

# Purpose

- Provide a public opportunity for the 2018 Charter Review Commission to present its recommendations.
- Address clarifying questions regarding the intent of the recommendations.
- Note: Future workshops will be needed for council members to discuss which recommendations to accept and to discuss future ballot language.

# 2018 Charter Commission

- David Gornet, Chair
- Tom DeMont
- Carla Mondt
- Jack Molho
- Stewart Jacobson

## Background

- Appointed on November 6, 2018
- Held 8 meetings in November through March
- Received input from council members, key staff, & the Independent Ethics Review Board
- Held 2 public hearings and 4 opportunities for public comment. No comment was received during the hearing or comment periods.

# Recommendations

David Gornet, Chair

# Article 1: General Provisions

- No recommended changes.

## Article 2: The Council

### Section 2.01 & 2.03

#### **Election & Terms:**

- From four consecutive 2-year terms to two consecutive 3-year terms.
- Clarify that district and at-large are aggregated for purposes of term limits.
- Term limits for the mayor are considered separately.
- If placed on 2020 ballot and approved, then recommend that term changes be effective for district election in 2021 & mayor/at-large in 2022.
- Sections 2.01 and 2.03 be combined.

## Article 2: The Council

### Section 2.02

#### **Qualifications:**

- “Maintain a residence” clarified to require address to be verified by drivers license/ID card and voter registration card.
- Clarify that mayor & at-large council members must also reside in the city during their terms of office.

Article 2:  
The Council  
Section 2.06

**Vacancies:**

- Vacancies of less than 12 months may be filled by the council, instead of being required.



## Article 2: The Council

### Section 2.08

#### **Council Meetings:**

- Remove designated day for council meetings & adopt a 12-month calendar of the upcoming year's meeting dates. Changes only in extenuating circumstances.
- Address State requirement for super majority vote.
- Require an “aye” or “nay” vote unless prohibited by law.
- Update “death or disability” to “death, incapacitation, disqualification, resignation or recall.”

Article 2:  
The Council  
Section 2.10

**Communication through City  
Manager**

- Interference with the daily operations of the City.

## Article 2: The Council

### New Section

#### **Disqualifications:**

- Automatic resignation upon conviction of felony or crime of moral turpitude.
- Automatic resignation for unexcused absences at 25% of regular council meetings in any 12-month period or 4 consecutive meetings.

Article 2:  
The Council  
New Section

**Judge of Qualifications:**

- The council should be the judge of its members' qualifications instead of deferring to a Court of Law.

# Article 2: The Council

## New Section

### **Resign to Run:**

- For two-year terms: Require a council member to resign if running for outside public office.
- For three-year terms: State law requires resign to run for outside public office.

## Article 3: Initiative, Referendum & Recall

- Signature requirement based on qualified voters in the city instead of voters in the last election.
- Change the percentage of signatures required to 15% for all three petition types.
- Petition forms must be obtained from the City Secretary.

## Article 4: Admin. Offices & Depts.

- No recommended revisions.
- Recommend an ordinance to change the Municipal Court from a General Court to a Court of Record.

# Article 5 P&Z & Article 6 Finance

- No recommended revisions for either.



## Next Steps

- At future workshops, staff will return to the Council to discuss staff's analysis & receive direction on which recommendations to draft proposition language for.
- Targeting the June workshop (joint workshop with Charter Commission)

# Clarifying Questions for the Commission or Staff