

**City of Scottsdale
Charter Review Advisory Commission
Historical Review**

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Charter Change Effective Date	Committee or Commission?	Commission Final Report?	Ordinance Creating Commission?	Ballot and/or Ballot Language Ordinance	Questions Passed/Failed	Other Documents
1/17/1968	Yes	No	No	350/357 (Attachment 1)	6 Passed 0 Failed (Attachment 2)	
5/17/1973	No	N/A	N/A	709 (Attachment 3)	7 Passed 0 Failed (Attachment 4)	
2/16/1982	No	N/A	N/A	1431 (Attachment 7)	4 Passed 2 Failed (Attachment 8)	Two sets of Council minutes debating Charter changes (Attachment 5) (Attachment 6)
5/3/1988	Yes	Yes* (Attachment 11)	1906 (Attachment 9)	1984 (Attachment 12)	12 Passed 3 Failed (Attachment 13)	Commission Guidelines (Attachment 10) Two sets of Council minutes debating Charter changes (Attachment 10A) (Attachment 10B)
6/18/1996	Yes	Yes (Attachment 15)	2645 (Attachment 14)	2825 (Attachment 16)	12 Passed 0 Failed (Attachment 17)	
12/10/1998	Yes	Yes** (Attachment 18)	No	3183 (Attachment 19)	2 Passed 0 Failed (Attachment 20)	
7/12/1999	Yes	Yes** (Attachment 18)	No	3207 (Attachment 21)	6 Passed 0 Failed (Attachment 22)	
5/24/2000	Yes	No	No	3283 (Attachment 23)	1 Passed 0 Failed (Attachment 24)	

* City Council Minutes of June 15 and June 29, 1987 are attached to the report.

** There is a single report ([Attachment 18](#)) that contains the recommendations for both the 1998 and 1999 changes.

CHARTER CHANGES/HISTORICAL NOTES

1968 CHARTER CHANGES (Election Date November 7, 1967)

At a January 1966 Council meeting, one of the councilmembers referenced the Charter Review Committee. On March 1, 1966, Dr. Heinz Hink was appointed to the Committee. Other than these references, research did not turn up any other appointments or formal recommendations.

Six questions were placed before the voters and all six passed.

[Attachment 1](#): *Ordinances 350/357, which placed six Charter questions on the November 7, 1967 ballot*
[Attachment 2](#): *Resolution 603 - Election Canvass*

1973 CHARTER CHANGES (Election Date April 10, 1973)

It appears there was no Charter Review Committee for the 1973 Charter changes. There is no mention of proposed Charter changes in minutes leading up to the election.

Seven questions were placed before the voters and all seven passed.

[Attachment 3](#): *Ordinance 709, which placed seven Charter questions on the April 10, 1973 ballot*
[Attachment 4](#): *Resolution 1113 – Election Canvass*

1982 CHARTER CHANGES (Election Date February 16, 1982)

It appears there was no Charter Review Committee for the 1982 Charter changes. On May 19, 1981, Councilwoman Cusack moved to direct staff to prepare an ordinance of Charter amendments relating to problems associated with appropriations transfers and bidding requirements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruner, and passed unanimously.

In two separate Council meetings (November 16 and December 7, 1981) the Council appears to have served as their own Charter Review Committee. The minutes of those meetings contain lengthy discussions regarding the changes.

Six questions were placed before the voters. Four questions passed and two questions (2 and 5) failed.

[Attachment 5](#): *November 16, 1981 City Council Minutes*
[Attachment 6](#): *December 7, 1981 City Council Minutes*
[Attachment 7](#): *Ordinance 1431, which placed six Charter questions on the February 16, 1982 ballot*
[Attachment 8](#): *Resolution 2200 - Election Canvass*

1988 CHARTER CHANGES (Election Date February 16, 1988)

On August 4, 1986, the Charter Review Advisory Commission was created by Ordinance 1906 and the Commission members were appointed.

