

TO: Commission Chair and Committee
FROM: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Update Regarding Mayor Term Length and Charter Commission
DATE: February 9, 2026

OVERVIEW:

In 2025 we discussed with the Charter Commission and Council issues related to the extension of the Mayor term and the longevity of the Commission. Below, for information purposes only, is an update on those two discussions.

1. Mayor Term

Currently the Mayor term as outlined in the City Charter is two years in length. The question was brought forward in regards the interest of extending the term to four years.

There was not unanimous consensus by the Charter or Council, and this item would be required to be placed on a ballot. It was agreed that the appropriate time to move this forward would be the 2028 election due to the local turnout of voters.

2. Charter Commission

Both groups discussed the longevity of the Commission and if there was a point on which it should be dissolved.

There was not unanimous consensus by the Charter or Council, and this item would be required to be placed on a ballot. It was agreed that the appropriate time to move this forward would be the 2028 election due to the local turnout of voters.

Both items are on hold at this time and will be addressed in 2027 to determine if this will be placed on the 2028 ballot and the education and steps necessary for that to happen.