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Redington Shores:

Redington Shores Referendum #1 - Home Rule and Roles of Town Commission and Town Manager

Ballot Language:

Charter section 1 addresses the Town’s creation but does not reference home rule. Charter section 3 provides for a Commission form of government and does not reference a Town executive although one now exists. Should section 1 of the Charter be amended to add home rule and should section 3 be amended to recognize a Town Manager responsible for managing the Town’s administrative affairs?

Synopsis:

This proposed change would add the phrase *"in order to serve the benefits of home rule"* to Section 1 of the Town Charter. In addition, Section 3 would be amended to state that there be a Town Manager who is appointed by, and reports to the Commission. This Town Manager position already exists, but it is not explicitly stated in the Charter.

Yes - For the Measure

Amend the Charter to state the purpose of the existence of the town government which is to serve the benefits of home rule. Formally add the existing position of Town Manager to the Town Charter.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 1 as is without specific reference to home rule. No reference to the Town Manager added to Section 3 even though the position already exists.

Redington Shores Referendum #2 - Town Powers

Ballot Language:

Section 4 of the Charter contains various outdated or preempted powers such as regulating dirigibles and creation of hospitals for the insane or indigent. Should section 4 be amended to remove these provisions and to add specific reference to the authority of the Commission to adopt and enforce property maintenance standards?

Synopsis:

This referendum removes various outdated provisions from this General Powers section of the Town Charter. This referendum also adds the authority of the Commission to require property owners (or agents) "comply with property maintenance standards" set forth in the town code.

Yes - For the Measure

Updates the language in Section 4 to remove outdated language. Add language stating property must comply with town property maintenance standards.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 14 as is with outdated language and without language stating property must comply with town property maintenance standards.

Redington Shores Referendum #3 - Commissioner Removal and Stipends**Ballot Language:**

Charter section 5 currently allows a disabled Commissioner to remain indefinitely on the Commission even if good cause for removal otherwise exists, and section 6 states Commissioners receive a salary even though they are not employees. Should Charter section 5 be amended to allow removal for good cause, and should Charter section 6 be amended to provide Commissioners receive a stipend for their service?

Synopsis:

This referendum would remove the phrase "unless physically disabled" from Section 5 of the Town Charter. This would allow the Commission to remove a Commissioner for good and sufficient cause after due notice to said member and an opportunity to be heard in his or her defense. This referendum also would change the word "salary" to "stipend" in Section 6. The actual amounts remain the same.

Yes - For the Measure

All the Commission to remove a Commissioner for good and sufficient cause, regardless of having a physical disability. Change the word "salary" to "stipend".

No - Against the Measure

Leave in place the restriction of removing a Commissioner from the Commission for cause if they have a physical disability. Do not change "salary" to "stipend".

Redington Shores Referendum #4 - Election Districts**Ballot Language:**

Currently, Charter section 8 provides four election districts based on population. However, the Charter does not address the potential that one master homeowner or condominium association could be allowed to hold two district seats. Should section 8 of the Charter be amended to add that future election district lines should be drawn to avoid this outcome?

Synopsis:

There are 4 election districts in Redington Shores. It is possible that a district map be drawn which splits a Homeowner or Condo Association into 2 different districts. If this happens, it is possible for 2 Homeowners from one association to hold Commission Seats, giving them a majority vote. This referendum would prevent the splitting of an association into 2 districts.

Yes - For the Measure

Prevent a Homeowners or Condo association from being split into 2 separate election districts giving that Association a majority vote.

No - Against the Measure

Leave districting rules as is which potentially allow a Homeowner or Condo association to be split into 2 election districts.

Redington Shores Referendum #5 - Induction into Office; Commission Meetings**Ballot Language:**

Currently, Charter section 10 addresses elections. However, it does not address induction into office and the current Charter language on that point (to be relocated to section 10) could result in two different dates for induction of a new Commissioner. Should section 10 of the Charter be amended to provide a more specific day for induction and to maintain current monthly Commission meetings?

Synopsis:

This referendum updates Section 10 of the Town Charter to state that induction into office will be the first business day after election results have been certified. The referendum also states that Commission Meetings are required at least monthly. Both the induction date and monthly meeting requirement were previously in Section 11 and are being moved to Section 10.

Yes - For the Measure

Moves language for the induction to office date and monthly commission meetings from Section 11 to Section 10 of the Town Charter.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 11 as is without moving language regarding induction date and monthly commission meetings to Section 10.

Redington Shores Referendum #6 - Commission Powers and Duties**Ballot Language:**

Currently, both sections 11 and 16 of the Town Charter contain provisions outlining powers and duties of the Commission, at times in a redundant or less than consistent manner. Should sections 11 and 16 of the Charter be merged into one section setting forth the powers and duties of the Commission, including the power to adopt ordinances and budgets, and to appoint a Town manager, attorney, and clerk?

