

QUESTION #2

Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and ballot summary for Question #2 are as follows:

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT REMOVING INITIAL TECHNICAL AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS, ARCHAIC LANGUAGE, AND BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS

Shall the Bradenton City Charter be amended to remove initial technical and transition provisions that have long since occurred, revise archaic language, and provide that the legal description of the corporate boundaries of the City will be kept on file with the City Clerk?

Yes or No

SUMMARY: If passed, **Question #2** would clean up the use of outdated language, such as gender references, in the city's charter document. The legal description of the corporate boundaries of the city would be removed from the city charter but would continue to be recorded and/or changed via city ordinance.

Text Revisions: Upon approval of this question at referendum, the following portions of the Bradenton City Charter are amended to read as follows¹:

~~Sec. 1. - Existing municipality of City of Bradenton abolished.~~

~~_____ The existing municipality of the City of Bradenton, in the County of Manatee, State of Florida, be and the same is hereby abolished.~~

~~Sec. 2. - Existing municipality of City of Manatee abolished.~~

~~_____ The existing municipality of the City of Manatee, in the County of Manatee, State of Florida, be and the same is hereby abolished.~~

~~Sec. 3. - Titles of property, rights, claims, dues, judgments vested in new municipality.~~

~~_____ The title, rights and ownership of property, uncollected taxes, dues, claims, judgments, decrees and choses in action, held or owned by the municipality of the City of Bradenton, or by the municipality of the City of~~

¹ In the event any provision amended by this charter amendment is deleted from the Charter by the adoption of another charter amendment proposed on the same ballot, such other charter amendment shall control to the extent of a conflict.

Ward 2.

~~On the north by Manatee River,
On the west by Wares Creek,
On the south by Ninth Avenue,
On the east by First Street.~~

Ward 3.

~~On the north by Ninth Avenue,
On the west by Wares Creek,
On the south by the city limits,
On the east by First Street.~~

Ward 4.

~~On the north by Manatee River,
On the west by First Street,
On the south by Manatee Avenue,
On the east by the city limits.~~

Ward 5.

~~On the north by Manatee Avenue,
On the west by First Street,
On the south by the city limits,
On the east by the city limits.~~

**Sec. 7 11. - Term, residence of
council members ~~councilmen.~~**

All council members ~~councilmen~~ shall be elected for the term of four (4) years, excepting as otherwise provided herein, and shall be residents of the wards from which they are elected.

**Sec. 8 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 or
she shall be entitled to vote in the event of a tie, but not otherwise. He or
she shall have power to appoint all committees. The
~~vice-president~~ vice-mayor shall perform the duties of
the president in his or her absence, and 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-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 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.

Sec. 9 **13.** **- Council to judge**
qualifications, election of its members; filling of vacancies.

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Sec. 10 **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 or her approval. If approved, he or she shall sign the same and return it to the city council not later than at its next regular meeting after the ordinance shall have been submitted to him or her, and if disapproved he or she shall return the same with his or her objections in writing to the council at its next regular meeting, when the council shall cause the same to be entered in full upon the records of their proceedings with the mayor's objection thereto, and shall immediately proceed to reconsider and vote on at that meeting the said ordinance. In the event, however, that a full council is unable to meet at the next regular council meeting, then a vote may be delayed or tabled until the next regular council meeting, following the return of the mayor's veto and the reconsideration. In the event that a full council is still unable to meet, the council members present shall proceed to vote; and if the necessary four (4) votes are not obtained, the ordinance shall fail. If upon reconsideration the city council shall pass said ordinance by the vote of four (4) members, the ordinance shall become a law. Any ordinance which shall not be returned to the city council at the next regular meeting after the same shall have been submitted to the mayor, shall become a law as if approved by the mayor.

The mayor shall have the authority and power to engage the city attorney to defend a veto or disapproval by him or her of an ordinance against a party attacking said veto. Any time prior to or during a lawsuit attacking the mayor's veto, the city council may stop such defense by a four (4) to one (1) vote in favor of stopping a legal defense of veto of an ordinance. Compensation for the city's attorney in the defense of a veto shall be by the City of Bradenton.

