The official newsletter of the City of Granite Shoals, TX

Special Issue—Special Elections, November 5, 2019
Proposed Charter Amendments / Water Bond Election
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Another Special ‘Election’ Issue of THE ROCK

This special issue of the THE ROCK, the second of two, is intended to continue to shed light on the issues that Granite Shoals voters will be seeing on their ballot for the November 5, 2019, Special City Elections.

In this issue, a copy of the OFFICIAL BALLOT is included showing the State of Texas Propositions, the City of Granite Shoals Bond Election, and the twenty-nine (29) City of Granite Shoals proposed charter amendments, numbered A through Z, and AA, BB & CC. Each charter proposition is in summary form.

The first issue of THE ROCK, showed the proposed amendments to the City’s Charter as recommended by the Charter Review Commission and as approved by the City Council in a ‘red-line’ version where deleted words are crossed through and unlined words are being added. The ‘red-line’ version is the OFFICIAL VERSION that will appear in The Highlander prior to the November 5, election.

This edition of THE ROCK presents the proposed charter amendments in a different format as requested by the Election Education Committee. For each ballot proposition, the charter language is shown in its current and proposed forms. Charter sections and sub-sections that are not being recommended for amendment are NOT presented. Propositions are numbers A through Z, and AA, BB and CC along with their corresponding amendment number, 1 through 29, to allow for cross reference to the ballot and the listings in the first issue of THE ROCK.

In both special issues of THE ROCK, a table is presented showing early voting locations and early voting dates and times. Also included in both issues is the information on Ordinance No. 767, calling for a $7,000,000 election for upgrades to the City’s surface and ground water systems, including improvements to the City’s water treatment plant, a new elevated storage tank and water line upgrades and related costs.

On Saturday the 5th of October, there will be another ‘Coffee With Council’ held at Crazy Gals Café’ from 9 AM to 11 AM.

There will be a TOWN HALL meeting regarding the Special Elections and it will be held at the Fire Hall on Saturday morning, October 12. This meeting will be hosted by the Election Education Committee.

The legal Notices for the elections will be printed in The Highlander newspaper, along with continuing information posted on the city’s website, social medial sites and this newsletter.

Mayor Carl Brugger
If you have recently moved, please make sure you are registered to vote at the correct address. For more information contact: Doug Ferguson, Elections Administrator for Burnet County, Mailing Address: 220 South Pierce, Burnet, Texas 78611, Physical Location: 106 W. Washington St., Burnet, TX 78611.

Phone: 512-715-5288  FAX: 512-715-5287  Website =  http://burnetcountytexas.org/page/elect.home

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Did you know?

The State of Texas will be holding a Special Texas Constitutional Amendment Election on 11-5-2019. Please visit the Texas Secretary of State website to learn more about the 10 proposed Texas Constitutional Amendments that you will see on your ballot.

The Water Infrastructure Improvement Bond Election

Reference Ordinance #767 adopted August 13, 2019

CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS

PROPOSITION A

Shall the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City, in one or more series or issues, in the aggregate principal amount of $7,000,000 with the bonds of each such series or issues, respectively, to mature serially within not to exceed forty years from their date, and to be sold at such prices and bear interest at such rates, as shall be determined within the discretion of the City Council, in accordance with law at the time of issuance, for the purpose of constructing, improving, extending, expanding and/or upgrading the City’s surface and ground water systems, including for improvements to the City’s water treatment plant, a new elevated water storage tank and water line upgrades, including the purchase or acquisition of any necessary rights-of-way and easements, design costs and other related costs; and shall said City Council be authorized to levy and cause to be assessed and collected annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the City in an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?

PROPOSITION A

FOR / / THE ISSUANCE OF $7,000,000 BONDS FOR SURFACE AND GROUND WATER SYSTEM PROJECTS TO INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY’S WATER TREATMENT PLANT, A NEW ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK AND WATER LINE UPGRADES AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF

AGAINST / /
### Constitutional Amendment and Local Elections

**Election On Amendments And Local Elections**

**Burnet County, Texas**

**November 05, 2019 - El 5 de noviembre de 2019**

**Precinct Precinto 3-GRANITE**

#### OFFICIAL BALLOT

**BOLETA OFICIAL**

**Instruction Text:**

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### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

**Elección Sobre Enmiendas A La Constitución**

**STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 1**

“The constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time.”

**PROPUESTA NÚMERO 1 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS**

“Enmienda constitucional que permite a una persona ocupar más de un cargo como juez municipal al mismo tiempo.”

For A Favor  
Against En Contra

**STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 2**

“The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed $200 million to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas.”

**PROPUESTA NÚMERO 2 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS**

“Enmienda constitucional que prevé la emisión adicional de bonos de obligaciones generales por parte de la Junta de Desarrollo de Recursos Hídricos de Texas por un monto que no exceda los $200 millones, para brindar asistencia financiera para el desarrollo de ciertos proyectos en áreas con dificultades económicas.”

For A Favor  
Against En Contra

**STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 3**

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster.”

**PROPUESTA NÚMERO 3 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS**

“Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la Legislatura considerar una exención temporal de los impuestos ad valorem de una parte del valor de tasación de ciertos bienes dañados por un desastro.”

For A Favor  
Against En Contra

**STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 4**

“The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income.”

**PROPUESTA NÚMERO 4 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS**

“Enmienda constitucional que prohíbe la imposición de un impuesto sobre la renta individual, incluido un impuesto sobre los ingresos de una persona participante en una sociedad o en una asociación no incorporada.”

