

QUESTION #3

Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and ballot summary for Question #3 are as follows:

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT REVISING THE POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF MAYOR

Shall the Bradenton City Charter be amended to revise the powers of the office of Mayor, to remove the office's general executive and supervisory powers, the power to appoint, terminate, and direct the Police Chief, and the power to fill certain temporary vacancies, but retain the powers to preside at council meetings, break ties in council votes, appoint committees, and veto ordinances?

Yes or No

SUMMARY: Question #3, if passed, would remove the Mayor's general executive and supervisory powers, including the power to appoint, terminate, and direct the Police Chief. The Mayor would still preside at City Council meetings, break ties in Council votes, appoint committees, and veto ordinances.

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

Sec. 7. - City officers enumerated; duties generally; compensation.

The government of said city shall be carried on by the following officers:

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- (b) Chief of police. A chief of police shall ~~be appointed by the mayor and his appointment confirmed by the city council. He shall hold office at the will of the mayor and~~ receive such compensation as the council may fix by ordinance or resolution. It shall be his duty to execute process issued by municipal authority, to aid in the enforcement of order and to arrest offenders against the city ordinances. He shall have control of the police force, ~~subject to the commands of the mayor.~~ He shall execute the commands of the council while in session. He shall perform such further duties as may be directed by ordinance or resolution of the city council.

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Sec. 8. - Mayor; term; ~~appointment of chief of police and police force; bidding in property; pro tempore appointments; appointment of special policemen.~~ ~~appointment of chief of~~

The mayor shall be elected for the term of four (4) years
~~and it shall be his duty to see that all ordinances of the city are faithfully executed. He shall with the consent of the council appoint a chief of police and shall organize and appoint such additional police force as shall be necessary to insure peace and good order of the city and the observance of law within the municipal limits, and he shall have the power to bid in all property for the city at any and all judicial sales under process of law where the city is a party; to make pro tempore appointments to fill vacancies caused by sickness, absence, or any other disability of any officer, except as herein otherwise provided. He shall also have power to employ special policemen or detectives residing within or beyond the city limits, for the performance of a particular or special duty.~~

Sec. 9. - ~~Mayor's supervision over city officers, books, records; reports to council.~~ ¹

~~The mayor shall have general supervision over all city officers and may examine into the condition of the office, the books, records, and papers thereof and therein, and the manner of conducting all official business. He shall report to the city council all violations or neglect of duty on the part of any city official that may come to his knowledge.~~

¹ Upon adoption of this charter amendment, all sections after this section shall be sequentially renumbered.