

Ballot Proposition 2 – Efficiencies

It is proposed that the following sections be amended to enable City government to work more efficiently. Among these changes, the Board of Aldermen could establish by ordinance how mayoral absences are covered, set meeting start times, determine whether the City uses a one-year or two-year budget cycle, and also allow limited extensions of auditing services if needed.

Section 3.9 PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

(Add at the end)

In the event of a temporary absence of the Mayor, the President of the Board of Alderman shall perform the duties of the Mayor, until the Mayor shall return, according to the procedure provided by Ordinance.

Section 3.10 LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

(a) MEETINGS - The Board of Aldermen shall hold a regular meeting at least once each month at such times and places as the Board may prescribe **by Ordinance**. ~~Regular meetings shall start no earlier than 7:00 P.M. The Mayor may, or at the request of three (3) aldermen shall, call a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen for a time not earlier than 24 hours after notice is given to all members of the Board of Aldermen then in the city.~~

~~All meetings of the Board of Aldermen shall be public meetings, at which the Board of Aldermen shall provide for public comments, unless public access has been restricted pursuant to law. In no event shall any meeting of the Board of Aldermen be held outside the city limits.~~

(f) PROCEDURE - **If any proposed ordinance is included on a consent agenda and is not removed from the consent agenda for further consideration, the title of the proposed ordinance only needs to be read once during said meeting.** A copy of each proposed ordinance shall be provided for each member of the Board of Aldermen at the time ~~of its introduction~~ **it is publicly posted**, and ~~at least three (3)~~ copies shall be provided for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk until such time as the proposed ordinance is either adopted or rejected.

Section 3.12 INDEPENDENT AUDIT.

No certified public accountant or firm shall conduct the audit for more than five **(5)** consecutive years, unless approved by three-fourths **(3/4)** of the Board of Aldermen.

Section 4.7 VACANCIES; CENSURE/FORFEITURE OF OFFICE; FILLING OF VACANCIES.

(a) VACANCY/TEMPORARY ABSENCE - The office of Mayor shall become vacant upon the Mayor's death, resignation, removal from office in any manner authorized by law, or forfeiture. **A temporary absence occurs when the Mayor is unable to perform the duties of the office, for a**

limited time, but the office is not vacant. Any vacancy or temporary absence shall be governed by Section 3.9 of this Charter.

Section 5.2 POWERS AND DUTIES.

(f) BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAM - The City Administrator shall submit annually a recommended budget and a projected five (5) year capital improvement, replacement, and personnel needs program to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Aldermen by Ordinance.

Section 7.2 BUDGET.

(a) SUBMISSION; CONTENTS - At least forty-five (45) days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the City Administrator shall submit to the Board of Aldermen a proposed final budget and accompanying written narrative, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Aldermen by Ordinance.

(b) CAPITAL PROGRAM

The program shall be reviewed and extended each year, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Aldermen by Ordinance.

Section 13.5 OFFICIAL BONDS.

(Add at the end)

If such a bond is required, and the City has an insurance policy that covers the same risks, the Board of Aldermen may waive the bond requirement.