For A Favor  
Against En Contra

**STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 5**

“The constitutional amendment dedicating the revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes that are imposed on sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to protect Texas’ natural areas, water quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes.”

**PROPUESTA NÚMERO 5 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS**

“Enmienda constitucional que asigna los ingresos derivados de los impuestos estatales sobre la venta y el uso aplicados a los artículos deportivos, al Departamento de Parques y Vida Silvestre de Texas y a la Comisión Histórica de Texas para proteger las áreas naturales, la calidad del agua y la historia de Texas mediante la adquisición, gestión y mejoramiento de los parques y sitios históricos estatales y locales, sin aumentar la tasa impositiva sobre la venta y el uso.”

For A Favor  
Against En Contra

**STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 6**

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase by $3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.”

**PROPUESTA NÚMERO 6 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS**

“Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la Legislatura aumentar en $3,000 millones la cantidad máxima de bonos autorizada para el Instituto de Prevención e Investigación del Cáncer de Texas.”

For A Favor  
Against En Contra

**STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 7**

“The constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions to the available school fund.”

**PROPUESTA NÚMERO 7 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS**

“Enmienda constitucional que permite mayores distribuciones al fondo escolar disponible.”

For A Favor  
Against En Contra

**STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 8**

“The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects.”

**PROPUESTA NÚMERO 8 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS**

“Enmienda constitucional que prevé la creación del fondo de infraestructura contra inundaciones para ayudar a financiar proyectos de alcanzamiento, mitigación de inundaciones y control de inundaciones.”

For A Favor  
Against En Contra

**STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 9**

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state.”

**PROPUESTA NÚMERO 9 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS**

“Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la Legislatura eximir de impuestos ad valorem a los metales preciosos guardados en un depósito de metales preciosos con sede en este Estado.”

For A Favor  
Against En Contra

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STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 10
"The constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances."
PROPUESTA NÚMERO 10 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS
"Enmienda constitucional para permitir, en ciertas circunstancias, la transferencia de animales de las fuerzas del orden a un cuidador calificado."

CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS BOND ELECTION
Ciudad de Granite Shoals Elección de Bono

PROPOSITION A
"The issuance of $7,000,000 bonds for surface and ground water system projects to include improvements to the City’s water treatment plant, a new elevated water storage tank and water line upgrades and levying the tax in payment thereof."
PROPÓSITO A
"La emisión de $7,000,000 en bonos para proyectos de sistemas de agua de superficie y subterránea que incluyan mejoras a la planta de tratamiento de agua de la ciudad, un nuevo tanque de almacenamiento de agua elevado y mejoras a las líneas de agua, e imposición de impuestos para el pago de estos."

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS CHARTER
ENMIENDAS PROPUESTAS A LOS ESTATUTOS DE LA CIUDAD DE GRANITE SHOALS

PROPOSITION A
Shall Article I, Section 1.01 of the City Charter (Form of Government) be amended to more accurately define the existing powers and nature of the municipal government of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas?
Proposición A
¿Se deberá enmendar el Artículo I, Sección 1.01 de los Estatutos Municipales (Forma de gobierno) para definir con mayor precisión los poderes y la naturaleza existentes del gobierno municipal de City of Granite Shoals, Texas?

PROPOSITION B
Shall Article I, Section 1.02 of the City Charter (Boundaries) be amended to define the boundaries of the City as including land added to the City by annexations and other proceedings of the City?
Proposición B
¿Se deberá enmendar el Artículo I, Sección 1.02 de los Estatutos Municipales (Límites) para definir los límites de la Ciudad para incluir los terrenos añadidos a la ciudad por incorporación y otros procesos de la ciudad?

PROPOSITION C
Shall Article II, Section 2.05 of the City Charter (Eminent Domain) be created in order to add to the Charter a definition of the City's existing eminent domain authority as enumerated in the Texas Constitution and state law?
Proposición C
¿Se deberá crear el Artículo II, Sección 2.05 de los Estatutos Municipales (Derecho de expropiación) para añadir a los Estatutos una definición del derecho de expropiación existente de la Ciudad como se dispone en la Constitución de Texas y en las leyes estatales?

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Proposition D
Shall Article II, Section 2.03 of the City Charter (Intergovernmental Relations) be amended to reflect the fact that the City may contract with other cities or political subdivisions, as allowed by state law?

For A Favor  Against En Contra

Proposition E
Shall Article III, Section 3.05 of the City Charter (Vacancies, Forfeiture and Filing of Vacancies) be amended to require that the City Council fill vacancies on the Council that occur if a Council member fails to attend three consecutive Regular Council Meetings without being excused?

For A Favor  Against En Contra

Proposition F
Shall Article III, Section 3.13 of the City Charter (Passage of Ordinances in General) be amended to allow the City to make proposed ordinances available electronically and require publication of such proposed ordinances once in a local newspaper in order to reduce printing and publication costs?

For A Favor  Against En Contra

Proposition G
Shall Article III, Section 3.15 of the City Charter (Authentication, Recording, Codification, Printing and Distribution) be amended to allow the City to make the City Code and City Charter available electronically in order to reduce the cost of printing paper copies of various documents?

For A Favor  Against En Contra

Proposition H
Shall Article IV, Section 4.02 of the City Charter (City Secretary) be amended to require the City Secretary to report to the City Manager, who is the chief administrative officer of the City? The Proposition would make City Manager, along with the Mayor, oversee the City Secretary's performance review. Other changes are proposed to clarify the City Secretary's role within the City.

For A Favor  Against En Contra

Proposition I
Shall Article IV, Section 4.03 of the City Charter (Municipal Court) be amended to reflect the City's recent adoption of a municipal court of record, and conform the Charter to state law requirements for municipal courts of record?