Synopsis:

Both Section 11 and 16 of the Town Charter contain redundant information regarding Commission powers and duties. This referendum will combine these two sections into one new Section 13. Previously, Section 11 only stated the ability to appoint a Town Clerk and Town Attorney. It did not reference the Town Manager, a position that already exists. The new Section 13 gives the Commission authority to appoint the Town Clerk, Attorney and Manager.

Yes - For the Measure

Combine redundant language in Section 11 and 16 of Town Charter into one new Section 13. Add language to allow the Commission to appoint a Town Manager.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 11 and 16 as is without creating a new combined Section 13. Do not add authority to appoint a Town Manager although one currently already exists.

Redington Shores Referendum #7 - Treasurer Duties; Charter Review**Ballot Language:**

Currently, section 17 of the Town Charter designates the Clerk as Treasurer and custodian of funds, although the Town has used qualified financial firms to provide financial services for many years and the Clerk has not served in that role. Should section 17 of the Charter be amended to remove this antiquated provision and instead to become a stand-alone section addressing the Town's periodic charter review process?

Synopsis:

Section 17 of the Town Charter states that the Town Clerk is also the Town Treasurer. However, the Town Clerk has not been functioning in this role for many years. The town uses an external financial company to handle these responsibilities (e.g., depositing funds into appropriate accounts). This referendum would therefore remove these responsibilities from the Town Clerk. Section 17 would instead be changed to outlining the Charter Review process. The Charter Review process would take place at least every 10 years and would be appointed by the Town Commission. This Charter Review language was previously in Section 16.

Yes - For the Measure

Formally remove the Town Treasurer responsibilities from the Town Clerk. Change Section 17 to outline the Charter Review process to take place every 10 years (moved from Section 16).

No - Against the Measure

Leave Town Treasure responsibilities under the Town Clerk. Do not move Charter Review Process from Section 16 to Section 17.

Redington Shores Referendum #8 - Signature Requirements**Ballot Language:**

Currently, Charter section 18 requires every contract, bond, deed, and other instruments to be signed by the Clerk and Mayor or Vice Mayor. This requirement has become antiquated and in some cases is inconsistent with modern contracting methods and the Town's procurement rules. Should section 18 of the Charter be repealed and state law be allowed to control what signatures are required on given Town documents?

Synopsis:

Section 18 requires every contract, bond, deed, and other instruments to be signed by the Clerk and Mayor or Vice Mayor. Town Attorney Eschenfelder recommended Section 18 be deleted because the town does not currently follow this process. The process is antiquated with regards to how contracts are signed. The current procurement code sets guidelines and dollar limits for Town Administrator to authorize contracts.

Yes - For the Measure

Delete Section 18 from the Town Charter which requires multiple signatures on all contracts and other instruments as this is not the currently actual process.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 18 as is with outdated signature requirements for contracts and other instruments.

Redington Shores Referendum #9 - Signing and Payment of Warrants**Ballot Language:**

Currently, Charter section 19 requires all warrants (payment authorizations) to be paid in the order presented, and to be signed by the Clerk. The Clerk no longer serves as Treasurer, and the Mayor and administrative officer review pay requests. Should section 19 of the Charter be amended to provide warrants must be paid in a timely manner, and signed by the Mayor/Vice Mayor and Commission-authorized co-signer?

Synopsis:

The current language in Section 19 requires payments be made in the order the bills were received. This referendum would modify that to state that payments all must be made "in a timely manner". Section 19 also currently requires the Town Clerk to sign off on the payment, along with the Mayor or Vice-Mayor. However, the Town Clerk does not currently act as Treasurer. An outside financial services company does this. This referendum would modify Section 19 to require sign off from the Mayor or Vice Mayor and a the Commission's authorized co-signer.

Yes - For the Measure

Modify Section 19 to reflect the current process of payments which require making payments in a timely manner and changes the co-signer from the Town Clerk to the Commission's authorized co-signer.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 19 as is which does not correctly reflect the current procedure for making payments (paying in the order bills are received and requiring Town Clerk to co-sign payment).

Redington Shores Referendum #10 - Loan and Revenue Bond Approvals

Ballot Language:

Currently, Charter section 22 requires 4/5 of the Commission to approve a revenue bond, and constrains loans to 1/2 of taxes levied in one year. Florida statutes address the municipal bond process, and a loan constraint may impair the Town's ability to respond to major infrastructure damage. Should section 22 of the Charter be amended to remove the loan limitation and require bonds to be issued in accordance with state law?

Synopsis:

This referendum would remove the current bond and loan restrictions set at the town level and instead use the rules set by Florida State Law - Article VII of § 12 of the Florida Constitution. This law states the town may not issue a bond in any amount which is payable from ad valorem taxation and maturing more than twelve (12) months after issuance unless the bond is: (a) to finance or refinance capital projects authorized by law, (b) and only when approved by vote of the electors who are owners of freeholds therein not wholly exempt from taxation; or (c) to refund outstanding bonds and interest and redemption premium thereon at a lower net average interest cost rate. The goal of this referendum is to prevent restrictions from impairing the Town's ability to respond to major infrastructure damage.

Yes - For the Measure

Change the approval process on bond and loans to be the same as the current Florida State Constitution.

