



City of Goodyear

Meeting Minutes

City Council Work Session

Mayor Georgia Lord
Vice Mayor Bill Stipp
Councilmember Joe Pizzillo
Councilmember Sheri Lauritano
Councilmember Wally Campbell
Councilmember Brannon Hampton
Councilmember Laura Kaino

Meeting Location:
Goodyear Municipal Court
and Council Chambers
14455 W. Van Buren St.,
Suite B101
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Monday, December 2, 2019

5:00 PM

Goodyear Municipal Court and Council
Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lord called the Work Session Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Mayor Lord, Vice Mayor Bill Stipp, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Lauritano, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Hampton, and Councilmember Kaino

Staff Present: City Manager Julie Arendall, City Attorney Roric Massey and City Clerk Darcie McCracken

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. [2019-6802ws](#) City Council will discuss a possible update to the Goodyear City Charter, including scope, timing and the process. (Julie Arendall, City Manager)

City Manager Julie Arendall presented on the process needed, including clarifying the scope and the timing, for a possible update to the Goodyear City Charter. She added that the scope and the timing was the target of this presentation.

Ms. Arendall discussed the limited scope to only address one or two possible changes in the Charter, costs and timeframes involved. She also spoke about conducting a full Charter review that would send a question to the voters to replace the current Charter with a new Charter. She outlined a process of a committee reviewing the Charter in full and taking the time necessary to consider changes to update processes throughout the City. She reviewed the previous times the Charter had been reviewed.

Council asked about the cost of piggybacking on another ballot to which Ms. Arendall responded that it would be roughly half the cost at \$67,000.

Council requested an education plan to ensure the public is aware of what is happening and why.

In response to a question from Council, Ms. Arendall stated that if the option was to move forward with a limited scope, she and the attorney would need to know during this meeting since the timing to make the next election would require a Council vote on December 16. Ms. Arendall advised the Council that if the full review is the direction, the facilitator would be meeting with the Mayor and Council individually to get their input on what needed to be updated.

Council asked about the \$40,000 estimated for the committee and consultant and if that would include an education piece. Ms. Arendall responded that a more specific budget would be presented to Council in January and the education component would be explored and included.

Ms. Arendall stated that while there may not be a check in during the middle of the process of reviewing the Charter, there would certainly be a report at the end of the process to inform Council of the project.

Council verified that they were not locked into the March 2021 election if the city was not yet ready to move forward. Ms. Arendall agreed.

Council suggested taking out the administrative items from the Charter and making it more of a Constitution. Ms. Arendall agreed and stated that there were a number of things that would be better served in an ordinance. Ms. Arendall referenced a document from the League of Cities and Towns that did a comparison of various city charters in the state.

Council was supportive of a full review of the City Charter. Ms. Arendall asked Council to begin consideration of who they would each like to appoint to the charter review committee.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mayor Lord advised that the information items would be presented at the Regular Meeting that would be starting at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lord adjourned the Work Session at 5:35 p.m.

Darcie McCracken, City Clerk

Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: _____