

Item 1. Briefing and discussion of the final recommendations from all subcommittees in response to the Commission's charge.

- **Ethics Officer and Other Ethics Revisions**
- **City Council Member Compensation and Term Length**
- **City Manager Tenure and Compensation**
- **Council Districts and Redistricting**
- **Special Meetings (City Charter, Article II, Section 11)**
- **Language Modernization**

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Ethics Officer and Other Revisions (continued)



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Recommended Conflicts of Interest Statement



All City officials and employees are expected to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct, ensuring that their actions do not lead to improper personal gain or an adverse effect on the city's interests. In support of this commitment, the City Council shall enact ordinances to enforce this principle, covering areas such as official actions where significant private interests are involved, the acceptance of gifts, confidentiality, and advocacy for private interests. The ordinances will also provide requirements regarding mandatory financial disclosures.

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Par. 1. Selection. The council shall, by a supermajority vote (i.e., at least 67%) of its members, appoint a city manager who shall be chosen on the basis of his or her executive and administrative qualifications. ~~He or she~~ They shall receive annual compensation as fixed by the council ~~which, in no event, shall exceed, in total, an amount greater than 10 times the annual salary furnished to the lowest paid full-time city employee,~~ and shall, during ~~his or her~~ their tenure of office, reside within the city. No person ever elected to office as a member of the governing body of the city shall be eligible for appointment as city manager.

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Vote - Special Meetings, Section 11

9. Evaluate language that provides for special meetings of the City Council, and how those meetings should differ in purpose, use, and timing from the current policymaking process (Council Consideration Requests)

- **Recommendation** – No charter amendment recommended. Within Language Modernization, recommend striking calling of meeting by City Clerk, as City Manager’s Office and City Attorney’s Office now manage

Sec. 11. Meetings of the Council.

All meetings of the council shall be held at such times as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution; but not less than one regular meeting shall be held each week, unless postponed for reasons to be spread on the minutes which shall be kept of all Council meetings. Special meetings of the Council shall be ~~called by the City Clerk~~ scheduled upon the written request of the Mayor, the City Manager or three members of the Council. All meetings of the Council and of any Council Committees ~~thereof~~ shall be in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act as it may be amended from time to time.

Vote - Language Modernization

10. Language – Whether the Charter shall be generally amended to update its language to more accurately reflect current processes, acknowledgments, and roles

- **Recommendation** – Amend 117 sections of the Charter containing outdated and superseded provisions