

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

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CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Goodyear City Charter

STAFF PRESENTER(S): Julie Arendall, City Manager

OTHER PRESENTER(S): N/A

Summary:

Discussion on a possible update to the Goodyear City Charter to include the scope, timing and process under which to conduct such update.

Recommendation:

A comprehensive review of the Goodyear City Charter has not been conducted since 2004; thus, it is staff's recommendation to conduct a full review utilizing a citizen's committee and consider an amendment for voter consideration in March 2021.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated cost of a mail-in only ballot election is \$125,000. If a citizen's review committee and consultant are utilized to assist with the charter review, an additional \$40,000 would be required. Timing of these expenditures will depend upon the timing of the election, however under all options funds will be required in the current fiscal year and a budget transfer from general fund contingencies will be required.

Background and Previous Actions:

The Arizona State Constitution grants specific authority for cities with a population of more than 3,500 to adopt a city charter. This provision recognizes the authority of locally-elected decision makers to make local decisions, and the ability of the level of government closest to the citizens to respond to specific needs in their communities.

The Goodyear City Charter was adopted by voters in 1988 and it has been amended numerous times including most recently in 2019 to move to consolidated elections. The last comprehensive review of the Charter was in 2004.

Attachments:

Goodyear City Charter