

PROPOSITION A

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to authorize monthly compensation for members of the City Council in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) per month for the Mayor and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per month for Council Members?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE A

§ 3.04. Compensation.

Members of the city council shall serve without compensation. The Mayor is authorized to receive seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) per month. Each remaining Council Member is authorized to receive five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per month. The Mayor and each Council Member but shall be entitled to payment of or reimbursement for all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties, upon approval by the city council.

PROPOSITION B

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to add a new section requiring the City Council to adopt protections governing the collection, use, retention, and oversight of data, facial recognition, and surveillance technologies, to establish transparent approval processes for such technologies, and to require a responsible artificial intelligence framework?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE B

§ 2.03. Artificial Intelligence Protections.

City Council shall adopt protections governing the collection, use, retention, and oversight of data, facial recognition, and surveillance technologies; establish transparent approval processes for such technologies; require a responsible AI (artificial intelligence) framework; ensuring this information is used locally for a legitimate basis established by law.

PROPOSITION C

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to revise the procedures for adopting ordinances, including eliminating the requirement that a proposed ordinance be read at two Council meetings and instead requiring an additional reading only when the City Council determines that an amendment substantively changes the ordinance, and revising related notice and public-availability procedures?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE C

§ 3.15. Ordinances, In General.

(b) Procedure: ~~Any member of the council may offer an ordinance in writing after it has been approved as to form by the city attorney and placed on the agenda of a regular council meeting. At least one week before first reading, copies of the~~any ~~proposed ordinance in the form required for adoption shall be furnished to members of the council and the caption of the proposed ordinance shall be posted at the city hall and on the City's website. On request of any citizen, the~~The ~~city secretary shall furnish a copy of any proposed ordinance to anyone upon request, the caption of which is posted for public review. Amendments to any proposed ordinance shall be subject to the same notice, posting, and copy requirements so long as the proposed ordinance is before the council.~~

The city attorney shall review all proposed ordinances before first reading and provide any suggestions or objections to the council in writing.

~~Except as specified below, a proposed ordinance shall be read at two council meetings with at least seventy-two hours elapsing between readings. A proposed ordinance may be amended on first reading; however, if an amendment is made at second reading, final adoption shall be postponed until a subsequent meeting. An ordinance amended prior to adoption need not be read again unless the City Council determines, in its discretion, that an amendment substantively changes the subject matter or scope of the ordinance and votes to require an additional reading. An emergency ordinance shall be adopted in accordance with section 3.16 of this charter; a budget ordinance shall be adopted in accordance with section 9.03 of this charter; an appropriations ordinance shall be adopted in accordance with section 9.04 of this charter; an ordinance pertaining to borrowing shall be adopted in accordance with section 9.05 of this charter; and a tax ordinance shall be adopted in accordance with section 9.08 of this charter.~~

(d) Effective date: Every ordinance shall be effective upon adoption, or at any later time specified in the ordinance; however, no ordinance imposing a penalty, fine, or forfeiture shall become effective until the caption of the ordinance, which shall summarize the purpose of the ordinance and the penalty for violating the ordinance has been published one time on the city's official website or other electronic media that is readily accessible to the public. ~~An ordinance passed on first reading by at least three affirmative votes may become effective after first reading provided the motion so specifies, but the ordinance shall be posted and adopted at a subsequent meeting as required by section 3.15(b).~~

PROPOSITION D

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to lower, from fifteen percent (15%) to ten percent (10%), the percentage of qualified voters required to sign a petition for an initiative, referendum, or nonbinding referendum?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE D

§ 7.03. Petitions.

(a) Number of signatures: Initiative, referendum and nonbinding referendum petitions must be signed by least ~~fifteen~~ten percent of the number of qualified voters registered to vote at the last regular city election.

PROPOSITION E

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to revise City Council meeting and agenda procedures, including requiring that an item submitted by a Council Member with the support of a second Council Member be placed on an agenda within sixty (60) days, requiring the Mayor to include such items on the agenda, and clarifying the Council's meetings requirements with City-created boards and commissions?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE E

§ 3.05. General Powers and Duties.

All powers of the city shall be vested in the city council, except as otherwise provided by law or this charter. The city council shall provide for the performance of all duties and obligations imposed on the city by law through the establishment of general policies and ordinances, which will be implemented by the City Manager. Any member of city council may place an item on the agenda for a subsequent regular council meeting with the consent of a second member of the city council, such item to be placed on an agenda within 60 days of its submission.