For A Favor  Against En Contra

Proposition J
Shall Article V, Section 5.04 of the City Charter (Official Results) be amended to clarify the process used by the City to determine election results, and state that the process must be in accordance with the Texas Election Code?

For A Favor  Against En Contra

Proposition K
Shall Article VI, Section 6.02 of the City Charter (Petitions for Recall) be amended to make the number of signatures for a recall petition a fixed number of 6.5% of the registered voters residing in the City at the time the petition is filed, rather than using the number of votes cast in the previous general City election, which would be a variable number?

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PROPOSITION L
Shall Article VI, Section 6.11 of the City Charter (General Power of Initiative and Referendum) be amended to reflect the fact that there may be topics subject to referendum that are not currently enumerated in the Charter?

Proposición L
¿Se deberá enmendar el Artículo VI, Sección 6.11 de los Estatutos Municipales (Poder general de iniciativa y referendo) para reflejar el hecho de que podría haber temas sujetos a referendo que actualmente no están enumerados en los Estatutos?

For A Favor
Against En Contra

PROPOSITION M
Shall Article VI, Section 6.02 of the City Charter (Initiative) be amended to make the number of signatures for an initiative a fixed number of 6.5% of the number of registered voters residing in the City at the time the petition is filed, rather than using the number of votes cast in the previous general City election, which would be a variable number?

Proposición M
¿Se deberá enmendar el Artículo VI, Sección 6.02 de los Estatutos Municipales (Iniciativa) para que el número de firmas en una iniciativa sea un número fijo equivalente al 6.5% de los electores registrados que residen en la Ciudad en el momento en que se presenta la petición, en lugar de usar el número de votos emitidos en la elección municipal general previa, que sería un número variable?

For A Favor
Against En Contra

PROPOSITION N
Shall Article VI, Section 6.13 of the City Charter (Referendum) regarding a referendum be amended to make the section consistent with Section 6.12 regarding initiatives, as well as state law?

Proposición N
¿Se deberá enmendar el Artículo VI, Sección 6.13 de los Estatutos Municipales (Referendo) para que la sección sobre referendos sea congruente con la Sección 6.12 sobre iniciativas así como con la ley estatal?

For A Favor
Against En Contra

PROPOSITION O
Shall Article VI, Section 6.16 of the City Charter (Publication of Proposed and Referred Ordinances) be amended to require publication of only the ballot language and the portion of the Code to be changed prior to an election on a proposed ordinance?

Proposición O
¿Se deberá enmendar el Artículo VI, Sección 6.16 de los Estatutos Municipales (Publicación de ordenanzas propuestas y remitidas) a fin de requerir la publicación del texto de la boleta solamente y la porción a cambiar del Código antes de una elección sobre una ordenanza propuesta?

For A Favor
Against En Contra

PROPOSITION P
Shall Article VII, Section 7.10 of the City Charter (Certification, Copies Made Available) be amended to make budget information available electronically and/or via the City’s website, and remove requirements for printed copies?

Proposición P
¿Se deberá enmendar el Artículo VII, Sección 7.10 de los Estatutos Municipales (Certificación, disponibilidad de copias) para que la información del presupuesto esté disponible electrónicamente y en el sitio web de la Ciudad y para eliminar los requisitos de copias impresas?

For A Favor
Against En Contra

PROPOSITION Q
Shall Article VII, Section 7.14 of the City Charter (Borrowing) be amended to require an election in order for General Obligation bonds to be issued by the City?

Proposición Q
¿Se deberá enmendar el Artículo VII, Sección 7.14 de los Estatutos Municipales (Empréstito) a fin de requerir una elección para que la Ciudad emita bonos de obligación general?

For A Favor
Against En Contra

PROPOSITION R
Shall Article VII, Section 7.18 of the City Charter (Independent Audits) be amended to remove the requirement for the City to publish a summary of the independent audit in the City’s official newspaper, and should copies be made available for public review?

Proposición R
¿Se deberá enmendar el Artículo VII, Sección 7.18 de los Estatutos Municipales (Auditorías independientes) para eliminar el requisito de que la Ciudad publique un resumen de la auditoría independiente en el diario oficial de la Ciudad y que se pongan a disposición copias para su revisión pública?

For A Favor
Against En Contra

PROPOSITION S
Shall Article VIII, Section 8.01 of the City Charter (Authority, Composition and Procedures) be amended to make City Board and Commission meeting minutes public records, and give Boards and Commissions more flexibility in presenting and approving their meeting minutes?

Proposición S
¿Se deberá enmendar el Artículo VIII, Sección 8.01 de los Estatutos Municipales (Autoridad, composición y procedimientos) para que las minutas de la Junta Municipal y de la Comisión sean registros públicos, y dar a las Juntas y Comisiones mayor flexibilidad en la presentación y la aprobación de las minutas de sus reuniones?

