



Proposed Charter Amendments

City Council Study Session

Background

Constitutions and Charters are frequently amended with “Housekeeping Changes” Consider:

STATE	DATE OF CONSTITUTION	NUMBER OF AMMENDMENTS
Colorado	1876	159
Arizona	1912	154
Utah (Does not allow Initiative Amendments)	Since 2006	15
New Mexico	1912	66
Nevada	1864	100

Background

Littleton Charter Amendments have been submitted to voters 8 times since 1959

1969

1997

1975

2004

1987

2013

1991

2015

Comprehensive Review 2015

- 30 Amendments to the Charter were considered
- City council placed 10 on the ballot
- 7 were approved
- Includes provision for regular comprehensive review as Council determines appropriate

Review

- City Attorney reviewed those comprehensive amendments not submitted and the charter
- Recommend Council consider 3 amendments from 2015 list
- Recommend Council consider amendment pertaining to municipal court
- Provided draft amendment pertaining to council meetings and executive sessions

Role of the City Attorney

- Legal Review of Past Actions and the City Charter
- Legal Analysis of draft amendments
- Not intended to be a comprehensive review, rather a follow up on the 2015 review
- Implement Council direction after discussion

Role of the City Council

Charter Amendments are a public policy decision. It is for the council to decide the appropriate public policy, which staff then implements in accordance with direction given.

Next Steps

Based on Council direction, City Attorney will prepare subsequent agenda items for Council's consideration at an open meeting.