



Consideration of Changes to Form of Government

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

DECEMBER 5, 2022

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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
- Staggered elections
- Add 8th district representative and remove one at-large

Next steps: Report to full Council

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Active Considerations by Committee

Elected officials' terms of office

Current status	Pending Consideration
1. Two-year terms 2. No staggered elections	1. Four-year terms by way of referendum 2. Staggered elections

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.

Additional Consideration: Determining method of implementing staggered terms (if staggering term is moving forward for consideration)

MANNER OF TRANSITION FROM EXISTING STRUCTURE

During the general election in 2025, the __[group 1 of officials]_____ shall be elected for four-year terms, and the __[group 2 of officials]_____ shall be elected for two-year terms. During the general election in 2027, the __[group 2 of officials]_____ shall be elected for four-year terms. At all subsequent elections, the Mayor and all members of Council shall be elected for four-year terms.

Active Considerations by Committee

City Council representatives

Current status	Pending Consideration
12 total members of Mayor and City Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mayor and 11 City Council Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 At-Large 7 District Representatives 	12 total members of Mayor and City Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mayor and 11 City Council Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 At-Large 8 District Representatives

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.



Procedures to change form of government by referendum

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
- Budgetary implications to hold 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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Timetable to change form of government by referendum

Potential Dates available to meet key date deadlines from Committee to full Council

If BGIR Committee votes to move any of the recommendations out of Committee and to full Council for consideration:

- BGIR Committee report out to full Council
 - Dates available (December 5, 2022; January 3, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, and no later than June 5, 2023)
- Council Action Review – Full Council discussion to occur after committee report out
 - Council Business Meeting dates available December 12, 2022; January 23, February 13, February 27, March 13, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, and no later than June 12, 2023 – Full Council discussion.

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Timetable to change form of government by referendum

Potential Dates available to meet key date deadlines

If feedback from full Council is to move forward for consideration:

- Consider Action on Resolution of Intent and Set Public Hearing Date at Council Business Meeting
 - ❑ Dates available (must occur after action review has already taken place) January 23, February 13, February 27, March 13, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 12, By June 26, 2023,
- Publish Notice of Public Hearing (10 days prior to Public Hearing)
- Public Hearing at Council Business Meeting
 - ❑ February 13, February 27, March 13, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 12, June 26, by July 10, 2023
- Adopt Ordinance at Council Business Meeting (Vote within 60 days of Public Hearing)
 - ❑ February 27, March 13, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 12, June 26, July 10, by August 28, 2023
- Publish Notice of Adoption of Ordinance and Resolution (Within 10 days from adoption)
- Petition from Public within 30 days (latest by September 27, 2023 if ordinance adopted August 28, 2023)
- Referendum on General Election – November 7, 2023

Other dates of note:

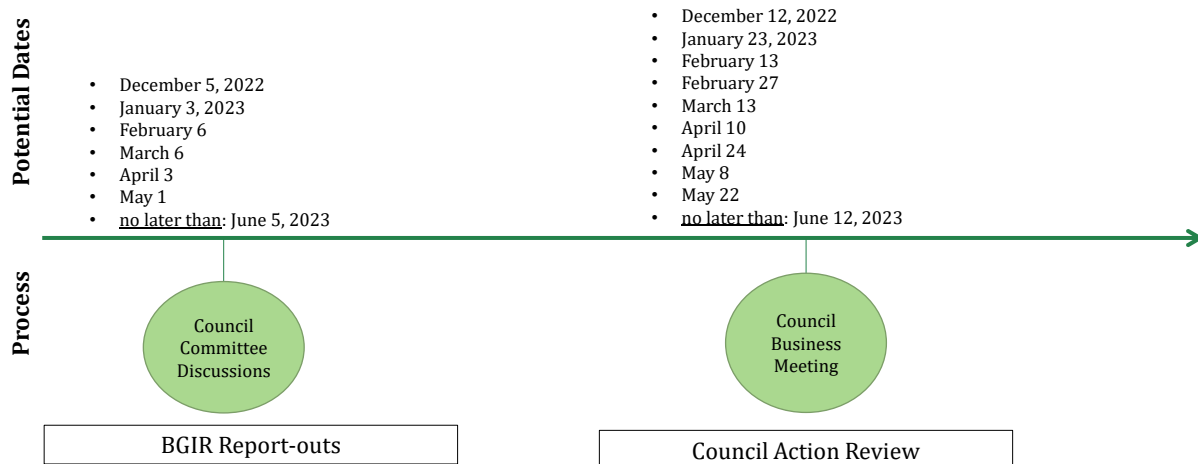
- *Filing to Run for Municipal Office - July 7-21, 2023*
- *Primary Election - September 12, 2023*

