



Form Revision Date: 10/19/09:

City of Largo

Agenda Item 17

Meeting Date
08/03/10**Presenter:** Alan Zimmet, City Attorney**Department:** AD - Administration**TITLE:**

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-73 - SECOND READING - PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS AND PROVIDING FOR REGULAR CITY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH COUNTYWIDE ELECTIONS

CHANGES FROM FIRST READING:

At the July 20, 2010 Regular Meeting, the City Commission voted to amend Ordinance No. 2010-73 by changing "Extending" to "Increasing" in the title of the referendum question.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

Approved as amended on first reading on July 20, 2010 by a vote of 7-0.

Budgeted Amount:	\$0.00	Budget Page No(s):	N/A	Available Amount:	\$0.00	Expenditure Amount:	\$0.00
-------------------------	--------	---------------------------	-----	--------------------------	--------	----------------------------	--------

Additional Budgetary Information: No additional election costs are anticipated due to the inclusion of a referendum question on the ballot.

Funding Source(s):	N/A	Sufficient Funds Available:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Budget Amendment Required:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Source:	N/A
---------------------------	-----	------------------------------------	--	-----------------------------------	--	----------------	-----

City Attorney Reviewed:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	Advisory Board Recommendation:	<input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A	Consistent With:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A	Not Applicable	
--------------------------------	---	---------------------------------------	--	-------------------------	---	----------------	--

Potential Motion/ Direction Requested:

I MOVE TO ADOPT/DENY ORDINANCE NO. 2010-73 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Staff Contact:	Diane L. Bruner, City Clerk	587-6710	dbruner@largo.com
-----------------------	-----------------------------	----------	-------------------

Attachments: First Reading Memo, Ordinance No. 2010-73



Form Revision Date: 10/19/09:

City of Largo Agenda Item 39

Meeting Date
07/20/10**Presenter:** Alan Zimmet, City Attorney**Department:** AD - Administration**TITLE:****ORDINANCE NO. 2010-73 - FIRST READING - PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS AND PROVIDING FOR REGULAR CITY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH COUNTYWIDE ELECTIONS**

At the May 11, 2010 City Commission Work Session, the City Commission reached consensus that a referendum question be prepared and placed before the voters to consider four year terms for the Mayor and City Commissioners in order to reduce the City's costs for conducting elections. The cost for a stand alone City election is approximately \$70,000, while the cost of an election in conjunction with a countywide election is approximately \$6,000 - \$22,000. Countywide elections are held in November of even numbered years. The City Charter currently provides for a City election to be held each year in November.

Three options for transitioning to four year terms were presented at the June 15, 2010 Regular Meeting, at which time the City Attorney was directed to prepare ballot language for Options 1 and 2 for the July 6 Regular Meeting. At this meeting, a motion was approved to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance calling a referendum election on the proposed charter amendment changing the terms to 4 years and incorporating the transition scheduling set forth in Option 2.

Ordinance No. 2010-73 amends Sections 2.01, 2.03, 7.01 and 7.03 of the City Charter to provide for City elections to be held only in years when there is a countywide election and for the four year terms of the Mayor and City Commissioners, commencing with the 2010 election for Seats 5 and 6, with the 2012 election for Seats 3 and 4 and the Mayor and with the 2014 election for seats 1 and 2. The amendment will require an election in 2011 to elect Seats 1 and 2 to three year terms.

Upon adoption, Ordinance No. 2010-73 will be forwarded to the Supervisor of Elections Office for inclusion of the ballot question on the November 2, 2010 Municipal General Election ballot.

Budgeted Amount:	\$0.00	Budget Page No(s):	N/A	Available Amount:	\$0.00	Expenditure Amount:	\$0.00
-------------------------	--------	---------------------------	-----	--------------------------	--------	----------------------------	--------

Additional Budgetary Information: No additional election costs are anticipated due to the inclusion of a referendum question on the ballot.

Funding Source(s):	N/A	Sufficient Funds Available:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Budget Amendment Required:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Source:	N/A
---------------------------	-----	------------------------------------	--	-----------------------------------	--	----------------	-----

City Attorney Reviewed:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	Advisory Board Recommendation:	<input type="radio"/> For <input type="radio"/> Against <input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A	Consistent With:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A	Not Applicable
--------------------------------	---	---------------------------------------	--	-------------------------	---	----------------

Potential Motion/ Direction Requested: I MOVE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2010-73 ON FIRST READING AND SCHEDULE A SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 3, 2010.