No - Against the Measure

Leave the approval process on bonds and loans as is, requiring 4/5 of the Commission to approve a revenue bond and constraining loans to 1/2 of taxes levied in one year.

Redington Shores Referendum 11 - Ethics in Contracting

Ballot Language:

Currently, Charter section 28 prohibits the Commission from employing or contracting with any Commissioner or the Clerk, or their spouses or children. However, it does not mention their business partners, nor does it reference the Town administrative officer. Should section 28 of the Charter be amended to expressly reference the Florida Ethics Code, and to preclude contracting with a Commissioner, the Manager, the Clerk, or their respective spouses, children or business partners?

Synopsis:

Section 28 of the Town Charter prohibits the Commission from employing or contracting with any Commissioner or Town Clerk (or their spouses/children). However, it does not mention Town Manager or business partners of the Commissioner or Town Clerk. This referendum would amend Section 28 to include language stating the Board of Commissioners of the Town shall not employ or contract with any member of the Board, Town Manager or Town Clerk. This prohibition also includes any spouse, business partner, son or daughter, or spouse of said son or daughter of any member of the Board of the Town Manager or of the Clerk.

Yes - For the Measure

Update and expand Section 28 to include additional prohibited employment and contracting with the Commissioners, Town Manager, Town Clerk, or their respective spouses, children or business partners.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 28 as is which only expressly prohibit employment and contracting with the Commissioner and the Town Clerk (and their spouses/children).

Redington Shores Referendum #12 - Budget Amendments

Ballot Language:

Currently, section 32 of the Charter provides the Mayor must consent to budget amendments. The Mayor is only ceremonial, and the Commission may approve a budget amendment by majority vote under its general powers. Should section 32 of the Charter be repealed to allow the Commission to amend budgets by a majority vote regardless of the Mayor's consent?

Synopsis:

Section 32 requires a majority ($\frac{3}{5}$) of the Board of Commissioners, as well as, the Mayor to approve a budget amendment. The title of Mayor is only ceremonial and therefore budget amendments only require a majority vote by the Commission. This referendum deletes Section 32 as it does not reflect the actual procedure.

Yes - For the Measure

Delete Section 32 of the Town Charter which states that both a majority of the Commission, as well as, the Mayor is required to amend the budget. Only a majority of the Commission is required to amend the budget.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 32 in place which incorrectly states the budget amendment process as requiring the Mayor's specific approval.

Redington Shores Referendum #13 - Town Notices

Ballot Language:

Currently, section 33 of the Charter addresses public notice methods centered on newspaper ads. Current Florida laws provides for additional electronic notice measures for those who may not subscribe to newspapers. Should Charter section 33 be amended to recognize and allow the Town to use all lawful forms of notice?

Synopsis:

This referendum would add the phrase "Unless otherwise allowed or required by Florida law" to Section 33 of the Town Charter to allow the Town to use any public notice method currently allowed by Florida Law. The rest of Section 33 remains unchanged.

Yes - For the Measure

Adds the phrase "Unless otherwise allowed or required by Florida law" to Section 33 to allow for any public notice method allowed by Florida Law.

No - Against the Measure

The phrase "Unless otherwise allowed or required by Florida law" would not be added to section 33 leaving it limited to just newspapers.

Redington Shores Referendum #14 - Minor Errors and Redundant Provisions

Ballot Language:

Currently, Charter section 9 unnecessarily references the Town Code. Section 14 states the Commission may adopt ordinances. Section 20 states the Clerk appoints deputies. Section 27 states the Commission has powers provided by law. Section 29 states the Clerk keeps Town records. Section 34 contains a grammar error. Should sections 9 and 34 be amended to correct their deficiencies and sections 14, 20, 27 and 29 be repealed as redundant?

Synopsis:

This referendum makes various small changes to the Town Charter:

- Section 9 - delete "and as stated in Chapter 12 of the Redington Shores Code, Elections"

- Section 14 - delete this section (Ordinances) and move this language to Section 13 - Town Commission - Duties and Powers.
- Section 27 - delete this section (Additional powers of Commissioners). Power of the Commissioners are now enumerated in Section 13 - Town Commission - Duties and Powers.
- Section 29 - delete this section (Public Records) and move this language to Section 13 - Town Commission - Duties and Powers.
- Section 34 - correct typo by changing "in no wise", which should have been "in no way", to "not".

Yes - For the Measure

Make various changes to which sections of the Town Charter contain and define Commission Duties and Powers.

No - Against the Measure

Leave various Duties and Powers as defined in the sections of town charter as is.

Redington Shores Referendum #15 - Mayoral Authority

Ballot Language:

Currently, Charter section 15 provides the Mayor’s powers are confined only to those in the Charter. However, various state statutes confer some added roles, duties or authority on municipal mayors, such as to receive service of process and to respond to emergencies. Should section 15 of the Charter be amended to clarify the Mayor’s authority is confined both to the Charter and state law?