§ 3.10. City Council Meetings.

The city council shall meet at least once each month and may hold as many additional meetings as it deems necessary to transact the business of the city. Days and times of regular meetings shall be set by resolution. All meetings shall be posted and conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.-The city council shall meet with each Council-created board or commission on an as needed basis. The Mayor shall, with the assistance and input of the City Manager, set and approve the agendas for City Council meetings, which shall include any item submitted pursuant to section 3.05.

PROPOSITION F

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to provide that voter petition requirements be completed in compliance with state law and extending, from two (2) weeks to four (4) weeks, the deadline to file a supplementary petition after a petition is certified insufficient?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE F

§ 6.02. Recall Petition Required.

Before submitting the question of recalling an official to the voters, a petition, signed by at least ten percent of the qualified voters of the city registered to vote at the last regular city election and demanding the question be submitted, shall be filed with the city secretary. Each person signing the petition shall personally sign their own name in ink ~~or indelible pencil~~ in accordance with state law, and the petition shall include each signer's voter's registration number or date of birth, name, residence address and the date of signing. The petition shall contain a general statement of the grounds for which removal is sought.

§ 7.04. Determining Sufficiency of Petition.

(e) Insufficient petition, amendment: If the petition is certified insufficient because it lacks the required number of valid signatures, it may be amended one time only. The petitioners' committee shall file notice that it intends to amend the petition with the city secretary within two working days after receipt of the certificate. A supplementary petition with additional signatures and in a form that complies with sections 7.03(b) and (c) must be filed within ~~two~~ four weeks after receipt of the certificate.

PROPOSITION G

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to revise the requirements governing the development and content of the City's annual budget, including requiring that the City Manager prepare and present the budget in accordance with Government Finance Officers Association budget-award guidelines, requiring comparative budget information and a five-year financial forecast, and to add a new charter section requiring a publicly accessible reporting system and final close-out reports for major capital projects?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE G

§ 9.03. Annual Budget.

(a) ~~Content-Development:~~ The budget shall provide a complete financial plan of all city funds and activities and, except as required by law or this charter, shall be in a form that the manager deems desirable or that the council may require. The City Manager shall prepare and present the budget according to budget award guidelines currently established by the Government Finance Officers Association, or its successor organization. A budget message explaining the budget both in fiscal terms and in terms of city programs shall be submitted with the budget. The budget message shall (1) outline the proposed financial policies of the city for the coming fiscal year, (2) describe the important features of the budget, (3) indicate any major changes from the current year in financial policies, expenditures, and revenues, with reasons for such changes, (4) summarize the city's debt position, and (5) include other material as the manager deems necessary or desirable.

(b) Content: The budget shall begin with a clear general summary of its contents and shall show in detail all estimated income, based on the proposed property tax levy and all proposed expenditures, including debt service, for the coming fiscal year. The proposed budget expenditures shall not exceed the total of estimated income and any fund balances available from prior years. For every budget adopted after the 1997-1998 fiscal year budget, except in the event of an emergency under Section 9.04(b), the adopted budget must include an unencumbered general fund balance that is at least sufficient to cover three months of the city's budgeted general fund operation and maintenance expenses. This fund balance may be used for emergency appropriations in accordance with Section 9.04(b). The budget shall provide a complete financial plan of all City funds and activities and shall be arranged to show comparative figures for the current fiscal year's adopted budget, year-to-date actual and estimated income and expenditures and estimated year-end results, the preceding fiscal year's adopted budget and actual income and expenditures, and the estimate of income and expenditures for the upcoming budgeted year. The budget shall be presented in a format that allows a meaningful comparison of trends in revenues, expenditures, staffing levels, and long-term obligations. It shall include in separate sections:

- ~~1. An itemized estimate of the expense of conducting each department, division, and office.~~
- ~~2. Reasons for proposed increases or decreases in specific expenditures, compared with the current fiscal year.~~

