

Legislation Text

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Resolution ordering a November 8, 2011, Special Election for consideration of amendments to the City's Charter.

As required by the City's Charter, the City Council appointed a Charter Review Commission on November 9, 2010, composed of thirteen members: Elaine Boozer, Shannon Coleman, Charles Colley, Darlene Cross, Michael Dossing, Cindy Engelhardt, Marie Hornberger, Michael Marler, Hilan Priddy, Jerry Scott, Leilani Smith, Melvin White, and Gina Whittington. The Charter Review Commission was appointed to serve for six months with the following powers and duties as prescribed in the City Charter:

1.) Inquire into the operations of city government and review the city charter to determine whether it requires revision. Public hearings may be held and the commission shall have the power to compel the attendance of city officers or employees and to require the submission of city records necessary to its inquiry and review.

2.) Propose any recommendations it deems desirable to ensure compliance with charter provisions by city departments.

3.) Propose any charter amendments it deems desirable to improve the effective application of the charter to current conditions.

4.) Make a written report of its findings and recommendations to the city council.

The Charter Review Commission held its final meeting and completed its work on May 16, 2011, voting unanimously to approve the attached recommendations for amendments and the final report of findings and recommendations to the City Council. Charles Colley, Chairman of the Charter Review Commission, presented the Commission's final report to the City Council on June 14, 2011. The Charter Review Commission report was published in the Pflugerville Pflag on July 14, 2011.

The attached resolution has been provided to order the November 8, 2011, Special Election for consideration of the amendments to the City's Charter as recommended by the Charter Review Commission. Exhibit A includes the voting locations which have not yet been provided by Travis County and Williamson County. These will be provided at a later date and the resolution's Exhibit A will be corrected at that time. Exhibit B is the text of the propositions as prepared by the City Attorney.

This item has been posted on a supplemental agenda to provide for Spanish translation for this agenda item topic. The supplemental agenda in Spanish is attached.

Deadline for City Council Action

The deadline for calling a November 8, 2011 election is September 7, 2011.

Projected Future City Council Action

The City Council will canvass the votes of the November 8, 2011 Special Election at their November 22, 2011 Regular City Council meeting.

Fiscal Impact

\$13,000 is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 budget to cover the expenses for this election.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the resolution.

Drafter

Karen Thompson, City Secretary