

RESOLUTION NO. 3478

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE 2021 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE GRESHAM CHARTER OF 1978 AND SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO COUNCIL DETAILING RECOMMENDED CHARTER CHANGES

THE CITY OF GRESHAM FINDS:

On May 18, 2021, the Council passed Resolution 3453, which, among other things, dissolved the 2019 Charter Review Committee, and established an appointment process for a 2021 CRC (CRC), with each councilmember nominating two members to serve on the body, subject to the consent of the entire Council.

At the October 19, 2021, City Council Business Meeting and in accordance with Resolution 3453, the Council appointed 13 members to the CRC and granted Councilor Piazza leave to nominate another applicant to the CRC, as one of her original nominees was not appointed to the CRC (Agenda Item E-3). As part of the discussion regarding Agenda Item E-3, there was general consensus to have the CRC consider and make a recommendation on whether to place a ward/districting system measure on the ballot.

At the November 2, 2021, City Council Business meeting, Councilor Piazza nominated Tim Fier to serve on the CRC, and the Council approved the nomination. A list of the 14 members appointed to the CRC is attached hereto as Exhibit A. As part of the discussion, there was a general consensus to provide the CRC ample time to review the Charter and complete its duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF GRESHAM RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The CRC shall submit proposed recommended Charter changes to the Council in the form of a Final Report. The Report shall be completed and delivered to the Manager on or before January 31, 2023, whereafter the Council shall review the CRC's recommendations and may, in its discretion, advance any recommended Charter amendments to the voters.

Section 2. The CRC shall consider and make a recommendation whether to place a ward/districting system measure on the ballot. The recommendation shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding the preferred type of ward/districting system, if any (*i.e.*, number of wards/districts, number of councilors from each ward/district, and/or a combination of ward/district and at-large positions), the potential drawbacks and benefits of each ward/districting system considered and the City's current at-large system, and information deemed necessary to successfully transition to a ward/district election system (*i.e.*, preferred method(s) in drawing ward/district boundaries and other related issues). Notwithstanding Section 1, the CRC may choose to submit its recommendation to the Council upon completion. The Council may thereafter, in its discretion, consider placing the CRC's recommendation on the November 2022 ballot.

Section 3. The CRC may recommend any other proposed Charter changes it deems necessary in its Final Report.

Section 4. The CRC shall submit status updates to the Council upon request, and may request Council guidance and direction as necessary to complete its duties.

Section 5. The City Attorney, after consultation with the CRC Chair and Manager, shall set the dates and times of all CRC meetings.

Section 6. After the Council completes its review of the Final Report, the CRC shall be dissolved. If needed, the Council may extend the term of the CRC.

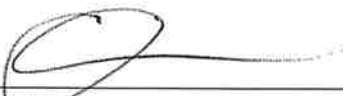
Yes: Stovall, Gladfelter, Piazza, Morales, DiNucci, Jones-Dixon, Palmero

No: None


Absent: None

Abstain: None

Passed by the Gresham City Council on November 16, 2021.




Nina Vetter
City Manager



Travis Stovall
Mayor

Approved as to Form:



Kevin R. McConnell
City Attorney

2021 Charter Review Committee Members

Listed in alphabetical order:

Joseph Andaya

John Ardner

Jacob Cleverley

Tim Fier

Amanda Gayken

Jack Hollis

Cathy Keathley

Britt McConn

Emanuel McFadden Jr.

Jacquenette McIntire

Michelle Reid

Nancy R. Seebert

Dana Stroud

Diana Marcela Wash

