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Meeting Date: 3/06/2018

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Agenda Item: 11
(CC-0318-10)

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SUBJECT: Update on City Charter Revisions

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

This item is a continuation of the discussion held at the February 20, 2018 City Council Meeting. City Attorney Meredith will explain the timeline in order to hold a charter election on November 6, 2018. The next uniform election date would be May 4, 2019.

For November 6, 2018 Charter Election

Adopt Resolution and appoint Charter Review Committee at March 20, 2018 Council Meeting.
Charter Committee submits recommendations to Council by early June.
Council considers proposed revisions at second meeting in June and meetings in July.
Call election at August 7, 2018 Council Meeting

If the preference is to wait until May of 2019 to hold the election, the deadline for calling the election will be February 15, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

Attachments

City Council Minutes, February 6, 2018
City Council Minutes, February 20, 2018

- (7) CC-0218-04
City Charter Update Discussion

City Manager Gabe Reaume initiated a discussion regarding the need to update the City Charter and identified three areas for discussion; items that conflict with State Statutes, staff recommended concerns for consideration, and the possibility of using a Charter Review Committee.

City Attorney Bryn Meredith advised the Mayor and Council of some legal aspects to consider as they decide if and when to make changes to the city charter. Discussion included how committee members would be selected, budgeting for election, legal representation at meetings of advisory committee, and covering entire charter in review.

City Manager Gabe Reaume will meet with staff to determine the scope of the review.

- (12) CC-0218-17
City Charter Update Discussion

City Manager Reaume explained that the Council briefly discussed the need for revisions to the City Charter at the meeting on February 6th. He gave a power point presentation of items in the Charter identified by City Staff that need to be reviewed and updated. He stated that, as discussed at the last meeting, a Charter Review Committee would need to be appointed. Mayor Flippo reminded the Council that they should submit two names for consideration and appointment to a Charter Review Committee. City Attorney Meredith suggested that a Resolution setting up a Charter Review Committee be adopted when the Council is ready to proceed with the process. Mayor Pro-Tem Flory suggested that the members of the original City Charter Committee be considered for appointment to the Charter Review Committee. Councilmember Farr suggested that an outline including the format for review, time commitment, etc. be prepared so potential members will be aware of the importance and commitment of serving on the committee.