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**Precinct Precinto**
3-GRANITE

#### Proposition T
**Shall Section Article IX, Section 9.01 of the City Charter (Organization of Planning and Zoning Commission) be amended in order to clarify that Planning and Zoning Commission members must be property owners or residents of the City and can hold no other City office?**

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#### Proposition U
**Shall Article IX, Section 9.02 of the City Charter (Duties and Powers) be amended to clarify that Planning and Zoning Commission records will be maintained by the City Secretary, and that the City Council may request presentations and reports from the Commission at desired intervals?**

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#### Proposition V
**Shall Article IX, Section 9.04 of the City Charter (The Comprehensive Plan: Procedure and Legal Effect) be amended to simplify the process for the adoption or rejection of revisions to the City's Comprehensive Plan by requiring the City to comply with existing state law, other provisions of the City's Charter, and the City's ordinances when amending the Comprehensive Plan?**

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#### Proposition W
**Shall Article IX, Section 9.05 of the City Charter (Board of Adjustment) be amended to provide that the Board of Adjustment shall select a Presiding Officer and Secretary from its members?**

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**Shall Article XI, Section 11.10 of the City Charter (Regulation of Liquor and Beer) be amended to expand the prohibition of the sale of liquor and beer in residential sections of the City to include wine?**

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#### Proposition AA
**Shall Article XIV, Section 14.02 of the City Charter (Equality of Rights) be amended to add sexual orientation to the City Charter's equality of rights provision?**

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#### Proposition BB
**Shall Article XIV, Section 14.07 of the City Charter (Indebtedness to City) be amended to include persons who owe taxes or other liabilities to the City for more than 90 days from holding an office or position within the City?**

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PROPOSITION CC
Shall Article XIV, Section 14.09 of the City Charter (No Officer or Employee to Accept Gifts, Etc.) be amended to require City officers and employees to comply with the Texas Local Government Code with regard to the acceptance of gifts or other privileges?

Proposición CC
¿Se deberá enmendar el Artículo XIV, Sección 14.09 de los Estatutos Municipales (Ningún funcionario o empleado puede aceptar obsequios, etc.) para requerir que los funcionarios y los empleados municipales cumplan con el Código Gubernamental Local de Texas referente a la aceptación de obsequios u otros privilegios?

☐ For  A Favor
☐ Against  En Contra
Current Charter:

The municipal government provided for by this Charter shall be known as the “Council-Manager” form of government. Pursuant to its provisions, and subject only to the limitations imposed by the Constitution, laws and statutes of the State of Texas and by this Charter, all powers of the City of Granite Shoals (hereinafter referred to as the City) shall be vested in an elected City Council (hereinafter referred to as the City Council) which shall enact local legislation, adopt budgets, determine policies and appoint a City Manager, who in turn, will be held responsible to the City Council for the execution of the laws and the administration of the government of the City. All powers of the City shall be exercised in the manner prescribed by this Charter, or if the manner not be prescribed, then in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance or the Constitution, laws or statutes of the State of Texas.

Proposed Amendment:

The inhabitants of the City of Granite Shoals, Burnet County, Texas, residing within its corporate limits, as heretofore or hereafter established, are hereby constituted and shall continue to be a municipal body politic and corporate, in perpetuity, under the name of the “City of Granite Shoals” with such powers, privileges, rights, duties, authorities and immunities as are herein provided, or as allowed by law.

All powers of the City shall be exercised in the manner prescribed by this Charter, or if the manner not be prescribed, then in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance or the Constitution, laws or statutes of the State of Texas.

Proposition A: Amendment No. 1, Article I, Section 1.01 - Form of Government

Proposition B: Amendment No. 2, Article I, Section 1.02 - Boundaries

Proposition C: Amendment No. 3, Article II, Section 2.05 – Eminent Domain (New Section)
Current Charter:

The City may exercise any of its powers or perform any of its functions and may participate in the financing thereof, jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, with any one or more states or any state civil division or agency, or the United States or any of its agencies.

Proposed Amendment:

The City may exercise any of its powers or perform any of its functions and may participate in the financing thereof, jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, with any one or more states or any state civil division or agency and its political subdivisions, or the United States or any of its agencies.

Proposition E: Amendment No. 5, Article III, Section 3.05 – Vacancies, Forfeiture and Filling of Vacancies

Current Charter:

(2) If any member of the City Council is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings, without explanation acceptable to a majority of the remaining Council Members, his/her office shall be declared vacant at the next regular meeting of the City Council by resolution.

(4) If there is a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem shall become Mayor for the remainder of the term.

Proposed Amendment:

(2) If any member of the City Council fails to attend three (3) consecutive Regular Council Meetings without being excused by the Council, the Council shall, at its next regular meeting, declare the office to be vacant and shall fill such vacancy as set forth in this section.

(4) If there is a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem shall become Mayor for the unexpired remainder of the Mayor’s term.

Proposition F: Amendment No. 6, Article III, Section 3.13 – Passage of Ordinances in General

Current Charter:

(1) The City Council shall legislate by ordinance only, and the enacting clause of every ordinance shall be “Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas ....” Each proposed ordinance shall be introduced in the City Council only in written or printed form. No ordinance shall contain more than one (1) subject which shall be clearly expressed in its title. General appropriation ordinances may contain various subjects and accounts for which monies are to be appropriated.

After adoption, an ordinance shall not be amended or repealed except by the adoption of another ordinance amending or repealing the original ordinance. Copies of each proposed ordinance shall be furnished to the City Council. Copies of the proposed ordinance shall be available at the City offices and shall be furnished to citizens upon request to the City Secretary from and after the date on which such proposed ordinance is posted as an agenda item for a City Council meeting.

(2) All persons interested in such ordinance shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

(3) Every ordinance shall become effective upon adoption or at any later time(s) specified in the ordinance, except that every ordinance imposing any penalty, fine or forfeiture shall become effective only after having been published twice in its entirety, summary form or the caption thereof after adoption, in a newspaper designated as the official newspaper of the City.

Proposed Amendment:

(1) The City Council shall legislate by ordinance only, and the enacting clause of every ordinance shall be “Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas ....” Each proposed ordinance shall be introduced in the City Council only in written or printed form. No ordinance shall contain more than one (1) subject which shall be clearly
expressed in its title. General appropriation ordinances may contain various subjects and accounts for which monies are to be appropriated.