Synopsis:

The current section 15, which defines the Mayor’s powers, only references the Town Charter. It does not state that it is also confined to Florida Law. This referendum adds the phrase " Florida Law and" to the sentence: "The powers and duties of the Mayor-Commissioner shall be such as are conferred upon him or her by Florida law and this Charter, and no other."

Yes - For the Measure

Adds the phrase "Florida law and" to Section 15 to clarify that the Mayor’s powers are confined by the Town Charter and Florida Law.

No - Against the Measure

Leaves Section 15 as is which does not state that the Mayor’s powers are also confined by Florida Law, which they already are.

Redington Shores Referendum #16 - First Commissioners/First Charter

Ballot Language:

Currently, section 7 of the Charter sets forth the "first commissioners" who took office in 1955, and section 35 of the Charter sets forth the process used when the Town’s residents first voted to become incorporated and to adopt the initial Charter. These provisions have no current purpose and need not be included in the Charter. Should sections 7 and 35 of the Charter be repealed?

Synopsis:

Sections 7 and 35 of the Town Charter refer to the election of the first commissioners and the referendum to create the initial town charter. These sections serve no current purpose. Therefore this referendum is to delete these two sections.

Yes - For the Measure

Delete Sections 7 and 35 of the Town Charter which specifically refer to the first Commissioners and the first Referendum process to create the Charter.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 7 and 35 in place regarding the first Commissioners and first referendum process.

Tarpon Springs:

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #1 -Adding Dredge and Spoil Sites to Acquisition by City Eminent Domain

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter presently allows for the acquisition by the city of real property under the power of eminent domain exclusively for water and sewer utility easements, public rights-of-way, public parking, and storm drainage improvements. Shall the Charter be amended to include eminent domain for dredge and spoil sites?

Synopsis:

Section 3b (Limitation of Powers) of the City Charter allows the city to acquire real property through eminent domain and storm drainage improvements. CRC recommends amending this Section to include eminent domain for dredge and spoil sites.

Yes - For the Measure

Update the City Charter to include eminent domain for dredge and spoil sites.

No - Against the Measure

Leave City Charter with no eminent domain for dredge and spoil sites.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #2 - Increasing Exemption Threshold for Real Property

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter presently requires a voter referendum and approval by the affirmative vote of four members of the Board of Commissioners if the City wishes to purchase, sell, exchange, convey, or lease real property in any amount greater than \$350,000.00. Shall the Charter be amended to increase the amount to \$500,000.00?

Synopsis:

Section 3b (Limitation of Powers) of the City Charter presently requires a voter referendum and approval by the affirmative vote of four (4) members of the Board of Commissioners if the City wishes to purchase, sell, exchange, convey, or lease real property in any amount greater than \$350,000. However, the sale, exchange, conveyance, or lease of parks, waterfront, and recreational property the City owns requires a voter referendum for any value.

To increase flexibility for the Board of Commissioners and allow the City to operate efficiently and resourcefully when it comes to purchasing, selling, exchanging, conveying, or leasing, the CRC is recommending that the City Charter be amended to increase the real estate threshold to \$500,000.

Yes - For the Measure

Increase the threshold amount for the City to purchase, sell, exchange, convey, or lease real property without requiring a Voter Referendum from \$350,000 to \$500,000.

No - Against the Measure

Leave the threshold amount at \$350,000 for the City to purchase, sell, exchange, convey,, or lease real property without requiring a Voter Referendum.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #3 - Identifying Funding Source

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter allows the Board of Commissioners to adopt sale, purchase, conveyance, and leasing procedures by ordinance. Shall the

Charter be amended to require the board of commissioners to identify funding sources as part of the sale, purchase, conveyance, and leasing procedures?

Synopsis:

Section 3b (Limitation of Powers) The City Charter currently allows the Board of Commissioners to adopt the sale, purchase, conveyance, and lease of real property. The CRC recommends that the Charter be amended to require the Board of Commissioners to identify funding sources as part of these procedures.

Yes - For the Measure

Update the City Charter to require that funding sources be identified in the sale, purchase, conveyance, and leasing procedures.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 3b as is, which does not require the funding sources to be identified as part of the sale, purchase, conveyance, and leasing procedures.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #4 - Real Property Acquired by Referendum or Maximum Purchase Price Requires Disposal by Referendum

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). Proposed restrictions on disposal of real property owned by the City. Shall the Charter be amended to require real property purchased by the City by public referendum or real property with a value equal to or greater than the maximum value the City may purchase without requiring a referendum, be sold, swapped, or traded only upon approval by referendum?

Synopsis:

The CRC recommends that Section 3i be added to the City Charter requiring real property purchased by the City by public referendum, or real property which has a value equal to or greater than the maximum value the City may purchase without requiring a referendum, be sold, swapped or traded without first receiving approval by a public referendum.

Yes - For the Measure

Require the City to receive approval via a public referendum before real property can be sold, swapped, or traded.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 3 of the City Charter as is and do not require the City to receive approval via a public referendum for real property to be sold, swapped, or traded.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #5 - Enumerating the Powers, Responsibilities, and Duties of the Board of Commissioners

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter presently provides the Board of Commissioners with numerous duties, responsibilities, and powers, including adopting a budget. Shall the Charter be amended to require the Board of Commissioners to review the Charter for funding requirements when adopting the City budget?