Regarding membership, the Ordinance reads "The Commission shall be composed of fourteen (14) residents of the City, each of whom shall be selected by the City Council and each of whom shall maintain residency in the City of Scottsdale for the duration of the Commission's work." The following members were appointed at same meeting:

Charlie Smith(Chair)	Tim Bray	Betty Pichon
Carolyn Allen	Cyril Crane	Frank Sackton
John Berry	Richard Filler	Daniel Salcito
Susan Bitter Smith	Bill Jenkins	Jacque Schubert
Richard Bouckhout		

The Commission was provided with guidelines, which included topics requesting their consideration.

The Commission conducted 24 meetings over an eight-month period. All meetings were public, with two meetings dedicated to soliciting public input on the first draft of the Commission's report. The Commission held two meetings to gain an understanding of the organization's needs; one with the Mayor and Council and one with the City Manager.

Two sets of Commission minutes are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Fifteen questions were placed before the voters. Twelve questions passed and three questions (7, 10, and 12) failed.

[Attachment 9:](#) Ordinance 1906 created the Commission

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[Attachment 11:](#) The Final Report of the Commission

[Attachment 12:](#) Ordinance 1984, which placed 15 Charter questions on the February 16, 1988 ballot

[Attachment 13:](#) Resolution 3019 – Election Canvass

1996 CHARTER CHANGES – (Election Date February 20, 1996)

On March 1, 1994, the Charter Review Advisory Commission was created by Ordinance 2645. At that meeting, Mayor Drinkwater asked that any citizens interested in serving on the Commission write a letter to any councilmember. On April 4, 1994, the following Commission members were appointed:

Tim Bray	Sandra Rembrandt	Diana Smith
Ben Benedict	Eileen Rogers	Bill Soderquist
Fred Davidson	Frank Sackton	Joyce Thatcher
Cynthia Lukas	Charlie Smith	Julie Wambach
Herb Kotzen		

In addition to the recommendations of the Commission, a question was put to the voters to amend Article 9, Sections 1, 4, 6, 7, and 8, to designate the City's "primary" election as a "general" election and designate the City's "general" election as a "run-off" election.

Twenty-two sets of Commission minutes are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Twelve questions were placed before the voters and all twelve questions passed.

[Attachment 14:](#) Ordinance 2645 – Created the Commission

[Attachment 15:](#) Final Report of the Commission

[Attachment 16:](#) Ordinance 2825, which placed 12 Charter questions on the February 20, 1996 ballot

[Attachment 17:](#) Resolution 4462 – Election Canvass

1998 CHARTER CHANGES (Election Date November 3, 1998)

1999 CHARTER CHANGES (Election Date May 18, 1999)

2000 CHARTER CHANGES (Election Date March 14, 2000)

The same Commission served for the 1998, 1999, and 2000 Charter changes.

There is no evidence of an ordinance creating the Commission for this charter review cycle.

On June 16, 1998, the following Commission members, who appear to have been identified by Council nomination, were appointed:

Ben Benedict	David Gaddie	Sandra Rembrandt
Bob Berg	Carol Irvin	Joyce Thatcher
Dianne Brossart	Alan Kaufman	Coreen Young
David Carpenter	Alex Marusich	Terry Zajac
Carol Erickson	Marilyn Reinstein	

Due to space limitations, only those issues identified as the most important and timely were placed on the November 3, 1998 ballot. The Commission's other recommendations were delayed until the May 18, 1999 election.

On November 3, 1998, two questions, which pertained to the Preserve and Major Amendments to the General Plan, were placed before the voters. Both questions passed. On May 18, 1999, six questions were placed before the voters and all six passed.

At the December 6, 1999 City Council meeting, Mayor Campana suggested having the Charter Review Advisory Commission meet to discuss the issue of Mayor and Council compensation. The existing Charter Review Advisory met once, on December 10, 1999, to develop a recommendation, which Chair Ben Benedict presented to the Council on December 20, 1999.

There are five sets of Commission minutes on file in the City Clerk's Office.

