

July 8, 2021

Item No. 8.4.

Proposed Charter Amendment to hold General Elections in November of odd-numbered years.

Sponsor: Carla Robinson, City Attorney, Tanya Smith, City Secretary

Reviewed By CBC: City Council

Agenda Caption: Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a proposed amendment to the College Station City Charter to hold general elections in November of odd-numbered years rather than in November of even-numbered years.

Relationship to Strategic Goals:

- Good Governance

Recommendation(s): It is recommended that the Council consider the proposed charter amendment language to hold general elections in November of odd-numbered years and provide direction related to including this proposed amendment on the November 2, 2021, charter amendment election.

Summary: Prior to 2018, College Station's general election was held annually each November. In 2018, the City Charter was amended to hold the general election in November of each even-numbered year. During the June 24, 2021, city council meeting, the Council discussed asking the voters to consider moving the City's general election to November of each odd-numbered year as part of the charter amendment election planned for November 2, 2021. The Council directed the City Attorney to provide the Council with proposed proposition language at the July 8, 2021, council meeting.

Budget & Financial Summary: N/A

Attachments:

1. Charter Amendment Proposition No. 3

AMENDMENT NO. 3

Shall Article III (The City Council), Section 17 (Number, Selection, Term), Subsection (d) of the College Station City Charter be amended to provide that the general election is to be held on the November uniform election date of each odd-numbered year instead of on the November uniform election date of each even-numbered year; and to provide a process to transition from even-numbered election years to odd-numbered election years?

Number, Selection, Term
Section 17.

~~(d) The following election process is established to transition from three (3) year terms to four (4) year terms to be elected at the general election held in November of even-numbered years. In 2019, the positions of Mayor and Council Member Place 2 shall be elected at the general election and shall serve three (3) year terms or until their successor has been elected and duly qualified. In 2020, the position of Council Member Place 1 shall be elected at the general election and shall serve a two (2) year term or until their successor has been elected and duly qualified. Thereafter, beginning in 2022, the positions of Mayor and Council Member Place 1 and Place 2 shall be elected at the general election and shall serve four (4) year terms or until their successor has been elected and duly qualified. In 2021, the positions of Council Member Place 4 and Place 6 shall be elected at the general election to serve three (3) year terms or until their successor has been elected and duly qualified. Thereafter, in 2024, the positions of Council Member Place 3, Place 4, Place 5 and Place 6 shall be elected at the general election to serve four (4) year terms or until their successor has been elected and duly qualified. The general election is to be held on the November uniform election date of each odd-numbered year. The following election process is established to transition from general elections held in November of even-numbered years to general elections held in November of odd-numbered years. In 2022, the positions of Mayor and Council Members Place 1 and Place 2 shall be elected at the general election held in November and shall serve three (3) year terms or until their successor has been elected and duly qualified. In 2024, the positions of Council Members Place 3, Place 4, Place 5, and Place 6 shall be elected at the general election held in November and shall serve three (3) year terms or until their successor has been elected and duly qualified. Beginning in 2025 and thereafter, the positions of Mayor and Council Members Place 1 and Place 2 shall be elected at the general election held in November and shall serve four (4) year terms or until their successor has been elected and duly qualified. Beginning in 2027 and thereafter, Council Members Place 3, Place 4, Place 5, and Place 6 shall be elected at the general election held in November and shall serve four (4) year terms or until their successor has been elected and duly qualified.~~