Synopsis:

Section 8d (Board of Commissioners, Composition, Duties, Responsibilities, and Powers) of the City Charter states that the Board of Commissioners adopt a City budget. The CRC recommends amending Section 8d of the City Charter to require the Board of Commissioners (BOC) to review the Charter for funding requirements when adopting the City budget.

Yes - For the Measure

Ensure the Board of Commissioners reviews the City Charter for funding requirements when adopting the City Budget.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 8 of the City Charter as is, which does not explicitly require the BOC to review the City Charter for funding requirements.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #6 - Duties of the Board of Commissioners Plan Review**Ballot Language:**

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter presently provides for the Board of Commissioners to review and update all elements of the Comprehensive and Master plans every three (3) fiscal years. Shall the Charter be amended to require the Board of Commissioners to review, update, retire, abandon, or deem completed all City Master, Action, Sustainability, Comprehensive, and Strategic Plans every five (5) years?

Synopsis:

Section 8i, 8j, and 8l (Board of Commissioners, Composition, Duties, Responsibilities, and Powers) of the City Charter presently provides for the Board of Commissioners to review and update all elements of the Comprehensive and Master plans every three (3) fiscal years. There is no Sustainability Plan requirement. The CRC recommends an amendment to the City Charter to require the Board of Commissioners (BOC) to review, update, retire, abandon, or deem completed all City Master, Action, Sustainability, Comprehensive, and Strategic Plans every five (5) years.

Yes - For the Measure

Require the BOC to review, update, retire, abandon, or deem completed all City Master, Action, Sustainability, Comprehensive, and Strategic Plans every five (5) years.

No - Against the Measure

Leave current plan requirements for a Comprehensive and Strategic plan review every 3 years and no requirement for a Sustainability Plan.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #7 - Duties of the Board of Commissioners to Increase Review Process from Three to Five Years**Ballot Language:**

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). City Charter Section 8., Board of Commissioners, Composition, Duties, Responsibilities, and Powers require the Board of Commissioners to review and update plans every three fiscal years. Shall the Charter be amended to increase the review and update to every five fiscal years?

Synopsis:

This amendment is related to proposed Charter Amendment #6, which would require the Board of Commissioners to review, update, retire, abandon, or deem completed all City Master, Action, Sustainability, Comprehensive, and Strategic Plans every five (5) years. If Amendment #6 passes, all plans will be reviewed every five years, including additional new plans for Action and Sustainability. This proposed amendment would change the review process from every three to every five years, regardless of whether Amendment #6 passes or fails.

Yes - For the Measure

Change the review process from every three (3) years to every five (5) years, regardless of whether Amendment #6 passes or fails.

No - Against the Measure

Leave review process for Comprehensive and Master plans every three (3) years.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #8 - Qualifications and Dates for Annual Election**Ballot Language:**

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter presently does not contain language specifying the qualifying time for City Commission elections. Shall the Charter be amended to provide for a qualifying time of thirty (30) days for the office of city commission?

Synopsis:

Section 11a (Terms of Office, Qualifications, Date of annual election) of the City Charter presently deals with the terms of office, qualifications, and date of annual elections but is silent to the qualifying time currently for 8 days and listed in code section 2-13. The CRC recommends amending Section 11a of the City Charter that the qualifying time be added to the Charter and to increase the qualifying time to 30 days.

Yes - For the Measure

Specify the candidate qualifying time period for City Commission elections as 30 days in Section 11a of the City Charter.

No - Against the Measure

Leave the candidate's qualifying time period for City Commission elections unspecified in Section 11a of the City Charter.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #9 - Notification of Open Seats for Annual Election**Ballot Language:**

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter does not explicitly notify registered voters prior to qualification as to which Commission seats are open for election. Shall the Charter be amended to provide registered voters notification by first class mail thirty (30) days before qualifying the specific Commission seats open for election?

Synopsis:

Section 11a (Terms of Office, Qualifications, Date of annual election) of the City Charter presently does not include, nor do election laws require a mailer to be sent on the qualifying time, what offices are up for elections, and who the incumbents are. The city posts that information on the city's website, which has hard copies available in the City Clerk's Office, and runs a legal ad prior to the qualifying time. The CRC recommends adding a requirement of the City Charter that, in addition to what the city is currently doing, a first-class mailer be sent to all registered voters thirty (30) days before the qualifying time identifying all Commission seats open, indicating who currently holds the seat and their eligibility for reelection.

Yes - For the Measure

Add a requirement of the City Charter that a first-class mailer be sent to all registered voters thirty (30) days before the qualifying time identifying all Commission seats open, indicating who currently holds the seat and their eligibility for reelection.