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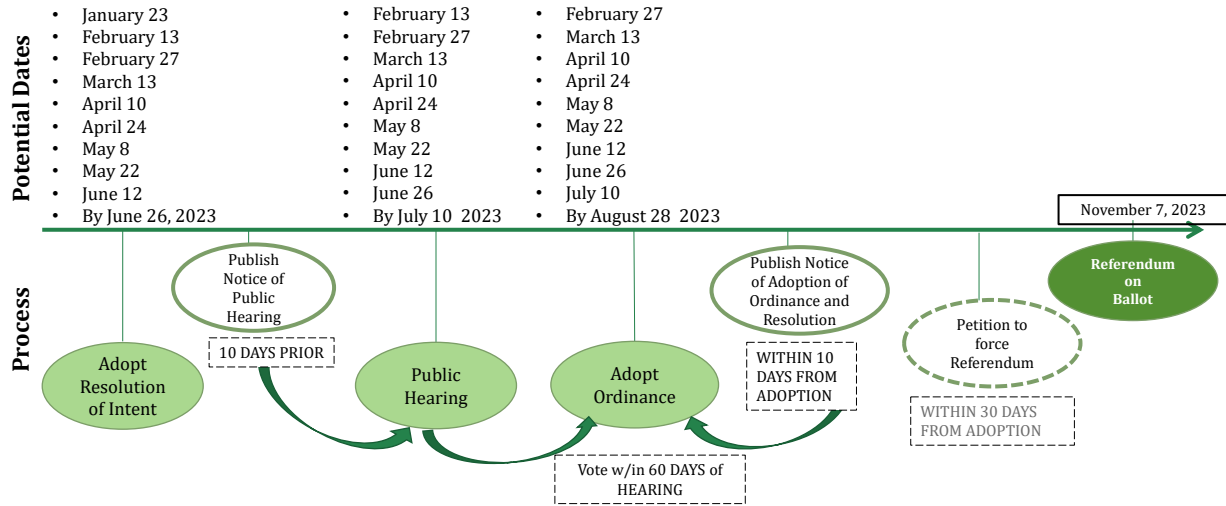
Referendum on November 7, 2023, General Election



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Council timetable to change form of government

Referendum on November 7, 2023, General Election



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Discussion and Committee Feedback on Next Steps

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Timetable options to change form of government

Last Date for BGIR Committee Report Out	Last Date for Council Action Review	Adopt Resolution of Intent	Hold Public Hearing (10-45 days after Resolution of Intent)	Adopt ordinance (Within 60 days of Public Hearing and before August 29, 2023)
December 5 th , 2022	December 12 th , 2022	January 23 rd	February 13 th February 27 th	February 27 th , March 13 th , April 10 th March 13 th , April 10 th , April 24 th
January 3 rd , 2023	January 23 rd , 2023	February 13 th	February 27 th March 13 th	March 13 th , April 10 th , April 24 th April 10 th , April 24 th , May 8 th
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May 1 st , 2023	May 22 nd , 2023	June 12 th	June 26 th July 10 th	July 10 th August 28 th
June 5 th , 2023	June 12 th , 2023	June 26 th	July 10 th	August 28 th