



City of Charlotte

Mayor/Council Four Year Terms

Strategy Session
December 3, 2018



Committee Referral: Four year Terms

Charge from Mayor:

- ✓ “Review the Attorney's memo”
- ✓ “Assess the consequences of the implementation of four-years terms, including prior review of prior recommendations on the composition of Mayor and Council terms and any other applicable research”
- ✓ “Provide a recommendation for consideration by the full Council on the length and cycle for Mayor and Council terms and election cycle”

Committee Recommendations



1. Committee recommends that the Mayor and City Council transition from two-year terms to four-year terms. (Vote 3:2)
2. Committee recommends decision to transition from two-year to four-year terms will be subject to a referendum. (Vote 4:1).
3. *Committee recommends the referendum should occur in line with a potential September election. (Vote 5-0)
4. Committee recommends staggered terms. (Vote 5-0)

**City Attorney Bob Hagemann later advised that the law has changed recently which would require such a referendum, in an odd numbered election year, must be held during a November general election*