



Consideration of Changes to Form of Government

**BUDGET, GOVERNANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

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OVERVIEW

Current Committee Charge: Follow-up on pending Citizen Advisory Committee on Governance (CAGC) recommendations referred to committee

- Four-year terms (Legislative approval is not required)
- Staggered elections (Legislative approval is not required)

Previous Council Committee Action Taken May 2022

Vote: To take up the process of moving towards a referendum in 2023 which would include a vote on four-year and staggered terms for the City Council and Mayor. Passed three to two.

- Add 8th district representative and remove one at-large (Legislative approval is not required)

Previous Council Committee Action Taken May 2022

Vote: To recommend to full Council eight districts and three at-large seats with a referendum in 2023. Passed four to one.

Additional Considerations Discussed by Committee on December 5, 2022:

- Adding 8th District Representative and keeping four At-Large, 12 Council Members plus Mayor (Legislative approval is not required)
- Changes to Council compensation or full-time/part-time status (Legislative approval is not required)

Next steps: Develop recommendations to report to full Council

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Procedures to change form of government

Considerations

- The Council may amend by ordinance subject to approval by the voters at a referendum
- The Council may amend by ordinance without a referendum – however, 5,000 signatures on a petition filed within 30 days forces a referendum

Process for change by City Council

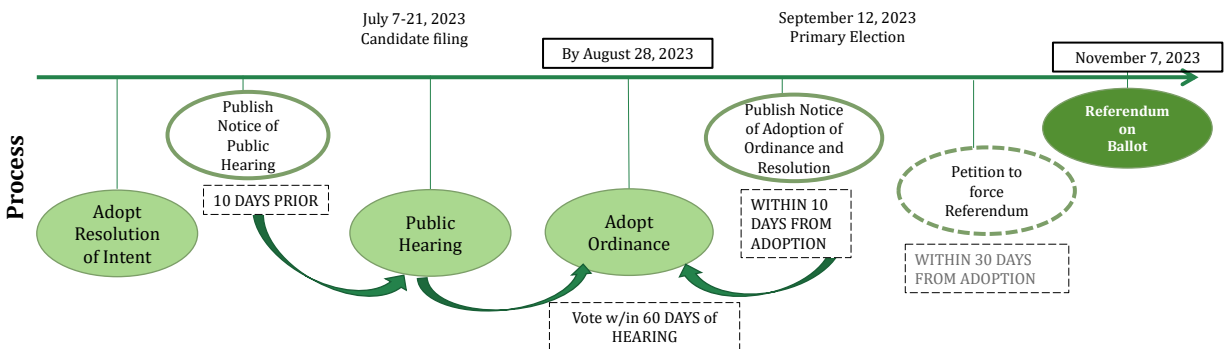
- The Council **adopts a resolution of intent** and sets the date for a public hearing.
- The **public hearing must be held at least 10 days after** published notice **and within 45 days of resolution**.
- The Council must **vote within 60 days of the public hearing** but not before the next regular meeting.
- **No later than August 28th, 2023**, the Council must **adopt the ordinance** at least 70 days prior to the next election date allowed by law (November 7th, 2023).
- A **notice of adoption of the ordinance must be published within 10 days** after the adoption of the ordinance.

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Council process to change form of government

Referendum on November 7, 2023, General Election



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Discussion and Committee Feedback on Next Steps