[Attachment 18:](#) *Final Report of the Commission*

[Attachment 19:](#) *Ordinance 3183, which placed two Charter questions on the November 3, 1998 ballot*

[Attachment 20:](#) *Resolution 5197 – Election Canvass*

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[Attachment 22:](#) *Resolution 5303 – Election Canvass*

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[Attachment 24:](#) *Resolution 5512 – Election Canvass*

Charter Review Advisory Commission – Historical Notes and Charter Amendment Summaries

1968 CHARTER CHANGES

In January 1996, one of the councilmembers references the Charter Review Committee. On March 1, 1966, Dr. Heinz Hink is appointed to the committee. However, other than these references, I do not find any appointments or formal recommendations made to the Council.

09/19/1967 – The City Council adopts Ordinance 350 placing six questions to amend the City Charter on the 11/07/1967 ballot. **All six questions were approved by the voters.** The ordinance placing the questions on the ballots, which contains the complete ballot wording, and the resolution canvassing the election are attached.

Based on the later practice of including all recommendations of the Charter Review Advisory Commission on the ballot, I have included a summary of the text of those questions in lieu of recommendations.

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS FROM ORDINANCE 350

Question 1:

Powers of the City

The 1961 Charter had Section 3 as one long paragraph. The 1968 amendments almost completely replaced the existing Section 3, except for the introductory paragraph and Section 3(A).

Article 1, Introductory Paragraph – retain the opening sentence of the existing Section 3 as the introductory paragraph.

Article 1, Section 3(A) – retain the existing second sentence of Section 3 regarding the City's rights to acquire property as Paragraph A.

Article 1, Section 3(B) – amend Section 3 to add Section 3(B) relating to flood control.

Article 1, Section 3(C) – amend Section 3 to add Section 3(C) relating to the right to create a General Plan including land use and development regulations.

Article 1, Section 3(D) – amend Section 3 to add Section 3(D) relating to levying and collecting assessments and filing liens on real property to collect amounts owed to the City for garbage collection, sewer rental charges, or blight abatement.

Article 1, Section 3(E) – amend Section 3 to add Section 3(E) relating to the publication of notices.

Article 1, Section 3(F) – amend Section 3 to add Section 3(F) relating to exclusive control and regulation by the City of the use and enjoyment of streets, alleys, and other City property.

Article 1, Section 3 - amend Section 3 to add closing paragraphs regarding powers, rights, privileges, etc., of the City not specifically named.

Article 1, Section 3-1 – amend Section 3 to add provision 3-1 allowing the City to enter into intergovernmental agreements.

Franchise and Public Utilities

Article 12, Section 3 – amend Article 12 to add a new section regarding the establishment of classifications and regulations of rates of public utilities.

Question 2

The Council

Article 2, Section 3 – amend Section 3 to change the term of the mayor from two to four years.

Article 2, Section 4 – amend Section 4 to change the term of the council from two to four years and create the process to elect three councilmembers on a staggered schedule. Six councilmembers were elected in 1968 with the three receiving the greatest number of votes serving for four years. The other three served for two years, thus setting up the staggered schedule. All councilmembers elected after 1968 were elected to a four-year term.

Article 2, Section 11 – amend the section relating to vacancies in Council and the Office of Mayor. A provision was added for vacancies in either office occurring less than 30 days prior to the deadline for filing nomination petitions, in which case the Mayor and Council would appoint a person to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. In the case of a vacancy in the Mayor's office occurring more than 30 days prior to the filing deadline, the vacancy would be filled at the next primary and general election for a four-year term. A Council vacancy would also be filled at the next Primary and General elections, however it would be for the unexpired term.

Question 3

The Council

Article 2, Section 6 - amend the section relating to the Duties of the Mayor, dividing a single paragraph into two paragraphs, A and B, and adding a paragraph C assigning the Mayor the authority to govern the City by proclamation during times of riot, civil insurrection, etc.

Question 4

Administrative Department – Office and Employees

Article 4, Section 1 – amend the section relating to Administrative Departments and Offices to remove the requirement that all and employees be residents of the City or become residents within six months. The requirement for officers of the City to be residents remained.

Question 5

Ordinances and Resolutions

Article 7, Section 5 – amend the section relating to the reading and passage of ordinances and resolutions and their effective date, adding the provision that they must be posted 24 hours prior to the meeting, but removing the requirement to read the ordinance at the Council meeting.