No - Against the Measure

Leave the current process as is, which has the information on the City's website, hard copies available in the City Clerk's Office, and a legal ad run prior to the qualifying time.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #10 - Removal of Redundant Language

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter contains redundant language regarding individual Commissioners' contact with the City Manager. Shall the Charter be amended to remove the redundant language?

Synopsis:

Section 13 (Interference with administration) of the City Charter presently prohibits the Board of Commissioners from directing and supervising City employees who are under charter officers. It also contains redundant and unnecessary verbiage regarding the City Manager.

The CRC recommends removing the last paragraph in Section 13 of the City Charter, which reads: "*It is the express intent of the Charter, however, that recommendations for improvement in city operations, under the jurisdiction of the city manager, by individual commissioners be made to and through the city manager, so that the manager may coordinate efforts of all city departments to achieve the greatest possible savings through the most efficient and sound means available because it is redundant and unnecessary.*"

Yes - For the Measure

Delete the language from Section 13 of the City Charter, which is redundant regarding who has the authority to direct and supervise City employees.

No - Against the Measure

Leave the current language in Section 13 as is.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #11 - Legal Review of Non-compliance Issues Found by an Internal Audit

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter does not require legal review of non-compliance issues raised in the City's internal audit. Shall the Charter be amended to require legal review of all non-compliant matters the Internal Audit raises?

Synopsis:

Section 14 (Internal Auditor) the City Charter presently reports all findings or non-compliance issues to the City Manager and the Board of Commissioners but does not include legal review of noncompliance issues. The CRC recommends amending the language of the City Charter for this section to include legal review of any non-compliance issues prior to being provided to the Board of Commissioners.

Yes - For the Measure

Require all non-compliance issues raised in the City's internal audits to include a legal review of the issue rather than just the actual finding.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 14 as is, which does not require a legal review of non-compliance issues found in internal audits.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #12 - Prioritizing Future Capital Improvement Programs

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter authorizes the City Manager to keep the Board of Commissioners fully advised as to the financial condition and future needs of the City. Shall the Charter be amended to require the City Manager to prioritize future capital improvement programs?

Synopsis:

Section 16g (City Manager; Acting City Manager and Assistant City Manager) of the City Charter presently states that the City Manager fully advises the financial condition and future needs of the city and makes

such recommendations to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) concerning the affairs of the City. The CRC recommends adding language to the City Charter that the City Manager shall prioritize future capital improvement programs.

Yes - For the Measure

In addition to advising on the financial condition and future needs of the City, the City Manager will also be required to provide the BOC with the prioritization of future capital improvements.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 16g as is, which does not require the City Manager to prioritize future capital improvements to the BOC.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #13 - Residency Requirement for the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter presently requires the City Manager and limited positions to establish legal residency in the City and allows the Board of Commissioners (BOC) to excuse the residency requirements for up to one year temporarily. Shall the Charter be amended to require the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief to reside within the City's planning boundaries?

Synopsis:

Section 20 (Residency) of the City Charter presently requires the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the City Clerk, the Administrative Services Director, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, the Public Services Director, the Development Director, and the Planning and Zoning Director to establish legal residency in the City. It also allows the BOC to temporarily excuse the residency requirements for up to one year. The CRC recommends that only the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief should be required to reside within the city limits as defined by the City's planning boundaries (see proposed Charter Amendment #14 for residency rules for all Department Head and Directors).

This amendment removes the provision which exempts those employed before March 14, 2020. In addition, established City employees who are promoted to one of the positions above only have to meet the residency requirements if they change their residence during their employment in the positions above.

Yes - For the Measure

Require only the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief to reside within the City's planning boundaries.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 20 as is, which states the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the City Clerk, the Administrative Services Director, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, the Public Services Director, the Development Director, and the Planning and Zoning Director shall establish permanent legal residency within the city within one year after appointment.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #14 - Residency Requirements for Department Heads and Directors

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Board of Commissioners (BOC). The City Charter requires numerous City employees to reside within the City. The Charter Commission is proposing that all city department heads and directors reside within ten miles of City Hall. The Board of Commissioners, for competitive purposes, desire to limit the residency requirement to essential employees. Shall the Charter be amended to require only the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief to have residency requirements?

Synopsis:

Section 20 (Residency) of the City Charter presently requires limited positions to establish legal residency in the City and allows the BOC to temporarily excuse the residency requirements for up to one year. The CRC recommended amending the City Charter that all department heads and directors be required to live within ten (10) miles of the Tarpon Springs City Hall. However, the BOC disagrees. They only want to require essential employees (the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief) to have a residency requirement.

See proposed Charter Amendment #13 for residency rules for the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief. Also, see Amendment #15 - this is an either/or amendment with this amendment #14. You can only vote YES on either #14 or #15.

Yes - For the Measure

Amend Section 20 to require only the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief and Police Chief to have residency requirements.

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 20 as is, which states the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the City Clerk, the Administrative Services Director, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, the Public Services Director, the Development Director, and the Planning and Zoning Director shall establish permanent legal residency within the city within one year after appointment.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #15 - Residency Requirements for Department Heads and Directors

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter requires certain directors to reside within the City and allows the Board of Commissioners to temporarily excuse the residency requirements for up to one (1) year. Shall the Charter be amended to require all Department Heads and Directors to reside within ten (10) miles of the Tarpon Springs City Hall?

