

Charter Amendment Election November 6, 2012: Ordinances, Combining, & Transition Council Work Session April 3, 2012



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Overview

- Direction to staff
- Ordinances
- Combining ballot items
- Calendar
- Transition considerations



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Direction to Staff

- Charter Revision Committee recommendations, if any, Council wishes to implement by Ordinance
- Charter amendment items, if any, Council wishes to combine on the ballot



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Recommendations That May Be Accomplished By Ordinance

- #10: Ethics Review Commission role
- #11: Reporting contributions in last 9 days
- #12: Disclosure of independent expenditures
- #13: Campaign finance database
- #16: Bundler information
- #17: Lobbyist bundling limits
- #18: Independent redistricting commission



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Combining Ballot Items

- Each charter amendment ballot item may contain only one subject, but there is broad discretion in what constitutes one "subject"
- Items that may **stand alone** as individual ballot items:
 - #1: May to November
 - #4: Council appoints City Attorney
 - #2: Term limits clarification
 - #3: Initiative & referendum petition signatures
 - #14: Bond elections
 - #15: Ex-officio Planning Commission members clarification



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Combining Ballot Items

- Campaign finance items:
 - #8: 30 day fundraising period following election
 - #9: Increase amount allowed in officeholder account to \$40K
- Personnel items:
 - #4: City Attorney appoints deputy city attorneys
 - #5: Council appoints council staff
 - #6: City Clerk appoints deputy clerks
 - #7: City Auditor appoints deputy auditors
- Election items
 - #1: May to November
 - #18 & 19: Council structure & commission
 - Stagger/term length



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Ballot Language: Sample Calendar

- April 10/12: Action/direction on personnel recommendations
 - April 24/26: Action/direction on stand alone items
 - May 22/24: Action/direction on campaign finance
 - June 5/7: Discussion on election items
 - June 12/14: Discussion on election items
 - June 26/28: Discussion on election items
 - July 31/August 2: Action on election items
 - August 14/16: no action
- August 20: Legal Deadline To Call November 2012 Election**



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Transition

- Council requested transition considerations for 3 structures:
 - 10-1
 - 10-2-1
 - Charter Revision Committee's recommendation
- Sample decision tree:
 - Council structure
 - May or November elections
 - 3 year or 4 year term (if 4 year, odd or even years?)
 - Stagger or unstaggered terms
 - Transition:
 - Restart
 - Temporarily enlarged Council
 - Phase in



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Questions



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