- ~~3. A separate schedule for each department, indicating tasks to be accomplished by the department during the year, and additional desirable tasks to be accomplished if possible.~~
- ~~4. A statement of the total probable income of the city from taxes for the period covered by the estimate.~~
- ~~5. Tax levies, rates, and collections for the preceding five years.~~
- ~~6. All anticipated revenue from itemized sources other than the tax levy.~~
- ~~7. The amount required for interest on the city's debts, for the sinking fund, and for maturing serial bonds.~~
- ~~8. The total principal amount of outstanding city debts, with a consolidated schedule of debt service requirements.~~
- ~~9. Anticipated net surplus or deficit for the coming fiscal year of each utility owned or operated by the city and the proposed method of its disposition. Subsidiary budgets for each utility, with detailed income and expenditure information shall be attached as appendices to the budget.~~
- ~~10. A capital program, which may be revised and extended each year to indicate capital improvements pending or in process of construction or acquisition, that includes the following items: (a) a summary of proposed programs; (b) a list of all capital improvements proposed to be undertaken during the next five fiscal years, with appropriate supporting information regarding the necessity for the improvements, including the five year plan related to that particular type of capital improvement; (c) cost estimates, methods of financing, and recommended time schedules for each improvement; and (d) the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining the facilities to be constructed or acquired.~~
- ~~11. Other information required by the council.~~

(c) Financial Forecast: The budget shall include a five-year financial forecast, to include project revenues, expenditures, debt service obligations, capital expenditures, and anticipated impacts on the property tax rate and utility rates.

§ 9.08. Capital Project Public Reporting System.

The City shall maintain a publicly accessible online reporting system for major capital projects. Upon the completion of a capital project, the City shall maintain a final close-out report. The City shall retain such reports for not less than five (5) years after project completion.

[Numbering note: If adopted current sections 9.08 Taxation and 9.09 Sales and Purchasing shall be renumbered as sections 9.09 and 9.10 respectfully.]

PROPOSITION H

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to authorize the mayor alone to excuse the City Manager from attending a meeting?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE H

§ 4.01. City Manager.

(c) ...

4. Attend all city council meetings unless excused by the ~~council~~ Mayor.

PROPOSITION I

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to require City Council to appoint residents of the city's ETJ as non-voting advisory participants on city boards and commissions?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE I

§ 8.02 Membership Qualifications.

Except as otherwise provided for in Section 8.12 of this charter, each candidate for appointment as a member of a board or commission shall be a registered voter of the city who has resided within the corporate city limits, or within territory annexed prior to the appointment, for at least twelve months preceding the appointment. Board or commission members shall serve without compensation and shall not be employed by or hold any other position in city government. In addition to any other requirements prescribed by the council, members shall maintain the qualifications established by this section while in office.

§ 8.12. Non-Voting Advisory Participation by ETJ Residents.

The City Council shall, by ordinance, authorize residents of the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction to serve as non-voting advisory participants on selected boards or commissions when their perspective is relevant to the board's work and such appointments and participation is not prohibited by state law, this Charter, or the legal function of the board or commission.

A non-voting ETJ advisory participant shall not vote, count toward quorum, serve as chair or vice-chair, participate in executive session unless authorized by law, or alter the residency requirements for voting members.

The ordinance authorizing ETJ advisory participation shall identify the eligible boards or commissions and may establish appointment procedures, eligibility requirements, terms, duties, limits, and participation procedures.

ETJ advisory participation shall not apply to a board or commission exercising quasi-judicial, appellate, adjudicatory, enforcement, or other legally restricted functions unless expressly authorized by state law.

PROPOSITION J

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor and City Council set the strategic direction and general policy framework of the City?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE J

§ 1.02. Form of Government.

...Subject only to the limitations imposed by the state constitution, applicable state statutes, and this charter, all powers of the city shall be vested in the elected mayor and council members, who shall enact local legislation, adopt budgets, and ~~determine policies~~ set the strategic direction and general policy framework of the City. All powers of the city shall be exercised in the manner prescribed by this charter or, if not prescribed, as set out by ordinance, adopted in accordance with this charter.

PROPOSITION K

Shall the City Charter be amended to allow public comment during removal proceedings without requiring City Council approval?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE K

§ 3.08. Removal from Office.

(c) Hearing and decision:

~~9. No public comment shall be allowed unless agreed to by a majority vote of the voting members of City Council present. Rules for public comment shall be set by City Council;~~

PROPOSITION L

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to remove the requirement that the Municipal Court Judge reside within the City?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE L

§ 4.02. Municipal Court.

(b) Municipal judge and associate judges: The city council shall appoint a municipal judge, who shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas ~~and a resident of the City~~, and shall fix the compensation for that office. The city council, in its discretion, may appoint additional associate municipal judges, who shall not be required to be attorneys. All municipal judges shall serve at the will of the council and shall receive compensation fixed by the city council.

