

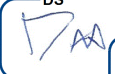




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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2020

TO: Mayor Troxell and City Councilmembers

THRU: Darin Atteberry, City Manager 
 Kelly DiMartino, Deputy City Manager 

FROM: Delynn Coldiron, City Clerk 

RE: 08-25-2020 Work Session Summary: Possible Election Code Amendments

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Troxell, Mayor Pro Tem Stephens, Councilmembers Cunniff, Pignataro, Gorgol, Gutowsky and Summers.

Overview:

Staff presented recommendations from the Election Code Committee (ECC) on proposed election-related Code amendments, including:

1. Elimination of non-itemized contributions
2. Use of unexpected city campaign funds in non-city elections
3. Carry-over of Candidate Committee contributions to the next election cycle
4. Changes to the campaign finance violation process

Staff also presented information about two issues that had been discussed by the ECC for which no recommendation had been made:

5. Regulation of Limited Liability Company contributions
6. Limitation of contributions to Political Committees

Staff also presented one “clean up” change that had not been considered by the ECC:

7. Financial Disclosure statement filing

Council Discussion:

Most Councilmembers expressed full agreement with all items that the ECC had reached consensus on. Those items will move forward as part of the Consent Agenda at the next regular meeting. Councilmembers asked for an additional opportunity to discuss regulation of Limited Liability Company contributions and placing limitations on contributions to Political Committees. They requested that these items move forward under a separate ordinance and be placed on the Discussion Agenda as soon as possible. Council was appreciative of the work that had been done by the ECC and staff related to these items. They particularly liked the new civil penalty process that allows for less severe consequences for most campaign violations.

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Follow Up:

Staff plans to bring both ordinances to Council at their September 1, 2020 regular meeting.

Discussion on potential Charter changes are planned for the December 8, 2020 Work Session.