After adoption, an ordinance shall not be amended or repealed except by the adoption of another ordinance amending or repealing the original ordinance. Copies of each proposed ordinance shall be furnished to the City Council. Copies of the proposed ordinance shall be made available for review by the public.

(2) All persons interested in such ordinance shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard prior to adoption.

(3) Every ordinance shall become effective upon adoption or at any later time(s) specified in the ordinance, except that every ordinance imposing any penalty, fine or forfeiture shall become effective only after having been published at least once in its entirety, summary form or the caption thereof after adoption, in a newspaper designated as the official newspaper of the City.

Proposition G: Amendment No. 7, Article III, Section 3.15 – Authentication, Recording, Codification, Printing and Distribution

Current Charter:

All ordinances and resolutions adopted by the City Council shall be authenticated by seal and signature of the person performing the duties of the City Secretary and numbered consecutively as adopted. They shall be properly indexed and placed in a book kept open for public inspection.

(2) The City Council may maintain a codification of ordinances of the City. This codification shall be known and cited as “The Granite Shoals City Code” and shall be in full force and effect without the necessity of such code or any part thereof being published in any newspaper. The caption, descriptive clause and other formal parts of the ordinances of the City may be omitted without affecting the validity of such ordinances when codified. Every general ordinance, enacted subsequent to such codification, shall be enacted as an amendment to the code. For the purpose of this section, general ordinances shall be deemed to be those ordinances of a permanent or continuing nature which affect the residents of the City at large. Copies of the code shall be furnished to City Officers, placed in the City offices and made available for purchase by the public at a reasonable price to be fixed by the City Council.

(3) The City Council shall cause all ordinances and amendments to this Charter to be printed promptly following their adoption. A copy of each ordinance and amendment shall be placed in appropriate City offices for public reference. Printed ordinances and Charter amendments shall be sold to the public at a reasonable price to be fixed by the City Council.

Proposed Amendment:

(1) All ordinances and resolutions of City Council proceedings adopted by the City Council and signed by the Mayor, shall be authenticated by seal and signature of the person performing the duties of the City Secretary and numbered consecutively as adopted. They shall be properly indexed, bound, and maintained according to the record management plan for the City as adopted by City Council. They shall be available for review by the public in such formats as may be approved by City Council.

(2) The City Council maintains a codification of ordinances of the City. This codification shall be known and cited as “The Granite Shoals City Code” and shall be in full force and effect without the necessity of such code or any part thereof being published in any newspaper. The caption, descriptive clause and other formal parts of the ordinances of the City may be omitted without affecting the validity of such ordinances when codified. Every general ordinance, enacted subsequent to such codification, shall be enacted as an amendment to the code. For the purpose of this section, general ordinances shall be deemed to be those ordinances of a permanent or continuing nature which affect the residents of the City at large. The City Code shall be maintained by the City Secretary according to the record management plan for the City as adopted by City Council. The City Code shall be available for review by the public in such formats as approved by City Council.

(3) The City Council shall cause all amendments to this Charter to be printed promptly following their adoption. A copy of each amendment shall be available from the City Secretary for public reference. The City Charter shall be available for review by the public in such formats as approved by City Council.
Proposition H: Amendment No. 8, Article IV, Section 4.02 – City Secretary

Current Charter:

The City Council shall appoint or remove, with or without cause, the City Secretary upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the City Council.

The City Council shall fix the compensation of the City Secretary, and the City Secretary’s compensation may be amended, from time to time, in accordance with the City Secretary’s experience, qualifications and performance.

(3) The City Secretary shall:

(A) Give notice of all official public meetings of the City Council in a manner consistent with this Charter and state laws;

(B) Except upon an explanation acceptable to a majority of the City Council, attend all public meetings and hearings of the City Council;

(C) Keep the minutes of the proceedings of all public official meetings and hearings of the City Council in a manner prescribed by the City Council consistent with applicable law;

(D) Act as custodian of all official records of the City Council;

(E) Hold and maintain the seal of the City and affix this seal to all appropriate documents;

(F) Authenticate, by signature and seal, and record all ordinances, resolutions and proclamations of the City;

(G) Perform such other duties, as may be required by the City Council, which are consistent with this Charter and state and federal law; and

(H) Schedule and oversee all City elections in accordance with the Texas Election Code and any other applicable law.

Proposed Amendment:

The City Manager shall appoint or remove the City Secretary, subject to the approval of the City Council, and shall appoint or remove such Assistant City Secretaries as the Council shall deem advisable. The City Manager, along with the Mayor shall review the performance of the City Secretary, and this review shall be shared with the City Council. The City Manager and Mayor shall determine the compensation of the City Secretary, and the City Secretary’s compensation may be amended, from time to time, in accordance with the City Secretary’s experience, qualifications and performance.

The City Secretary shall:

(A) Give notice of all official public meetings of the City Council in a manner consistent with this Charter and state laws;

(B) Except upon an explanation acceptable to a majority of the City Council, attend all public meetings and hearings of the City Council;

(C) Keep the minutes of the proceedings of all public official meetings and hearings of the City Council in a manner prescribed by the City Council consistent with applicable law;

(D) Act as custodian of all official public records of the City of Granite Shoals, ensuring that records are maintained and retained as necessary to meet operating requirements, and comply with Texas and U.S. laws and regulations.