Question 6

Elections

Article 9, Section 5, amend the section relating to the majority to elect at the primary changing the wording from "votes cast" to "ballots cast."

1973 CHARTER CHANGES

It appears there was no charter review committee for the 1973 charter changes. I find no mention of the charter except in one set of minutes in December of 1972 regarding the leasing of election equipment for an upcoming bond and charter election. The next mention of the election is in the ordinance placing the questions on the 04/10/1973 ballot.

On 02/06/1973, the City Council adopts Ordinance 709 placing seven questions to amend the City Charter on the 04/10/1973 ballot. **All seven questions were approved by the voters.** The ordinance placing the questions on the ballot, which contains the complete ballot wording, and Resolution 1113 canvassing the election are attached.

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS FROM ORDINANCE 709

Powers of the City

Question 1:

Article 1, Section 3(G) – amend the section adding a new paragraph, G, providing the City with the authority to collect development fees.

Question 2:

Article 1, Section 3(H) – amend the section adding a new paragraph, H, providing the City with the power to require architectural and site plan review and approval prior to development, construction, etc.

Question 3:

Article 1, Section 3(I) – amend the section adding a new paragraph, I, providing the City with the power to adopt specific plans for land use for the purpose of refining the General Plan.

Question 4:

Article 1, Section 3(J) – amend the section adding a new paragraph, J, providing the City with the power to remove all signs not conforming to the Zoning Ordinance.

Finance and Taxation

Question 5:

Article 6, Section 15, amend Article 6 adding a new section, 15, providing the City Council with the authority to invest all funds available at the highest available interest rate.

Contracts

Question 6:

Article 8, Section 2, amend the section relating to City Improvements, changing the contract amount requiring Council authorization from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Question 7:

Article 8, Section 3, amend the section relating to Purchases, setting the range of \$1000 to \$5000 for purchases requiring three bids. Purchases below \$1000 would not require any bids and amounts above \$5000 would have to go through a formal bid process, finally going before Council for authorization.

1982 CHARTER CHANGES

It appears there was no charter review committee for the 1982 charter changes. On May 19, 1981, Councilwoman Cusack moved that staff be directed to prepare the ordinance of Charter amendments relating to problems associated with appropriations transfers and bidding requirements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruner, and passed unanimously.

In two separate Council meetings of 11/16/1981 and 12/07/1981, the Council basically serves as their own Charter Review Committee. The minutes of those meetings contain lengthy discussions and are attached for interest.

On 12/07/1981, the City Council adopted Ordinance 1431 placing six questions to amend the City Charter on the 02/16/1982 ballot. **Four of the six questions were approved by the voters. Questions 2 and 5 failed.** Attached are the ordinance placing the questions on the ballots containing the complete ballot wording, the City Council minutes debating the changes, and Resolution 2200 canvassing the election. Below is a summary of the questions.

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS FROM ORDINANCE 1431

Powers of the City

Question 1 (PASSED):

Article 1, Section 3(K) – amend the section adding a new paragraph, K, giving the City the power to provide solid waste collection service, levy and collect funds for that service, enter into related agreements, require licenses, etc.

Question 2 (FAILED):

Finance and Taxation

Article 6, Section 11 – amend Section 11 to allow the City Manager, with Council approval, to transfer an appropriation or portion thereof between general classifications of expenditures within an office or department or from one to another at anytime during the fiscal year.

Question 3 (PASSED):

Article 6, Section 16 – amend Article 6 adding a new section, 16, regarding capital improvements excluded from expenditure limitations enabling the City to accumulate and expend local revenue for the purpose of purchasing land, etc.

Question 4 (PASSED):

Article 8, Section 2 – amend the section simplifying language regarding contracts which must be authorized by City Council and removing the specific dollar amount of \$2500.

Question 5 (FAILED):

Article 8, Section 3 – amend the section expanding the range of purchases requiring three bids, raising the amount of purchases required to go to City Council for authorization from \$2,500 to \$15,000.

Question 6 (PASSED):

Article 10, Section 1 – amend the section adding a third paragraph providing the City Council with the power to refer an item to the voters on its own motion.

