



## *Agenda Commentary*

**Item Title/ Subject:** Discuss and possibly consider new Charter for municipal election

**Staff Source:** City Manager, Steve Hewitt

**Date:** August 17, 2012

**History/Background Information:**

Council has asked staff to research potential election changes. Charter was changed in the past to coincide with State and County elections to avoid new elections costs.

**Item/Subject Summary:**

City Attorney will available for questions...

City Attorney informed staff that the City can change the Charter; however it must be on dates no associated to State or County elections. If municipal elections coincide (as they are now) with State/County elections you must follow their filing periods and election requirements.

City's that Charter out and have different dates can do so and pay that additional cost for special elections.

**Price/Cost:** New Charter Election would involve new costs.

**Recommendation:**

Staff has no recommendation... looking for feedback and direction.

If Council chooses to create new changes, Staff needs to have the Council call a special meeting next week, to assure a resolution is approved and to the election board for the November election.