(E) Hold and maintain the seal of the City and affix this seal to all appropriate documents;

(F) Authenticate, by signature and seal, and record all ordinances, resolutions and proclamations of the City;

(G) Schedule and oversee all City elections in accordance with the Texas Election Code and any other applicable law. This assignment power does not extend to the City Manager’s designees.

(H) Perform such other duties as the City Manager shall assign, and as elsewhere provided for in this Charter. This assignment power does not extend to the City Manager’s designees.

Other Provisions:

In the absence of the City Manager or acting or interim City Manager, the City Secretary shall report to the Mayor. During a period when there is no City Manager, work assignment powers will extend to an acting or interim City Manager, but again do not convey to the acting or interim City Manager’s designees. Council shall have unrestricted access to the City Secretary, and may request records and information without the involvement or approval of the City Manager.
Proposition I: Amendment No. 9, Article IV, Section 4.03 – Municipal Court

Current Charter:

(2) The City Council shall appoint, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the City Council, such Municipal Judges of the Municipal Court, as may be necessary, all of whom shall be competent, duly qualified attorneys licensed and practicing for at least two (2) years in the State of Texas. In the event a duly qualified attorney is not available, the City Council shall then select a qualified person to be the Municipal Judge. The Municipal Judge(s) of the Municipal Court(s) shall be appointed to a term of two (2) years and may be appointed to additional consecutive terms upon completion of the Judge(s) term(s) of office. The appointment of the Municipal Judge(s) may be terminated, with or without cause, at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the City Council. The Municipal Judge(s) shall receive compensation as may be determined by the City Council.

(3) In the event of failure of any Municipal Judge to perform the Judge(s) duties, the Mayor shall act in the Municipal Judge's place and stead (and in the event of a vacancy, until a Municipal Judge is appointed by the City Council to fill the vacancy). If the Mayor acts as Municipal Judge, the Mayor shall be compensated at the same salary, if any, as the Municipal Judge for whom the Mayor is acting.

Proposed Amendment:

(2) The City Council shall appoint, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the City Council, such Municipal Judges of the Municipal Court, as may be necessary, all of whom shall be competent, duly qualified attorneys licensed and practicing for at least two (2) years in the State of Texas. The Municipal Judge(s) of the Municipal Court(s) shall be appointed to a term of two (2) years and may be appointed to additional consecutive terms upon completion of the Judge(s) term(s) of office. The appointment of the Municipal Judge(s) may be terminated, with or without cause, at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the City Council. The Municipal Judge(s) shall receive compensation as may be determined by the City Council.

(3) The City Council may appoint additional associate Municipal Judges who possess the qualifications specified in Section 4.03(2).

Proposition J: Amendment No. 10, Article V, Section 5.04 – Official Results

Current Charter:

The candidate for Mayor that receives the highest number of votes cast shall be elected, and in each election for a place on the City Council, the candidate for City Council that receives the highest number of votes cast shall be elected. In the event of a tie, the City Council shall, upon completion of the official canvass of the ballots, issue a call for a runoff election to be held within thirty (30) days following the issuance of such call, or in accordance with the Texas Election Code, unless the candidates agree to an alternative resolution in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

(2) The returns of every municipal election shall be handled in accordance with the Texas Election Code. These returns shall be delivered from the election judges to the person performing the duties of the City Secretary and the Mayor at City Hall as soon as possible after the closing of the polls. Election returns, general and special, shall be presented to the City Council at their next meeting following the election, at which time the City Council shall canvass and declare the results of the election, which shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

(1) The candidate for Mayor and each City Council place that receives the highest number of votes cast shall be elected. In the event of a tie, if candidates agree to an alternative resolution in accordance with the Texas Election Code, a recall election will not be required. If no agreement between the candidates is reached, the City Council shall, upon completion of the official canvass of the ballots, issue a call for a runoff election to be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

(2) The returns of every municipal election shall be handled in accordance with the Texas Election Code. These returns shall be delivered or reported to the person performing the duties of the City Secretary as soon as possible after the closing of the polls. Election returns, general and special, shall be presented to the City Council in accordance with the Texas Election Code, for official canvass and declaration of the results of the election.
Proposition K: Amendment No. 11, Article VI, Section 6.02 – Petitions for Recall

**Current Charter:**

Before the question of recall of such officer shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City, a petition demanding such question to be so submitted shall first be filed with the person performing the duties of City Secretary, which said petition must contain the number of valid signatures totaling at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of votes cast at the last general City election. The petitions, signatures, and verifications shall be governed by the requirements of the Texas Election Code.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Before the question of recall of such officer shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City, a petition demanding such question to be so submitted shall first be filed with the person performing the duties of City Secretary, which said petition must contain the number of valid signatures totaling at least six and a half (6.5) percent of the number of registered voters residing in the City at the time the petition is filed. The petitions, signatures, and verifications shall be governed by the requirements of the Texas Election Code.

Proposition L: Amendment No. 12, Article VI, Section 6.11 – General Power of Initiative and Referendum

**Current Charter:**

The qualified voters of the City, in addition to the method of legislation herein before provided, shall have the power of direct legislation by the initiative and referendum.

- **Initiative:** Such power shall not extend to the budget, or any capital program, or setting rates, fees or charges, or ordinance not subject to initiative, as provided by state law, relating to appropriation of money, issuing of bonds and levy of taxes or salaries of City officers or employees.

- **Referendum:** Such power shall not extend to the budget or any capital program or emergency ordinance or ordinance not subject to referendum as provided by state law, relating to appropriation of money, issuing of bonds or levy of taxes.

**Proposed Amendment:**

1. **Initiative:** Such power shall not extend to the budget, or any capital program, or setting rates, fees or charges, or ordinance, as provided by state law, relating to appropriation of money, issuing of bonds and levy of taxes or salaries of City officers or employees not subject to initiative.

