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Council Chambers, 6th Floor
Dallas, Texas 75201



Charter Review Commission

February 20, 2024

6:30 PM

The Charter Review Commission meeting will be held by video conference and in the Council Chambers, 6th Floor at City Hall.

The public may attend the meeting virtually; City Hall is available for those wishing to attend the meeting in person.

The following video conference link is available to the public to listen to the meeting and Public Affairs and Outreach will also stream the Charter Review Commission on Spectrum Cable Channels 16 (English) and 95 (Spanish) and at bit.ly/cityofdallastv.

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Call to Order

Public Speakers

MINUTES

1. [24-595](#) Approval of the February 6, 2024, Charter Review Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

BRIEFING ITEMS

- A. [24-596](#) Staff Briefing: City Council Composition, Term Lengths, and Term Limits.
[Jake Anderson, Office of Government Affairs]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

- B. [24-597](#) Staff Briefing: Moving the Election Date
[Jake Anderson, Office of Government Affairs]

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

- C. [24-672](#) Commissioner Briefing: Council Terms and Election Dates
[Lisa LeMaster, Charter Review Commissioner]

- D. [24-671](#) Commissioner Briefing: Moving the Election Date
[David de la Fuente, Charter Review Commissioner]

- E. [24-598](#) Commissioner Briefing: Staggering City Council Terms
[David de la Fuente, Charter Review Commissioner]

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CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- F. [24-599](#) Change the City's form/organization of government.
Possible options based on submitted proposals:
- From a Council-Manager form to a Mayor-Council form (eliminates position of city manager). [Amendments 42 and 50]
 - City auditor, city attorney, and city secretary to report to the city manager instead of the city council. [Amendments 76 and 102]

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- G. [24-600](#) Expand the size of city council in Chapter III through the addition of single-member or at-large districts.
Possible options based on submitted proposals:
- Expand council from 14-1 to 20-1 (20 single-member districts, one at-large mayor). [Amendment 6]
 - Expand council from 14-1 to 18-1 (18 single-member districts, one at-large mayor). [Amendment 52]
 - Expand council from 14-1 to 15-1 (15 single-member districts, one at-large mayor). [Amendment 69]
 - Expand council by adding two or three at-large districts to the 14-1 composition (14 single-member districts, two or three at-large members, one at-large mayor). [Amendment 79]

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H. [24-601](#) Abolish or amend the appointment process of the mayor pro tem and deputy mayor pro tem positions in Chapter III §11.

Note: This item was held under advisement by the Charter Review Commission on January 23, 2024 with direction to include Amendment 95 in the consideration moving forward.

Possible options based on submitted proposals:

- Abolish the positions of mayor pro tem and deputy mayor pro tem. [Amendment 8]
- Allow the mayor to select the mayor pro tem and deputy mayor pro tem instead of the city council. [Amendment 39]
- If at-large council seats are recommended to be added to the city council composition (Agenda Item D), have the voters elect the mayor pro tem and deputy mayor pro tem as the at-large positions. [Amendment 95]

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I. [24-602](#) Amend the term-length for City Council positions from two years for councilmembers and four years for mayor.

Possible options based on submitted proposals:

- To four years for councilmembers, keeping four years for mayor. [Amendment 5]
- To three years for councilmembers and mayor. [Amendments 17 and 21]
- To three or four years for councilmembers, keeping four years for mayor. [Amendments 82]

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J. [24-603](#) Stagger council terms. [Amendments 17 and 105]

Possible options based on submitted proposals:

- Do not stagger (no change to charter). [Amendment 5]
- Stagger. [Amendments 17 and 105]

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- K. [24-604](#) Align the terms for members of boards and commissions in XXIV §13 with the term lengths of councilmembers, should councilmember terms be extended from two years to three or four years. [Amendment 36]

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- L. [24-605](#) Align the terms for municipal judges in VIII §4 with the term lengths of councilmembers, should councilmember terms be extended from two years to three or four years. [Amendment 48]

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- M. [24-606](#) Move the election date from May of odd-numbered years.
Possible options based on submitted proposals:
- To November of odd-numbered years. [Amendments 3, 57, and 82]
 - To November of even-numbered years. [Amendments 59 and 82]

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- N. [24-607](#) Amend Chapter III §3A regarding the waiting period between serving the maximum number of consecutive terms and any future service on the city council.

Possible options based on submitted proposals:

- Future service on city council prohibited after having termed out. [Amendment 38]
- Extend waiting period from two years to four years. [Amendment 44]

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

- O. [24-608](#) Charter Review Commission Calendar

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Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code §551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code §551.089]