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Charter Review Committee Quarterly Update

Study Session Meeting | July 7, 2026

Requested By: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Roger Neal



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Background

- 1** November 18, 2025: Charter Review Committee established
- 2** Committee meets monthly on third Wednesday of the month
- 3** Committee is reviewing the Charter by Article and Section
- 4** Multiple recommendations have been made

Recommendations

Recommendations to be Placed on the Ballot

Article III: The City Manager

- No amendments proposed

Article IV: Budget

- Section 4.06 – Updated language to clarify operating in accordance with State law
- Section 4.08 – Grammatical corrections, but does not change meaning of the provision
- Section 4.09 – Grammatical corrections, but does not change meaning of the provision

Article V: Bonds, Warrants, and Other Evidences of Indebtedness

- No amendments proposed

Article VI: Assessment and Collection of Taxes

- Section 6.02 – Spelling error

Upcoming Discussions

Items Being Considered

- Establishment of a Transit Committee appointed prior to the sixth year, when the City is eligible to call an election regarding options related to Dallas Area Rapid Transit.
- Fixing typographical or grammatical errors without an election.
- Remote attendance related to Executive Session.
- Consider whether Councilmembers who voluntarily resign before their term expires should be subject to a waiting period before becoming eligible to run again.

Upcoming Discussions

- Moving general elections to November. (Section VII)
- Changing Council terms to two- or four-year terms (Section VII)
- Requiring the CIP Program to be updated every five years (Section VIII)
- Clarify language related to reinstating Charter Review Committee and appointment of members (Section IX)
- Potential penalties for a Councilmember who resigns mid-term
- Discussion regarding adding an at-large member of Council.

Questions



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