2. **Referendum:** Such power shall not extend to the budget or any capital program or emergency ordinance or ordinance as provided by state law, relating to appropriation of money, issuing of bonds or levy of taxes not subject to referendum.

Proposition M: Amendment No. 13, Article VI, Section 6.12 – Initiative

**Current Charter:**

Following a review by the City Attorney for enforceability and legality, qualified voters of the City may initiate legislation by submitting a petition addressed to the City Council, which requests the submission of a proposed ordinance or resolution to a vote of the qualified voters of the City. Said petition must contain the number of valid signatures totaling at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of votes cast at the last general City election, and each copy of the petition shall have attached to it a copy of the proposed legislation. The petition shall be signed in the same manner as recall petitions are signed, as provided in this Article, and shall be verified by oath in the manner and form provided for recall petitions in this Article. The petition may consist of one (1) or more copies as permitted for recall petitions. Such petition shall be filed with the person performing the duties of City Secretary.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Following a review by the City Attorney for enforceability and legality, qualified voters of the City may initiate legislation by submitting a petition addressed to the City Council, which requests the submission of a proposed ordinance or res-
olution to a vote of the qualified voters of the City. Said petition must contain the number of valid signatures totaling at least six and a half (6.5) percent of the number of registered voters residing in the City at the time the petition is filed, and each copy of the petition shall have attached to it a copy of the proposed legislation. The petition shall be signed in the same manner as recall petitions are signed, as provided in this Article, and shall be verified by oath in the manner and form provided for recall petitions in this Article. The petition may consist of one (1) or more copies as permitted for recall petitions. Such petition shall be filed with the person performing the duties of City Secretary.

Proposition N: Amendment No. 14, Article VI, Section 6.13 – Referendum

Current Charter:

Qualified voters of the City may require that any ordinance or resolution, with the exception of ordinances or resolutions appropriating money or levying taxes, passed by the City Council be submitted to the voters of the City for approval or disapproval, by submitting a petition for this purpose within thirty (30) days after final passage of said ordinance or resolution, or within thirty (30) days after its publication. Said petition shall be addressed, signed and verified as required for recall petitions in this Article and shall be submitted to the person performing the duties of City Secretary.

Within twenty-one (21) days after the filing of such petition, the person performing the duties of City Secretary shall present said petition to the City Council. Upon presentation to the City Council, it shall become the duty of the City Council, within two (2) regularly scheduled City Council meetings after the receipt thereof, to reconsider such ordinance or resolution and, if the City Council does not entirely repeal the same, shall submit it to popular vote as provided in Section 6.13 of this Charter.

Pending the holding of such election, each ordinance or resolution shall be suspended from taking effect and shall not later take effect unless a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon at such election shall vote in favor thereof. Unless otherwise provided by law, any election for a referendum under this Charter shall be held on the first authorized uniform election date that occurs after the sixty-fifth (65th) day after the petition was presented to the City Council.

Proposed Amendment:

“Qualified voters of the City may require that any ordinance or resolution passed by the City Council be submitted to the voters of the City for approval or disapproval, by submitting a petition for this purpose within thirty (30) days after final passage of said ordinance or resolution, or within thirty (30) days after its publication. Said petition shall be subject to the same requirements as those for Initiative, and shall be addressed, signed and verified as required for recall petitions in this Article and shall be submitted to the person performing the duties of City Secretary.

Within twenty-one (21) days after the filing of such petition, the person performing the duties of City Secretary shall present said petition to the City Council. Upon presentation to the City Council, it shall become the duty of the City Council, within two (2) regularly scheduled City Council meetings after the receipt thereof, to reconsider such ordinance or resolution and, if the City Council does not entirely repeal the same, shall submit it to popular vote as provided in Section 6.12 of this Charter.

Pending the holding of such election, each ordinance or resolution shall be suspended from taking effect and shall not later take effect unless a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon at such election shall vote in favor thereof. Unless otherwise provided by law, any election for a referendum under this Charter shall be held on the first authorized uniform election date that occurs after the sixty-fifth (65th) day after the petition was presented to the City Council.”

Proposition O: Amendment No. 15, Article VI, Section 6.16 – Publication of Proposed and Referred Ordinances

Current Charter:

The person performing the duties of City Secretary of the City shall publish at least twice in the official newspaper of the City the proposed or referred ordinance or resolution within fifteen (15) days before the date of the election and shall give such other notices and do such other things relative to such election as are required by law in municipal elections and by the ordinance or resolution calling said election.

Proposed Amendment:

The person performing the duties of City Secretary of the City shall publish at least twice in the official newspaper of the City, the proposed or referred ballot language and the portion of the Code being changed, within fifteen (15) days before the date of the election and shall give such other notices and do such other things relative to such election as are required by law in municipal elections and by the ordinance or resolution calling said election.
Proposition P: Amendment No. 16, Article VII, Section 7.10 – Certification; Copies Made Available

**Current Charter:**

A copy of the budget, as finally adopted, shall be filed with the person performing the duties of City Secretary and such other places required by state law or as the City Council shall designate. The final budget shall be printed or otherwise reproduced and sufficient copies shall be made available for the use of all offices, agencies, and for the use of interested persons and civic organizations.

**Proposed Amendment:**

A copy of the budget, as finally adopted, shall be filed with the person performing the duties of City Secretary and such other places required by state law or as the City Council shall designate. The final budget shall be maintained by the City Secretary according to the record management plan for the City as adopted by City Council. The city budget shall be available for review by the public in such formats as approved by City Council.

