

COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL'S CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION'S REPORT

INTRODUCTION The Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing to gather input regarding proposed amendments to the City Charter at the regularly scheduled city council meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Rockwall City Hall (385 S. Goliad St.). The council encourages the public to attend and participate in expressing opinions and concerns regarding these proposed amendments, a copy of which may be reviewed on the City's website at <http://www.rockwall.com/meetings/> (bottom, right hand corner of webpage).

TECHNICAL REVISIONS Thirteen proposed revisions will be included in one ballot proposition because they: eliminate provisions which have become inoperative due to being superseded by state law; replace obsolete references; update terminology to current legal usage; or eliminate obsolete transitional provisions. For details of the proposed technical revisions, please go to the document on the City's website as referenced above.

SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS These revisions are substantive changes, and the law requires that they each be voted on by separate ballot proposition.

1. **Sec 4.03 (3)** – This provision requires the Mayor to act as Municipal Judge when the Municipal Judge is not available. The proposed charter amendment will authorize the Council to appoint Associate Municipal Judge(s).
2. **Sec. 5.04 (3)** – The current Charter has no language as to when newly elected Council members will be sworn in to take office. This proposed amendment will clarify that each newly elected person to the City Council shall be inducted into office at the first City Council meeting following the official canvassing of the election.
3. **Sec. 6.07 (1)** - A review of the amount of time needed by the City Secretary to verify petition signatures was insufficient. The proposed charter amendment will give the City Secretary 21 days to complete a certificate of sufficiency or insufficiency.
4. **Sec. 7.02** - The proposed charter amendment will change the date the City Manager submits the proposed budget to Council to be the 15th of August. This timeframe is more realistic in terms of obtaining necessary data from the appraisal district regarding the tax roll and its impact on the budget
5. **Sec. 7.06** - The proposed charter amendment allows the Council to adopt a budget for the upcoming year prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year, allowing the Council the fullest length of time possible to adopt the new budget.
6. **Sec. 8.01 (5)** – The proposed charter amendment clarifies that Council action is required to remove a member of a board, commission or committee if they fail attend three consecutive regular meetings.
7. **Develop new Sec. 11.16 (4)** - Provides a procedure for operation of the city government in case of a disaster.