Synopsis:

Section 20 (Residency) of the City Charter presently requires limited positions to establish legal residency in the City and allows the BOC to temporarily excuse the residency requirements for up to one year. The CRC recommended amending the City Charter that all department heads and directors be required to live within ten (10) miles of the Tarpon Springs City Hall. However, the BOC disagrees. They only want to require essential employees (the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief) to have a residency requirement.

Established City employees who are promoted to Department Head or Directors do not have to meet this residency requirement unless they change their residency during their employment as a department head or director. In addition, the Board of Commissioners may temporarily excuse the residency requirement for such periods, with no one time period exceeding one year, as it deems appropriate in the city's best interest.

See proposed Charter Amendment #12 for residency rules for the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief. Also, see Amendment #15 - this is an either/or amendment with this amendment #14. You can only vote YES on either #14 or #15.

Yes - For the Measure

All Department Heads and Directors (other than the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief who already have a residency requirement) must live within ten (10) miles of the Tarpon Springs City Hall.

No - Against the Measure

Maintain no residency requirement for Department Heads and Directors (other than the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief, who already have a residency requirement).

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #16 - Increase the Authority to Expend Budgeted Funds Without Competitive Bidding

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Manager is currently authorized to spend only up to \$25,000.00 on budgeted goods or services without competitive bidding. Shall the Charter be amended, due to increased costs of goods and services, to increase the City Manager's authority to \$50,000.00?

Synopsis:

Section 23 (General) of the City Charter presently allows the City Manager to expend up to \$25,000 for budgeted goods or services without competitive bidding. The CRC recommends amending the City Charter to increase the City Manager's authority of costs of goods and services to \$50,000.

The Procurement Services Director reviewed the bid process and presented recommended changes to Section 23. The Director suggested that the current threshold be increased from \$25,000 to a minimum of \$50,000 and stated that the reasoning was due to inflation and the current value of the dollar.

This proposed Charter Amendment is directly related to Charter Amendment #15, which increases the Monetary Requirement for Competitive Bids.

Yes - For the Measure

Increase the City Manager's authority of budgeted goods and services costs without competitive bidding from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

No - Against the Measure

Leave the City Manager's authority of budgeted goods and services costs without competitive bidding at \$25,000.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #17- Increase the Monetary Requirement for Competitive Bids

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission. The Charter currently limits all purchases of \$25,000.00 or more, for which bids are required, to be competitively bid. Due to increased costs of goods and services, shall the Charter be amended to increase the amount to \$50,000.00 for statutory competitive bids?

Synopsis:

Section 23 (General) of the City Charter currently limits all purchases of \$25,000 or more, for which bids are required. The CRC recommends amending the City Charter due to increased costs of goods and services to increase the amount to \$50,000 for statutory competitive bids.

This proposed Charter Amendment is directly tied to Charter Amendment #14 – Increase the Authority to Expend Budgeted Funds Without Competitive Bidding.

Yes - For the Measure

Increase the authority to expend budgeted funds without competitive bidding from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

No - Against the Measure

Leave the authority to expend budgeted funds without competitive bidding at the current level of \$25,000 or more.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #18 - Financial Statements

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City posts all financial statements on its website; hard copies are available at City Hall. The Charter currently requires financial statements to be made available at the office of the City Clerk and quarterly financial statements at the library. Shall the Charter be amended to remove the outdated requirements for posting financial statements?

Synopsis:

Section 23 (General) of the City Charter requires the City to have all monthly financial statements available in the office of the City Clerk and Collector and quarterly financial statements made available in the public library. The CRC recommends amending the City Charter to remove this outdated requirement because these are posted on the City's website, and hard copies are made available at City Hall.

Yes - For the Measure

Eliminate the requirement to have all monthly financial statements available at the City Clerk's office and quarterly financial statements at the public library. Financial Statements are posted on the City's website, and hard copies are made available at City Hall.

No - Against the Measure

Leave the requirement to have all monthly financial statements available at the City Clerk's office and quarterly financial statements at the public library in place.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #19 - Providing for a City Sidewalk Improvement Plan

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The Charter has a sidewalk improvement fund but is silent regarding a sidewalk improvement plan. Shall the Charter be amended to require a Sidewalk Improvement Plan by 2029 instead of the sidewalk improvement fund?

Synopsis:

Section 26 (Sidewalk Improvement Fund) of the City Charter created a sidewalk improvement fund to help fund sidewalk improvements throughout the City. However, it does not provide for a sidewalk improvement plan and contains insufficient annual funding. The CRC recommends amending the language of the City Charter to provide for adopting a sidewalk improvement plan by 2029.

This Charter Amendment is tied to Charter Amendment #20 – Providing for an Increase in Sidewalk Improvement Funding.

Yes - For the Measure

Require the creation of a Sidewalk Improvement Plan by 2029.