PROPOSITION M

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to add a new Section 11.05 specifying how the public may participate in City Council meetings, including the submission of written comments on agenda items and participation by remote communication to the extent permitted by state law?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE M

§ 11.05. Public Participation in City Council Meetings.

(a) Written Comments: The City shall permit members of the public to submit written comments on any posted agenda item. Written comments timely received in accordance with procedures established by the City shall be made available to City Council and included as part of the minutes for the relevant meeting.

(b) Remote Participation by the Public: To the extent permitted by state law, the City shall allow members of the public to participate in meetings by remote communication. The Council may adopt reasonable procedures to govern such participation, including registration requirements, time limits, and measures to ensure that all participants can be heard by the Council and the public.

PROPOSITION N

Shall the City of Pflugerville City Charter be amended to make non-substantive technical and conforming corrections, including standardizing capitalization throughout the Charter; adopting language conforming with state law, and amending or deleting language that is unnecessary or duplicative of state law?

FOR _____

AGAINST _____

MEASURE N

Capitalization (§ 1.02; conforming throughout the Charter)

§ 1.02. Form of Government.

The municipal government provided by this charter shall be the city council-manager form of government, consisting of a mayor and council members, elected by the people and responsible to the people, and a ~~€~~City ~~m~~Manager, appointed by and responsible to the council for proper administration of the ~~€~~City....

[Illustrative. Conforming capitalization changes (e.g., "city" to "City," "manager" to "Manager") shall be applied throughout the Charter consistent with standard drafting conventions.]

§ 1.05. ~~Detachment or Contraction of Boundaries~~Disannexation.

The city council by ordinance may ~~detach-disannex~~ any territory not suitable or necessary for city purposes with or without the consent of the inhabitants or owners of the area to be ~~detached-disannexed~~. In ~~detaching~~ disannexing any area, the city council shall hold a public hearing on the ~~proposed detachment proposal~~. Notice of the meeting where the public hearing is to be held shall comply with the notice provision of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551, as amended or revised, as prescribed by Local Government Code § 43.052. The ordinance ~~detaching~~ disannexing an area shall specify accurately, by metes and bounds, the affected area.

§ 3.10. City Council Meetings.

The city council shall meet at least once each month and may hold as many additional meetings as it deems necessary to transact the business of the city. Days and times of regular meetings shall be set by resolution. ~~All meetings shall be posted and conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.~~ The city council shall meet with each board or commission on an as needed basis. The Mayor shall, with the assistance and input of the City Manager, set and approve the agendas for City Council meetings.

§ 3.14. Action Requiring an Ordinance.

In addition to other acts required by law or by specific provision of this charter to be done by ordinance, the city council shall adopt ordinances in order to:

1. Authorize the borrowing of money.
2. Convey or lease or authorize the conveyance or lease of any city land.

~~Acts other than those specifically enumerated above may be done either by ordinance or resolution.~~

§ 4.01. City Manager.

9. Serve as officer for public records in accordance with ~~the Texas Open Records Act, Chapter 552, Government Code state law,~~ and the custodian of records under the Local Government Records Act, ~~Subtitle C, Title 6, Local Government Code.~~

§ 4.04. City Secretary.

4. Serve as an agent of the officer of public records in accordance with the requirements of ~~the Texas Open Records Act, Chapter 552, Government Code state law,~~ and the records management officer under the Local Government Records Act, ~~Subtitle C, Title 6, Local Government Code.~~

§ 7.03. Petitions.

(b) Form and content: All papers of a petition shall be of uniform size and style and shall be assembled as one instrument for filing. Each person signing the petition shall personally sign their own name in ink ~~or indelible pencil~~ in accordance with state law, and the petition shall also include each signer's name, voter's registration number or date of birth, residence address and the date of signing. Petitions shall contain or have attached to them throughout their circulation the full text of the ordinance proposed or sought to be reconsidered, or the question proposed to be submitted at a nonbinding referendum election.

~~§ 8.07~~11.15. Texas Open Meetings Act.

~~The City of Pflugerville Council and its Boards and Commissions~~ shall conduct all its meetings in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

§ 11.01. Public Records.

All records of every office, department, or agency of the city shall be open to inspection by the public, except as may be withheld from public disclosure under the Texas ~~Open Records Act, Chapter 552, Government Code~~ Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Government Code. During regular office hours, any person shall have the right to examine and make copies of any public records of the city in accordance with reasonable rules and regulations prescribed by the city council.