City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 39-22 City Council 8/18/2022

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council President Ann Hill

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 39-22 - CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION 4 RELATED TO ARTICLE IV - MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 39-22 on second reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA; AMENDING ARTICLE IV - MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTION 4.02(C) - COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM THEREON; REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

Article VIII- Section 8.01(a-g) of the City Charter provide for the establishment of a Charter Review Commission, composition, procedures, rules and compensation, expenses, review and report and process, respectively, outlining that a review of the Charter begin in January of 2022.

In September of 2021, the City Council and the Mayor appointed nine (9) citizens, establishing the Charter Review Commission (CRC).

From January 2022 through June 2022, the CRC met, discussed, and made recommendations for amending the City Charter.

In June of 2022, the City Council held a workshop to discuss the CRC recommendations.

In accordance with Section 8.01(f), the CRC reviewed, on behalf of the citizens of Pensacola, in order to make recommendations on amendments, if any.

In accordance with 8.01(g) the CRC issued a report to City Council providing their recommendations for amendments. The City Council serves as the final decision makers as to whether the proposed amendments are (a) returned to the CRC for further review, (b) revised and included on a ballot, (c) included on a ballot without change or (d) take other action. The proposed amendments are then

placed on the ballot of the 2022 general election to be held on November 8, 2022. The citizens are then asked to either approve or reject the proposed Charter Amendments.

Ballot question no. 4 addresses the following:

Amending Article IV - Mayor and City Council
Amending Section 4.02(c) - Compensation

PRIOR ACTION:

July 28, 2022 - City Council voted to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 39-22 on first reading.

July 19, 2022 - City Council Special Meeting to determine proposed Charter Amendments to be placed on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot

July 11, 2022 - City Council Special Meeting to determine proposed Charter Amendments to be placed on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot

June 27, 2022 - City Council Workshop regarding CRC proposed Charter Amendments

January 5, 2022 - June 15, 2022 - CRC held meetings

September 9, 2021 - City Council / Mayor appointed members to the CRC

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

1) Proposed Ord. No. 39-22
2) CRC Report

PRESENTATION: No