

## 5. DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL CHARTER REVIEW

 Assistant City Manager Newton led a discussion on this item. She gave history of past charter amendments, which must be voted on by the citizens. She noted that some sections are broadly written such as Section 20, which addresses the mayor's responsibility to appoint committees. She said there is actually a robust process that is not spelled out in the charter. Other sections are more specific. She said council has identified some potential charter changes and suggested they consider how specific they want things to be and what degree of latitude they want council to have.

### Council President Snider:

- The requirement for any councilor running for mayor to resign is troubling. It is disadvantaging for two councilors due to the election schedule.
- He said the current size of council is effective and efficient.
- At large should be discussed.
- The Willamette River Section should be discussed and the city attorney should clarify what it means to Tualatin Valley Water District.

### Councilor Goodhouse:

- Council president term should change to one year
- Abolish or raise term limits
- Maintain "top two" vote getters; likes at large designation

Councilor Henderson had a handout of potential charter changes and what the ballot make look like. This has been added to the packet for this meeting. He suggested these could be on the same ballot.

- Concerned about retaining some knowledgeable people on council
- Mayor and council term limits should change
- Reconsider the number of councilors
- Seat Representative (Should be a position, not the top two vote getters) Potential for geographic districts

### Mayor Cook:

- Term limits are more appropriate at the federal level. At the local level, voting a candidate out is in effect, a term limit.
- Any changes voted in by this council should not affect current office holders so changes aren't perceived as self-serving

### Councilor Woodard

- Change council president every year
- Eight year term limit for mayor, Twelve years for councilor
- Prefers at large
- Doesn't like the retain your seat part

Assistant City Manager Newton will collate this information and develop proposals for future council discussion. City Manager Wine asked if there were any other sources of input desired. Council President Snider suggested taking these ideas to the city's boards and committees. Assistant City Manager Newton suggested a discussion with the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force.

Agenda Item 5  
SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET  
FOR March 17, 2015  
(DATE OF MEETING)

From Councilor  
Wenderson

**CHARTER AMENDMENT CHOICES**

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