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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Feinsod and City Council Members

FROM: Kelly M. Fernandez, Esq., City Attorney

DATE: October 19, 2021

RE: Action upon Charter Review Committee Recommendations

At the October 26, 2021 City Council meeting, the Chair of the Charter Review Committee ("Committee"), Jeff Boone, will be presenting the Charter amendments being recommended by the Committee for adoption. It is not expected that Council will debate the amendments at this meeting. Therefore, following the presentation Council has a variety of options as to how to proceed.

First, regarding the Committee itself, Council should determine whether its work is complete such that the Committee can be dissolved at the next Council meeting. As the Resolution establishing the Committee had no termination date, it will otherwise continue to be an official Committee of the City subject to the Sunshine Law and Public Records Act. The Committee should remain in existence if Council believes it may assign it any additional review of the Charter or potential amendments.

Second, Council should determine how it wishes to proceed with its discussion of the proposed Charter amendments and ultimate adoption of an ordinance approving language for submission to a vote of the electorate. Council may choose to direct staff to draft an ordinance containing the recommendations of the Committee, or a discussion of the potential Charter amendments can be

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scheduled for one or more regular meetings or special meetings/workshops. In order to have any Charter amendments placed on the November 2022 ballot, first reading of the ordinance should occur no later than the June 14, 2022 regular meeting.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions in advance of the meeting.