

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

Agenda Date: 04/07/08

Reviewed by: *BP*

**SUBJECT:** Charter Amendment for the November, 2008 Ballot: Council Compensation.

**REPORT BY:** Jacqueline L. Bucholz, City Clerk  
Beth Pollard, City Administrator

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Review the proposed ballot language, discuss placing before voters and if Council wishes the measure to be on the November 4, 2008 ballot, direct the City Attorney to prepare ballot measure on Section 2.01 – Council Compensation.

**BACKGROUND**

This item was on the March 17, 2008 Council Agenda but was continued to the Council meeting of April 7, 2008. The March 17, 2008 staff report combined three proposed charter amendments into one report. For purposes of the April 7, 2008 agenda, the charter amendments are agendized separately; the charter amendment regarding transition of committee members is continued to the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

Attached as Exhibit “A” is the proposed changed in wording in Section 2.01 of the City Charter pertaining to the issue of Council compensation. The proposed new wording is underlined, and the wording proposed to be deleted is crossed out.

Also attached is the California Government Code section related to the issue of Council compensation; these provisions automatically apply to General Law Cities.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is a nominal incremental cost for including the ballot measure on the November 2008 ballot. Voter approval of the measure would allow for an increase in the City’s budget cost for Council compensation. Council salary, exclusive of benefits, is currently \$5 per meeting. The referenced Government Code Section provides for a salary up to \$300 per month.

Attachments

1. Staff report, dated March 17, 2008
2. Exhibit "A" – Proposed modification to Section 2.01 of the City Charter
3. Government Code Section 36514.5