1988 CHARTER CHANGES

On 08/04/1986, the Charter Review Advisory Commission was created by Ordinance 1906. At the same meeting, the members were appointed. The members were: Charlie Smith(Chair), Bill Jenkins, Carolyn Allen, John Berry, Richard Bouckhout, Tim Bray, Cyril Crane, Ricahrd Filler, Betty Pichon, Frank Sackton, Daniel Salcito, Jacque Schubert, Susan Bitter Smith

The Commission was provided with guidelines including topics requiring consideration. The guidelines are attached.

On 06/29/1987, Mayor Drinkwater suggested that all recommendations made by the Commission be put before the voters in February 1988.

The final report from the commission is attached. The report is comprised of three sections. Section One contains the revisions to the current Charter, Section Two contains recommendations to the City Council for which no Charter revision is needed or recommended, Section Three contains a list of significant issues which were discussed, but for which no charter changes were recommended.

The executive summary states that the Commission held 24 meetings over a period of eight months. All 24 meetings were public meetings, however, two meetings were specifically devoted accepting public testimony on the first draft of the Commission's report. One meeting was dedicated to discussion with the City Manger regarding the Scottsdale organization and its processes. Another meeting was specifically for discussion with the Mayor and Council, in order to better understand the political perspective of the Scottsdale organization and Scottsdale Charter.

Ordinance 1984 formally set the questions for the 02/16/1988 ballot. The ordinance, ballot, and the resolution canvassing the votes are attached.

Of the 15 charter propositions put before the voters, three failed. Below is a summary of the questions.

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS FROM ORDINANCE 1984

Powers of the City

Question 1 (PASSED):

Article 1, Section 3(L) – amended the section adding a new paragraph, L, clarifying the City authority to act to preserve and enhance the environment by a specific expression of such authority as it may relate to the ecology.

Question 2 (PASSED):

Article 1, Section 3(M) – amended the section adding new paragraph, M, establishing the City's authority to take certain actions in respect to the City's water supply, including groundwater recharge.

Question 3 (PASSED):

Article 1, Section 3(D) – amended section D, inserting the phrase "water service and other utilities, city services rendered for special events." The amendment clarified and expanded the City's authority to file liens on real property to satisfy debts owed to the City for provision of certain services.

Question 4 (PASSED):

Article 1, Section 4(N) – amended the section, adding new paragraph, N, related to the collection and disposition of wastewater. The amendment clarified the City's authority to control and manage wastewater and effluent, and to enter into agreements with both private and other governmental entities to dispose of wastewater and effluent.

Question 5 (PASSED):

Article 1, Section 4(K) – amended paragraph K, related to the collection, transportation, disposition and regulation of garbage and all other solid waste and construct associated facilities. This amendment would provide the City with the authority to contract with a private entity, as well as a governmental entity, for the disposal of garbage and all other solid waste.

The Council

Question 6 (PASSED):

Article 2, Section 19 – amended the article to add a new section, 19, limiting the number of terms of mayor and council to three consecutive terms, with each office being considered as separate, beginning with the election of 1992 for the office of mayor and the election of 1990 for the office of councilman.

Question 7 (FAILED):

Article 2, Section 5 – amend the section to remove real property ownership as a qualification for the offices of mayor and councilman. The commission recommended this because it was in conflict with the U.S. Constitution.

Appointive Boards and Commissions

Question 8 (PASSED):

Article 5, Section 1 – amend the section to add a third paragraph specifying that no member of a board or commission shall serve for more than six consecutive years on that board or commission, beginning March 1, 1988.

FINANCE AND TAXATION

Question 9 (PASSED):

Article 6, Section 11 – amended the section to remove the phrase “and within the last three months of the fiscal year.” This amendment would permit the Council, at the request of the City Manager, to transfer unencumbered appropriations from one office, department or agency of the city to the other at any time.

CONTRACTS

Question 10 (FAILED):

Article 8, Section 1 – amended the section relating to contract signing, striking the phrase ‘by the mayor, except as it may be otherwise provided either by this charter or by law, and must be countersigned by the city clerk who shall number and register the same in a book kept for that purpose.’”

Question 11 (PASSED):

Article 8, Sections 3 and 4 – repealed and replaced sections 3 and 4 relating to purchases and bids. The amendment provides more flexibility, as it provides the Council the right to determine formal and informal bidding conditions and procedures through ordinance rather than charter.

ELECTIONS

Question 12 (FAILED):

Article 9, Section 2 – amended the section relating to qualifications of electors by removing the requirement to be a real property owner in the case of a question to issue bonds. This recommendation was made because the requirement was in conflict with the U.S. Constitution.

CITY COURT

Question 13 (PASSED):

Article 11, Section 2 – amended the section relating to the City Judge to add the provision that the City Council may appoint judges pro tempore as deemed necessary.

THE COUNCIL

Question 14 (PASSED):

Article 2, Section 20 – amended Article 2 by adding a new section, 20, relating to an internal auditor. This amendment gave the City Council the right to appoint an internal auditor to examine and verify such City affairs as the Council may direct. The auditor shall report directly to the Council.

POWERS OF THE CITY

Question 15 (PASSED):

Article 1, Section 3 – amended the section by adding a new paragraph, O, authorizing the City to adopt ordinances relating to external maintenance of property and to levy and collect related assessments.

1996 CHARTER CHANGES

On 03/01/1994, the Charter Review Advisory Commission was created by Ordinance 2645. On 04/04/1994, thirteen members were appointed to serve until 12/31/1994. The members appointed were: Tim Bray, Ben Benedict, Fred Davidson, Cynthia Lukas, Herb Kotzen, Sandra Rembrandt, Eileen Rogers, Frank Sackton, Charlie Smith, Diana Smith, Bill Soderquist, Joyce Thatcher, and Julie Wambach.

RECOMMENDATIONS

All Commission recommendations were accepted by the City Council, placed on the ballot, and passed resoundingly by the voters. Attached are the ordinance placing the questions on the ballot, the ballot itself, the resolution canvassing the results, and the final report of the Commission.

In addition to the recommendations of the Commission summarized below, a question was put to the voters to amend Article 9, Sections 1, 4, 6, 7, and 8 to re-designate the city's "primary" election as a "general" election and re-designate the city's "general" election as a "run-off" election.

Powers of the City

Article 1, Section 3(d) – amend the paragraph to strengthen the City 's ability to file liens against personal property for debts owed for the collection of solid waste, recyclable materials, storm water utilities, and false/invalid alarms.

Article 1, Section 3(j) – repeal paragraph j relating to the City's power to remove signs since it is in conflict with State Statutes.

Article 1, Section 3(k) – amend paragraph k relating to the City power to manage solid waste and related issues to enhance the City's ability to respond to future challenges associated with transfers, separation, disposal, recycling, sale and tampering of solid waste.

City Council

Article 2, Section 5 – Qualifications – delete the qualification requirement of *real property owners* for the positions of mayor and council. The Commission felt this provision was in conflict with the United States Constitution.

Article 2, Sections 5 and 6 – Qualifications and Limitations Upon Filing for Election – remove language in Section 5 regarding resignation before running for mayor. Add Section 6, Limitations Upon Filing for Election, to clarify the language and extend it to cover other local, state or federal offices.

Finance and Taxation

Article 6, Section 13 – amend language to include a provision to prevent the City from using private contributions or endowment funds to make payments of interest or principal on bonded indebtedness.

Emergency Measures, Effective Date

Article 7, Section 6 – amend the existing charter language to include the phrase "required by law" to clarify the number of votes required for an emergency clause and makes it consistent with state law.

Personal Interest

Article 8, Section 6 – amend the language in the City Charter regarding conflict of interest of elected and appointed officers to be more consistent with state statutes and include board and commission members.

Lease of City Property – Sale of City Property

Article 8, Sections 7 and 8 – combine sections 7 and 8 so that both leasing transactions and real estate transactions would require a bidding process for each transaction.

Qualifications of Electors; Registration

Article 9, Section 2 – remove the requirement that electors be real property taxpayers in order to vote on the question of issuing bonds in addition to being qualified elector of the city. The provision was in conflict with the Constitution of the United States and should be removed.

