

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 03/17/08

Reviewed by: JRL

**SUBJECT:** Charter Amendments for the November 2008 Ballot: Council  
Compensation, Transition of Committee Members, and Bid Procedures

**REPORT BY:** Jacqueline L. Bucholz, City Clerk

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommendation: Review the proposed ballot language, discuss placing before voters and if Council wishes the measures to be on the November 4, 2008 ballot, direct the City Attorney to prepare ballot measures on Section 2.01 – Council Compensation; Section 3.23 – Transition of Committee Members; Section 4.03 – Bid Procedures.

**BACKGROUND**

The City Council referred to the Charter Review Committee for review and recommendation the following three Sections of the City Charter: 1) Council Compensation, 2) Transition of Committee Members and 3) Bid Procedures.

**DISCUSSION**

The Charter Review Committee discussed the Charter language in October, 2007 and approved ballot language regarding Section 2.01, 3.23 & 4.03. Resolution #07-54 was submitted to the City Council on October 15, 2007 to approve the ballot language; however, at that time it was the consensus of the City Council not to hold a special election for these items, therefore the Resolution was not adopted. The October 15, 2007, minutes are attached.

The language of the three measures is as follows:

1) Section 2.01, as follows: *Effective January, 2008 each member of the City Council shall receive compensation and benefits to the maximum amount allowed pursuant to the Government Code Section 36516, or such other section if modified. Members of the City Council shall not be eligible to any other office or employment with the City, other than as in this Charter.*

2) Section 3.23, as follows: *to provide that members of commissions, boards, committees, task forces, or other similar bodies, appointed by the City Council, shall serve for an interim term of up to 45 days after certification of an election, or until they are reappointed or replaced.*

3) Section 4.03, as follows: *to provide that the City Council shall by ordinance set threshold limits for the requirements for formal competitive bidding and shall establish such other procedures as are necessary for undertaking the completion of any public projects.*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The cost of the election has already been budgeted but there will be incremental expenses for printing, typesetting, translating and publication for each measure.

Attachment:

1. Resolution #07-54
2. October 15, 2007 minutes