

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: March 5, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Paul Benoit, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Consideration of Options Regarding a Direct Argument and a Rebuttal Argument Relating to Proposed Amendments to the Charter on the June 5, 2018 Ballot

RECOMMENDATION

Consider the authorization of one or two councilmembers to prepare and sign a direct argument in favor of the proposed amendments to the Charter as well as a rebuttal to a direct argument opposed to the measure (should one be filed).

BACKGROUND

The deadline for direct arguments related to the proposed Charter amendment on the June 5, 2018 ballot is March 16, 2018. If the Council wishes to put a direct argument on the ballot, it has two options:

1. Authorize one or two Councilmembers to prepare and sign a direct argument in favor of the measure on behalf of the City Council, allowing other interested parties to sign the argument. If the Council chooses this route, it should also authorize the same members to write a rebuttal to a direct argument opposed to the measure (if one is filed) at the same time.
2. Pass a resolution approving the text of a direct argument and have each member of the Council sign it. The Council would need to hold a special meeting no later than March 15th to consider the argument. If the Council chooses to write the direct argument at a special meeting, it should also authorize two members to write a rebuttal to a direct argument opposed to the measure (if one is filed) at the same time as there will not be enough time for the Council to consider a rebuttal argument prior to the March 23rd deadline for rebuttal arguments.

By: John O. Tulloch, City Clerk