

QUESTION #1

Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and ballot summary for Question #1 are as follows:

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT CLARIFYING THE POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF VICE MAYOR

Shall the Bradenton City Charter be amended to provide that when temporarily exercising the powers of Mayor, the Vice-Mayor may vote as a Council Member but may not exercise the Mayor's veto power, while providing that upon a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Vice-Mayor assumes the office of Mayor with all its powers until the next city election?

Yes or No

SUMMARY: If passed, **Question #1** would allow the Vice Mayor to temporarily assume mayoral duties in the Mayor's absence and when doing so, to still vote as a Council member. The Vice Mayor would not be allowed to exercise Mayoral veto powers. If the Mayor's office is vacated before the end of a term, the Vice Mayor would assume the office of Mayor until the next city election.

Text Revisions: Upon approval of this question at referendum, the following portions of the Bradenton City Charter are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. - City council officers; election; general powers, duties.

As soon after assuming their duties as practicable, the council shall assemble and elect one of their number vice-president [vice-mayor]. The mayor as ex officio president of the council shall preside at the meetings of the council. He shall be entitled to vote in the event of a tie, but not otherwise. He shall have power to appoint all committees.

~~The vice-president [vice-mayor] shall perform the duties of the president in his absence, and b~~ Both the president and vice-president [vice-mayor] shall perform such further duties and have such further powers as may be prescribed by ordinance. The vice-mayor shall perform the duties of and have the powers of mayor during the temporary absence or temporary disability of the mayor, with the exception of the veto power, and the power to break ties after a council vote. While performing such duties of acting mayor, the vice-mayor shall retain the right to vote as a council member. ~~The vice-president [vice-mayor] of the council, during the absence or disability of the mayor, shall act as mayor.~~ In the case, however, of death, removal or resignation of the mayor, or in the event the mayor's

position becomes vacant, the vice-president [vice-mayor] of the council shall assume the office of ~~act as~~ mayor until the next general municipal election, at which time a new mayor shall be elected, which election shall be only for the unexpired term. A vacancy in the office of council member for the vice-mayor's ward shall arise upon the vice-mayor's assumption of the office of mayor pursuant to the preceding sentence.

Sec. 14. - Ordinance approval, veto.

All ordinances passed by the city council shall be submitted before going into effect to the mayor ~~-or acting mayor,~~ for his approval....