

RESOLUTION 23-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER TO BE HELD ON MARCH 19, 2024 IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATED TO THE (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CITY MAYOR AND (2) CITY CLERK REPORTING TO THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND COLLIER COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that certain amendments are needed to the City Charter (the "Charter Amendments") in order to establish an office of Mayor and have City Clerk report directly to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 166.031, Florida Statutes, the City Council is required to submit the Charter Amendments to the electors of the City for approval or rejection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida that:

SECTION 1: The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2: The City Council hereby calls a special election to be held on March 19, 2024 in conjunction with the Presidential Preference Primary election, to present to the qualified electors of the City of Marco Island two ballot questions related to the Charter Amendments (1) establishing an office of Mayor and (2) having City Clerk report directly to the City Council; and

SECTION 3: The City Clerk is directed to submit to the Collier County Supervisor of Elections the Charter Amendment question with the Ballot Questions as set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein, followed by "Yes" for approval and "No" for rejection, for inclusion on the ballot for said election. The Collier County Supervisor of Elections is hereby requested to place the referendum questions in Exhibit "A," on the ballot at the March 19, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary Election.

SECTION 4: That copies of the Ordinance #23-____ concerning the Charter Amendments are on file at the office of the City Clerk located at 50 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island, Florida 34145, and are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

SECTION 5: The City Clerk and Collier County Supervisor of Elections are authorized to take all steps necessary or advisable to conduct the special election in accordance with state law and the City Charter.

SECTION 6: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Passed in open and regular session of the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida this 2nd day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA

Joan Taylor, City Clerk

Greg Folley, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney

BALLOT QUESTIONS:

(1) Establishment of the Office of the City Mayor

The Charter currently provides that all legislative authority is vested in a seven-member City Council, with no other directly elected official(s).

It is proposed that the Charter be amended to provide that starting 2024 general election, Office of the Mayor shall be established. Mayor will have same term limits as other City Council members – two four-year terms in a lifetime.

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES ()

NO ()

(2) City Clerk reporting directly to the City Council

Currently City Clerk is appointed by and reports to the City Manager.

It is proposed that the Charter be amended to provide the City Clerk report directly to the elected City Council.

Shall the above-described Charter Amendment be adopted?

YES ()

NO ()