

City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager

FROM: Nicole Emery, City Clerk

Chris Bacha, City Attorney

COPY: Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Resolution - Setting Tuesday, July 2, 2024, as the date for a public hearing on proposed

amendments to the City Charter - June 18, 2024

DATE: June 11, 2024

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution setting Tuesday, July 2, 2024, upon completion of Regular Agenda Items, no earlier than 5:15 p.m., as the date for a public hearing by the City Council on the proposed amendments to the City Charter.

BACKGROUND:

Section 2.25 of the City Charter states that once every ten years the City Council shall review the City Charter by appointing residents to a Charter Review Committee to commence a comprehensive review of the City Charter and make recommendations for changes as it deems necessary and proper to improve the mode and manner of operation and efficiency in conducting the affairs of the City. The last review of the City Charter was conducted in 2014.

On December 19, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 41324, which appointed 15 members to the Charter Review Committee. The Charter Review Committee met from January to May 2024.

On May 6, 2024, the 2024 Charter Review Committee presented their final recommendations to the City Council.

Since receiving the final recommendations, the City Council has met multiple times to review and discuss amendments to the City Charter. At a future meeting, the City Council may consider resolutions to place proposed City Charter amendments on the ballot for the Tuesday, November 5, 2024, General Election. Ballot titles are due to the Pierce County Auditor by Tuesday, August 6, 2024, to be placed on the General Election ballot.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

This public hearing will allow residents to provide input to the City Council on the proposed amendments to the City Charter.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose to hold a public hearing at a different time.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends holding a public hearing on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no associated fiscal impact for holding a public hearing.