requires that the mayor, president pro tempore, or City Council call a special election to fill a vacancy in the elected City offices of mayor or City Council.
- At the October 26, 2020 City Council meeting, the Council expressed a desire to allow the voters to decide whether they want to continue to require special elections or to allow for an appointment, which is currently authorized for almost all other Missouri cities.
- To place the issue before the voters at the General Municipal Election on April 6, 2021, an ordinance needs to be approved by Council and delivered to the County Clerk by January 26, 2021.

Financial Information:

- No impact, confirmed with the Cass County Clerk's office.

Staff Recommendation:

- Staff has no recommendation as this is a policy decision.
- An affirmative vote will place this issue on the ballot.

Attachments:

- Bill No. 21-01
- City Charter Change Question Presentation