

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Council Meeting of September 8, 2015

DATE: September 3, 2015

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Discussion and possible action regarding Charter Amendment Process

STAFF PRESENTER(S):

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BACKGROUND:

On Tuesday, August 25, 2015, the City Council had a preliminary discussion regarding the charter amendment process. A general consensus of the Council was in favor of proposing charter amendments in the November 2016 election, and to create a charter review committee for this purpose. The Council made a motion of direction that the Charter Revision Commission review a residential street charter provision; changes to Article II., City Council, which is inclusive of term limits; and housekeeping measures presented by staff.

Additionally, staff was asked to present a timeline outlining the charter amendment process. Two timelines were developed for comparison and discussion.

In <u>Timeline 1</u>, the question before the voters in November 2016 would be to amend ARTICLE VIII. TAXATION AND BONDS, Sec. 1. Taxation, to add a new paragraph (c) to provide as follows:

- (c) The city council is authorized each year to levy, assess and collect a property tax not to exceed _____ cents (\$0.___) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed value for the purpose of residential street reconstruction. Said taxes shall be maintained in a dedicated fund and used solely for the purpose of residential street reconstruction.
- In <u>Timeline 2</u>, the question before the voters would be whether to authorize the City Council to submit ordinance, resolution, or measure to the popular vote for adoption or repeal (binding referendum). Staff will ask for direction regarding the Council's preferred timeline.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Timeline 1 – "Two Step"; Timeline 2 – "Three-Step"