Staff Contact:	Diane L. Bruner, City Clerk	587-6710	dbruner@largo.com
-----------------------	-----------------------------	----------	-------------------

Attachments: Ordinance No. 2010-73, Option 2

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51
52
53
54
55
56
57
58
59
60
61

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-73

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA
SUBMITTING TO THE CITY ELECTORS A PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 2.01, 2.03, 7.01, AND 7.03 OF
THE CITY CHARTER PROVIDING FOR A FOUR YEAR
TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY
COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR REGULAR CITY
ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH
COUNTYWIDE ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A
REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Largo has determined that it is in the best interest
of the City to submit to the electorate a referendum question which, if passed, would have the effect of
changing the terms of elected officials from three (3) year terms to four (4) year terms; and

WHEREAS, extending the terms to 4 years will allow the City to hold elections only in years when
there is a countywide election; and

WHEREAS, four (4) year terms therefore would eliminate the expense of holding city elections in
years when there is no countywide election after 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LARGO HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. It is hereby proposed that Section 2.01 of the City of Largo's Charter be amended to read as
follows:

Sec. 2.01. City commission.

There shall be established a city commission to be composed of seven (7) members, including
the mayor, all of whom shall be elected at large by the registered voters of the City of Largo for terms of
four (4) ~~three (3)~~ years, commencing with the 2010 election for seats 5 and 6, with the 2012 election for
seats 3 and 4, and with the 2014 election for seats 1 and 2.

Section 2. It is hereby proposed that Section 2.03 of the City of Largo's Charter be amended to read as
follows:

Sec. 2.03. Mayor.

The mayor shall be elected at large for a term of four (4) ~~three (3)~~ years commencing with the
2012 election. The mayor shall be a voting member of the city commission and preside at meetings of the
city commission, appoint with the advice and consent of the city commission the members of citizen
advisory boards and commissions, appoint the members and officers of commission committees and
perform other duties specified by the commission. The mayor or his or her designee shall represent the
city commission in intergovernmental relationships. The mayor shall be recognized as the head of the city
government for all ceremonial purposes and by the governor for purposes of military law. However, the
mayor shall have no administrative duties. As the representative of the city commission the mayor shall
exercise general supervision over the city manager and all other persons working for the city but not
under the control of the city manager and may examine into the condition of their offices and the books,
records and papers therein, and the manner of conducting their official business.

Section 3. It is hereby proposed that Section 7.01(a) of the City of Largo's Charter be amended to read
as follows:

Sec. 7.01. City elections.

(a) *Regular election.* The regular city election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first
Monday in November of each even numbered year. , provided, however, that the City Commission may
provide for any regular election to be held in conjunction with a countywide election

Section 4. It is hereby proposed that Section 7.03(a) of the City of Largo's Charter be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7.03. Regular elections.

(a) *Composition of city commission.* The city commission shall be composed of members occupying seats numbered one (1) through six (6) inclusive and a mayor. All members of the city commission shall be elected at large by the registered voters of the City of Largo. ~~There shall be two (2) members of the city commission elected at each regular city election and the mayor shall be elected at every third regular city election.~~ Commencing with the 2012 regular election, there shall be two (2) members of the city commission elected at each regular election and the mayor shall be elected every other regular election.

Section 5. A referendum election shall be held on the 2nd of November, 2010 at the regular City election to be held on said date, for the consideration by the voters of the City of Largo of the proposed amendment to the City charter. The question to appear on the referendum ballot reflecting the proposed amendment to the City charter at the election scheduled for November 2, 2010 shall be as follows:

INCREASING TERMS OF MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS TO FOUR YEARS

Should the City Charter be amended to increase the terms of office of the Mayor and City Commissioners from three years to four years, commencing with the 2010 election for Seats 5 and 6, the 2012 election for the Mayor and Seats 3 and 4, and the 2014 election for Seats 1 and 2, thereby eliminating elections in years when there is no countywide election?

Section 6. The City Clerk is directed to notify the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections that the referendum item provided above shall be considered at the regular City election to be held on November 2, 2010 by the electors of the City of Largo.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with law.

Section 8. The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and adoption. The amendment to the charter shall take effect only upon approval of a majority of the city electors voting at the referendum election and upon the filing of the amended charter with the amendment approved by the city electors with the Secretary of State.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON
SECOND AND FINAL READING _____

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

City Attorney