No - Against the Measure

Do not create a requirement for a Sidewalk Improvement Plan.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #20 - Providing for an Increase in Sidewalk Improvement Funding

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter created a street and sidewalk fund to support street, drainage, and sidewalk improvements annually in the amount of \$100,000.00. The Charter Revision Commission has determined that the annual funds are insufficient. Shall the requirements of the sidewalk fund be amended to allow the Board of Commissioners to appropriate up to \$300,000.00 annually for sidewalk improvements from the fund?

Synopsis:

Section 26 (Sidewalk Improvement Fund) - The CRC determined that the sidewalk improvement fund could be better utilized to help repair, restore, complete, and improve much-needed sidewalks throughout the City. Currently, it allows the Board of Commissioners to use up to \$100,000 per fiscal year for sidewalk

improvements only, on a dollar-for-dollar match tied to the amount appropriated for sidewalk improvement in the City's Capital Improvement fund, and direct that the funds shall solely be used throughout the City for sidewalk extensions, repairs, and after improvements only along roadways, or roadway extensions, whether commercial or residential, where roadways or roadway extensions are physically in existence at the time of the adoption of this section.

The CRC has determined that the annual funds expended are insufficient. The CRC recommends amending the language of the City Charter that if the City appropriates a minimum of \$100,000.00 per year from the general fund, the City may withdraw up to \$300,000 per year from the sidewalk improvement fund until the fund is depleted.

This Charter Amendment is tied to Charter Amendment #19 – Providing for a City Sidewalk Improvement Plan.

Yes - For the Measure

Require an annual minimum of \$100,000 for Sidewalk Improvements to be included in the budget's general fund. Allow the City to use up to \$300,000 per year for sidewalk improvements (until the fund is depleted).

No - Against the Measure

Leave Section 26 as is limiting the annual sidewalk improvement spending to \$100,000.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #21 - Initiative and Referendum

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter presently requires initiative petitions to contain verified signatures of at least 15% of the qualified electors registered to vote at the last regular municipal election. Shall the Charter be amended to reduce the percentage of qualified electors to initiate a petition to 10%?

Synopsis:

Section 30 (Initiative and Referendum) of the City Charter presently requires initiative petitions to contain verified signatures of 15% of the qualified electors registered to vote at the last regular municipal election. The CRC recommends amending the language of the City Charter to reduce the requirement of qualified electors registered to 10% and that a referendum election shall be held at the next city or county election so it can be supported by the Supervisor of Elections.

Yes - For the Measure

Reduce the percentage of qualified electors (registered to vote) to initiate a petition from 15% to 10%.

No - Against the Measure

Keep the percentage of qualified electors (registered to vote) to initiate a petition at 15%.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #22 - Initiative and Referendum

Ballot Language:

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The Charter requires a referendum election be held 90 days from the date of filing thereof, or as soon thereafter as the supervisor of elections shall permit. Shall the Charter be amended to simply require a referendum election be held at the next city or county election?

Synopsis:

Section 32 (Amendments) of the City Charter presently states that a referendum election shall be held 90 days from the date of filing. The CRC recommends amending the language of the City Charter to state that a referendum election shall be held at the next city or county election, so it can be supported by the Supervisor of Elections. In addition, change the term "recommended proposals" to "proposed Charter revisions".

Per the City Clerk, in the past, cities could have an election in as little as 90 days. However, now it is only when Pinellas County can support an election.

Yes - For the Measure

Change the referendum election requirement from 90 days from the date of filing to be at the next City or County Election.

No - Against the Measure

Leave the referendum election requirement at 90 days from date of filing.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #23 - Amend City Hospital Name**Ballot Language:**

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). The City Charter presently references the city-owned hospital Advent Health North Pinellas. The name of the hospital Lessee is Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation, Inc. Shall the Charter be amended to reflect the current and accurate name of the Lessee of the City-owned property, Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation, Inc.?

Synopsis:

Section 33 (City Hospital) of the City Charter presently references the city-owned hospital as Advent Health North Pinellas and the name of the hospital lessee is Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation, Inc. The CRC recommends amending the language in Section 33 of the City Charter to reflect the correct name of the hospital lessee of the City-owned property to Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation.

Yes - For the Measure

Update all hospital name references in Section 33 to the correct name, Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation.

No - Against the Measure

Leave the incorrect hospital name references in Section 33 as is.

Tarpon Springs Charter Amendment #24 - Clarification of Grammar and Scrivener's Errors**Ballot Language:**

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission (CRC). Currently, the City Charter contains multiple grammar and scrivener errors. Shall the City Charter be comprehensively amended to correct any and all grammar and scrivener errors?

Synopsis:

The City Charter currently contains multiple grammar, spelling, and typing errors. The CRC recommends that the City Charter be comprehensively amended to correct any and all grammar, spelling, and typing errors.

Yes - For the Measure

Correct any grammar, spelling, and typing errors in the City Charter.

No - Against the Measure

Leave grammar, spelling, and typing errors as is.