

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2017, the City Council approved Resolution 20170622-040 establishing a 2018 Charter Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council appreciates the diligence and dedication of 2018 Charter Review Commission in developing its proposals; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Charter Review Commission was created to “advise the Council on revisions which may be necessary or desirable to align the City Charter with changes to municipal ordinances, and to make recommendations to the Council to improve and enhance transparency and the general functions of city government”; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Charter Review Commission sought input from citizens and consulted with City boards and commissions, holding a number of meetings, beginning in November 2017; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2018, the 2018 Charter Review Commission delivered its report to City Council containing its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 7 proposes to amend Article X, Section 2 of the City Charter which provides that members of the Planning Commission have two-year terms that are not staggered; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 2 of the City Charter does not provide for a removal process of a member of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 2 of the City Charter provides that members of the Municipal Service Commission have three-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 9 proposes routine harmonization changes to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution requires voter approval to amend the City Charter; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council hereby expresses its intent to place Recommendations No. 7 and No. 9 proposed by 2018 Charter Review Commission on the November 2018 ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council hereby expresses its desire for members of the Planning Commission and Municipal Service Commission to have terms that run concurrently with council member terms, and for there to be a removal process for members of the Planning Commission, and for such amendments be submitted for voter approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to develop recommended ballot language to bring to Council for its consideration by August 9, 2018, for placement on the November 2018 ballot.

ADOPTED: _____, 2018 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk