

Council Resolutions  
Compared to  
Charter Revision Committee (CRC) Recommendations

Late Backup

Resolution Number and Resolution Part	CRC Report Recommendation Number
<b>Resolution 20100624-078</b>	
City Attorney is appointed by City Council. The City Attorney may be removed at the conclusion of a 5-year term of office by a majority of the city council, or during the 5-year term by a vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the city council. City attorney appoints assistant city attorneys.	*4. Council appoints the City Attorney and City Attorney appoints deputy city attorneys
<b>Resolution 20110428-048</b>	
<b>A. Elections (effective 180 days prior to Nov 2013, w/ first election Nov 2013)</b>	
A.1. Add geographic representation to Council	*19. Change the current 7-seat system of all at-large council seats to a 10-1 system with ten single member districts and the mayor elected at-large.
A.2. Move Austin's municipal elections to the uniform election date in November of odd-numbered years or November of even-numbered years	*1. Allow voters to choose whether to move date of Austin's municipal elections from May to November through a ballot item (The committee did not make a recommendation as to whether May or November was preferable; no change to stagger, term length, or term limits; no decision regarding whether terms should be cut short or lengthened for May-to-November transition)
A.3. Change Austin Council terms from 3 years to 4 years	
A.4. Eliminate staggered Council terms; all seats are elected once every 4 years	
A.5. Maintain the current campaign contribution limit for geographic seats; double the current campaign contribution limit for at large seats; maintain CPI for geographic seats	
A.6. New 30 day fundraising period following each regular, run-off, or special election to pay off debt and fund officeholder accounts	*8. Create a new 30-day fundraising period following election with additional restrictions on officeholder accounts.
A.7. Increase officeholder account to \$40K	*9. Increase the amount allowed in officeholder accounts to \$40,000, with additional use restrictions (no use in campaigns)
A.8. Redistricting Commission	18. Utilize an independent redistricting commission to draw maps.

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<b>B. Governance (effective immediately)</b>	
B.1. City Attorney is appointed by City Council.	*4. Council appoints the City Attorney and City Attorney appoints deputy city attorneys
B.2. Council staff is appointed by City Council.	*5. Council appoints Council staff.
B.3. Deputy Clerk is appointed by City Clerk	*6. City Clerk appoints deputy clerks; eliminate council authority to appoint deputy clerk.
B.4. Deputy Auditor is appointed by City Auditor	*7. City Auditor appoints deputy auditors.
B.5. Deputy City Attorney is appointed by City Attorney (B.5. contingent on B.1.)	*4. Council appoints the City Attorney and City Attorney appoints deputy city attorneys
B.6. Allow AISD to appoint AID President representative to PC, and align PC term length with council term length	*15. Ex-officio members of the Planning Commission are non-voting members whose attendance does not affect quorum requirements.
<b>Resolution 20110623-094</b>	
<b>A. Elections</b>	
A.1. Reduce term limits from 3 terms to 2 terms, and prohibit place switching	*2. Prohibit Council members from switching places for the purpose of avoiding term limits (no change to term limits)
A.2. State that vacancies be filled within 120 days after vacancy, to conform with Texas Constitution	
A.3. Run-off contributions may only be collected after general election day	
A.4. Make # of required petition signatures for initiative and referendum match # of required signatures for charter changes	*3. Make the number of required initiative and referendum petition signatures the same as the number required for petitions for charter amendments. Specify number of signatures as five percent of the number of the municipality's qualified voters.
A.5. Establish 60 day deadline for submitting ballot item petitions	
A.6. State that municipal election changes be retained per state retention schedule	
<b>B. Governance</b>	
B.1. State frequency and location of City Council meetings to conform to current meeting practices	
B.2. Eliminate City Council authority to appoint assistants to the City Clerk	*6. City Clerk appoints deputy clerks; eliminate council authority to appoint deputy clerk.
B.3. Require that every ordinance state effective date	

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<b>Non-Resolution Based</b>	
(Memo from ERC)	10. Mandate that jurisdiction and enforcement powers of the City Ethics Review Commission include alleged violations of city campaign finance law.
	11. Report within 1 business day those campaign contributions and expenditures exceeding \$2500 made within 9 days of an election.
	12. Enhance disclosure via reporting and disclaimer of independent expenditures, including express advocacy and electioneering, especially as it relates to corporate expenditures.
	13. Create a public searchable and downloadable database of all electronic campaign finance reports, lobbying reports, and independent expenditures.
	*14. Require a city election to approve major new revenue bonds over the \$50 million dollar amount, with a cost of living adjustment.
	16. Revise the City bundling laws and forms to provide additional information.
	17. Limit the amount that a registered City lobbyist can bundle, to a maximum of \$1,750 per council candidate per election cycle (5 contributors at current maximum amount), and limit the amount registered firms can bundle, to a maximum of \$3,500 per council candidate per election cycle (10 contributors at current maximum amount).