


Agenda Changes and Deletions



DATE: **February 26, 2018**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: John C. Brown, City Manager 

SUBJECT: Request from Vice Mayor and Councilmembers to Place an Item on the Current Agenda for Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Placing a Charter Amendment on the June 2018 Ballot

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council consider the addition of this item to the agenda, and if added, provide direction to staff, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Rule II (A)(3) of the Council's Rules, Policies and Procedures, after the draft agenda has been approved by the City Council, and before the posting of said agenda for the City Council meeting in which the items will be addressed, additional items shall be placed on said agenda when the City Manager receives a request by two Councilmembers, either verbally or in writing, that an item be added to the agenda. An item added in this manner will be addressed by the Council if a majority of the Councilmembers present at the meeting votes to address the item.

DISCUSSION

Vice Mayor Healy, and Councilmembers Miller and King, have used Rule II (A) (3) to request an item be added to the agenda for the February 26, 2018 meeting to discuss and provide possible direction to staff. The request involves placing a Charter amendment on the June 2018 ballot, to select a Mayor from among councilmembers for a one-year term, replacing the current directly-elected Mayor system; and replacing the terms "Councilman" and "Councilmen" with "Councilmember" and "Councilmembers", respectively.

Council's March 5, 2018 meeting provides the remaining opportunity for the Council to act to place a measure on the June 2018 ballot.

The Council is aware the City Charter is dated. "Update the Charter" was added as a priority in its goals for the 2017 and 2018 period. The changes proposed by the Vice Mayor and Councilmembers are straightforward, and can readily be incorporated into any legislation you may wish to adopt on March 5, 2018. Several opportunities for modernizing the Charter exist,

and the function of this City government could be improved with a thorough review and update of the charter provisions. Time to do so, however, is not available before your next meeting.

If the Council elects to add this item to the agenda for discussion and entertains the request for a Charter amendment, I would respectfully request that the Council also consider two other changes. First, I would ask the Council to consider changing Section 59, "Annual Estimate of City's Requirements and Revenue", to change the date on which the tentative budget must be submitted to the City Council from the first Monday in May to the first Monday in June. Second, I would ask the Council to consider changing Section 68 "Public Works and Purchases to be Done and Made by Contract" to allow for design-build contracts for City projects. The benefits of these changes can be discussed at the February 26, 2018 meeting, should you choose to add this item to the agenda

ATTACHMENTS

1. Memorandum from Vice Mayor Healy and Councilmembers King and Miller

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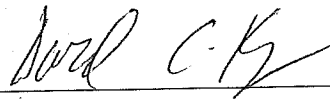
MEMORANDUM

To: John Brown
Subject: Agenda Request

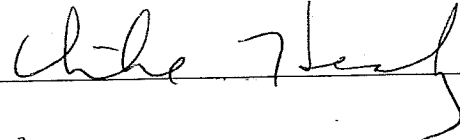
Pursuant to Rule II(A)(3) of the Council's Rules, Policies and Procedures, the undersigned hereby request that the following item be added to the agenda for the February 26, 2018 meeting of the Petaluma City Council and Petaluma Community Development Successor Agency:

Discussion and possible direction regarding placing charter amendment on the June 2018 ballot to (1) select a mayor from among councilmembers for a one year term, replacing the current directly elected mayor system, and (2) replacing the terms "councilman" and "councilmen" with "councilmember" and "councilmembers," respectively.

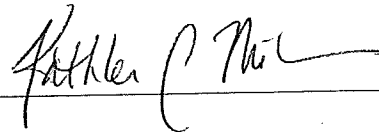
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Sec. 9 Elective officers.

The elective officers of the city shall be a mayor and six seven council members men and such school directors as are otherwise provided for in this Charter. The council shall consist of the mayor and six seven council members men, one of whom has been selected to serve as mayor, and each of whom, including the mayor, shall have the right to vote on all questions coming before the council.

Sec. 10 Election at large.

The mayor and council members men shall be elected at the general municipal election on a general ticket from the city at large.

Sec. 11 Eligibility of mayor and council members men.

To be eligible for the office of mayor or council member man, a person must be a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector of the State of California and of the City of Petaluma.

Sec. 13 Vacancy in the office of mayor or council member man.

If a vacancy should occur in the office of mayor or council member man, the council shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy until the next general municipal election. If at any municipal election held under section 4 of this Charter, a mayor or the required number of council members men be not elected by reason of a tie vote among any of the candidates therefor, the council, after the qualifications of the persons, if any, elected thereto at such election, shall appoint one of the persons receiving such tie vote to fill such office as in the case of a vacancy therein. In each case of such vacancy or tie vote, the person so appointed shall hold office, subject to the provisions of the recall, until the next general municipal election at which said election said vacancy shall be filled by the election of an eligible person to serve until the end of the term for which the officer creating such vacancy had been, or, in the case of such tie vote, would have been elected.

Sec. 15 Mayor's selection and term of office.

The mayor shall hold office for a term of four years from and after the first regular meeting of the city council in January, after his or her election and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. At the first regular meeting of the city council in January of each year, the city council shall choose one of its members as Mayor for the next year.