Franchises and Public Utilities

Article 12, Section 1 – amend the section to change the number of times a public utility franchise must be published prior to an elections to determine whether or not it will be granted. The Commission felt the current provisions were in conflict with State Law.

1998 CHARTER CHANGES

CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

There was no ordinance creating the commission for this charter review cycle.

6/16/1998 - Fourteen members were appointed at the Council meeting. The members appointed were: Ben Benedict, Sandra Rembrandt, Marilyn Reinstein, Joyce Thatcher, David Gaddie, Terry Zajac, Carol Irvin, Alan Kaufman, Bob Berg, Coreen Young, Diane Brossart, David Carpenter, Carol Erickson, and Alex Marusich.

RECOMMENDATIONS

According to the Final Report, City Staff provided the Commission with an overview regarding the limited amount of space that would be available on the November 1998 ballot, and sought the input of the commission. Staff shared the City Council's view that it was essential that only the most important and timely issues be sent to the voters.

This made it necessary to delay placing proposed changes to Articles 2 and 9 before the voters until 1999. The Commission notes that it is ready to reconvene for that purpose at the direction of Council. The draft language was included in the report.

The Commission turned its attention then to the Preserve and Major Amendments to the General Plan. On July 30, 1998, the Commission unanimously agreed on new language pertaining to the Preserve and language requiring a 2/3 vote for Major Amendments to the General Plan.

All Commission recommendations were accepted by the City Council, placed on the ballot, and passed by the voters. The final report of the Commission is attached. Below is a summary of their recommendations regarding the preserve, taken from Ordinance 3183. All questions were passed by the voters.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Article 7, Section 3 – amend the section to add a provision that requires a 2/3 vote of the Council for major amendments to the General Plan. This provision brought the charter into compliance with State Law.

Article 8, Section 8, 9, 10 and 11 – amend the article to add sections regarding the preserve. The four sections established the ways in which preserve land may be designated, prohibited conveying ownership or interest in preserve land, and established limitations on the removal of the preserve land.

1999 CHARTER CHANGES

RECOMMENDATIONS

All recommendations listed below were placed before the voters and were passed at the May 18, 1999 election. The ballot and results are attached.

The Council

Article 2, Sections 3 and 4 – repeal sections 3 and 4 and replace them with a new section 3, renumbering the remainder of the article accordingly. This recommendation combines the terms of office sections for

mayor and council and brings the language into conformance with the new consolidated election date requirement.

Article 2, Section 6 - amend the section to replace the word "primary" with the word "general" to bring it into conformance with the re-designated name.

Article 2, Section 11 – repeal and replace the section with new language regarding the induction of mayor and council into office. The language clarifies the meeting at which newly elected officials will be inducted to be the first regularly schedule meeting following the run-off election.

Elections

Article 9, Sections 4 and 7 – repeal the sections and replace them with a new section 4. The language provides for use of the consolidated election dates as long as there is a law requiring the City to use those dates for its elections. If there is no such law or the law is optional, the City's election dates would revert to the third Tuesday in February and the fourth Tuesday in March.

Article 9, Section 5 – amend the section to exclude the phrase "effective as of the date of the general election,".

Article 9, Section 9 – amend the section to add the phrase "Subject to the requirements of any state election laws that may apply."

2000 CHARTER CHANGES

At the 12/06/1999 City Council meeting, Mayor Campana suggested having the Charter Review Advisory Commission meet to discuss the issue of mayor and council compensation, with recommendations available to the Council at their December 20, 1999 meeting.

The existing Charter Review Advisory met on 12/10/1999 to develop recommendations and Chair Ben Benedict presented them to Council on 12/20/1999.

The Council accepted the recommendation by adopting Ordinance 3283, placing the amendment on the March 14, 2000 ballot. The voters passed the amendment.

The ordinance, ballot, and results are attached

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council

Article 2, Section 8 – amend the Salary of Mayor and Council section to increase the monthly salary of the mayor from \$2,300 to \$3,000 and increase the monthly salary of the council from \$1,150 to \$1,500.

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From Commission appointed on August 4, 1986

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