



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	January 7, 2025
Agenda Item:	Referendum Question
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

Staff collaborated with legal counsel to draft a referendum question for the April 1, 2025, ballot, with a submission deadline of January 22, 2025 which was presented on December 17th. The question has been updated to reflect the option Council determined was most appropriate. All of the backup analysis work papers have been updated as well.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

3/5/2024 – Council approved the contract to hire Fitch & Associates to complete an organizational workload study for the police department.

10/15/2024 – Fitch & Associates presented their findings and recommendations to Council.

11/7/2024 – Council agreed to pursue a referendum and obtain Mueller as the communications consultant.

12/17/2024 – Council agreed to consider option B with a few minor adjustments to the plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving the updated referendum question to go on the April ballot.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Referendum Question
2. Supplementary documents; Final Option B, Mill Rate Yearly, Mill Rate Monthly, Fleet List, Replacement Schedule, Cash Flow Analysis for Capital, Capital List, Outfitting Costs