Proposition Q: Amendment No. 17, Article VII, Section 7.14 – Borrowing

**Current Charter:**

(2) General Obligation Bonds and Certificates of Obligation.

(A) The City shall have the power to borrow money on the credit of the City and to issue general obligation bonds and certificates of obligation for permanent public improvements or any other public purpose not prohibited by law and this Charter and to issue refunding bonds to refund outstanding bonds previously issued. All such bonds and certificates of obligation shall be issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be used only for purposes for which they were issued.

(B) When state law requires an election to issue any bond, the City Council shall prescribe the procedure for calling and holding such elections, shall define the voting precincts and shall provide for the return and canvass of the ballots cast at such elections.

(C) If, at such elections, a majority of the vote shall be in favor of creating such a debt or refunding outstanding valid bonds of the City, it shall be lawful for the City Council to issue bonds as proposed in the ordinance submitting same. However, if a majority of the voted polled shall be against the creation of such debt or refunding such bonds, the City Council shall be without authority to issue the bonds. In all cases when the City Council shall order an election for the issuance of bonds of the City, it shall, at the same time, submit the question of whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property within the City for the purpose of paying the interest on the bonds and to create a sinking fund for their redemption.

**Proposed Amendment:**

General Obligation Bonds and Certificates of Obligation.

The City shall have the power to borrow money on the credit of the City and to issue general obligation bonds and certificates of obligation for permanent public improvements or any other public purpose not prohibited by law and this Charter and to issue refunding bonds to refund outstanding bonds previously issued. All such bonds and certificates of obligation shall be issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas and a favorable vote of at least five (5) Council Members and shall be used only for purposes for which they were issued.

When General Obligation Bonds are issued, an election requiring an affirmative vote of the registered voters must be called before any bonds shall be issued. The City Council shall prescribe the procedure for calling and holding such elections, shall define the voting precincts and shall provide for the return and canvass of the ballots cast at such elections.

(C) If, at such elections, a majority of the voters shall be in favor of creating such a debt or refunding outstanding valid bonds of the City, it shall be lawful for the City Council to issue bonds as proposed in the ordinance submitting same. However, if a majority of the voted polled shall be against the creation of such debt or Council shall order an election for the issuance of bonds of the City, it shall, at the same time, submit the question of whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property within the City for the purpose of paying the interest on the bonds and to create a sinking fund for their redemption.
Proposition R: Amendment No. 18, Article VII, Section 7.18 – Independent Audits

Current Charter:

At the close of each fiscal year, and at such other times as may be deemed necessary, the City Council shall call for an independent audit to be made of all accounts of the City by a certified public accountant. The certified public accountant selected shall have no personal interest, directly or indirectly, in the financial affairs of the City or any of its officers. The report of audit, with the auditor's recommendations, will be made to the City Council. Upon completion of the audit, the summary shall be published immediately in the official newspaper of the City and copies of the audit placed on file in the office of the person performing the duties of City Secretary, as a public record.

Proposed Amendment:

At the close of each fiscal year, and at such other times as desired by City Council, city staff shall call for an independent audit to be made of all accounts of the City by a certified public accountant. The certified public accountant selected shall have no personal interest, directly or indirectly, in the financial affairs of the City or any of its officers. The report of audit, with the auditor’s recommendations, will be made to the City Council. After presentation and acceptance by the City Council, the audit report will be maintained according to the record management plan for the City as adopted by City Council and shall be available for review by the public in such formats as may be approved by City Council.

Proposition S: Amendment No. 19, Article VIII, Section 8.01 – Authority, Composition and Procedures

Current Charter:

(3) All boards, commissions or committees of the City shall keep and maintain minutes of any proceedings held and shall submit a written report of such proceedings to the City Council no more than three (3) weeks following each meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

(3) All boards, commissions or committees of the City shall create minutes of any proceedings held. Such meeting minutes shall be transferred to, and maintained by, the City Secretary according to the record management plan for the City as adopted by City Council. The minutes shall be available for review by the City Council and the public.

Proposition T: Amendment No. 20, Article IX, Section 9.01 – Organization of Planning and Zoning Commission

Current Charter:

There is hereby established a Planning and Zoning Commission (the “Commission”) which shall consist of at least seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the City Council. Any vacancy occurring during the unexpired term of a member shall be filled by the City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Commission shall elect from its members a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary to serve for two (2) years beginning in the month following the general City election in odd numbered years. Members of the Commission may be removed, with or without cause, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the City Council.

Proposed Amendment:

(1) There is hereby established a Planning and Zoning Commission (the “Commission”) which shall consist of at least seven (7) members who are property owners or residents of the City, and who shall be appointed by the City Council. Members of the Commission shall hold no other City office. Any vacancy occurring during the unexpired term of a member shall be filled by the City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Commission shall elect from its members a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary to serve for two (2) years beginning in the month following the general City election in odd numbered years. Members of the Commission may be removed, with or without cause, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the City Council.
Proposition U: Amendment No. 21, Article IX, Section 9.02 - Duties and Powers

Current Charter:

(1) The Commission shall be responsible to and act as an advisory board to the City Council. The Commission shall:

(C) Keep public records of its resolutions, findings and determinations;

(D) If requested by the City Council, a monthly report shall be made in person by a member of the Commission to the City Council; and

(E) Review plats and zoning requests and make recommendations to the City Council for final adoption of same.

Proposed Amendment:

(C) Keep records of its resolutions, findings, determinations and meeting minutes which shall be maintained by the City Secretary according to the record management plan for the City as adopted by City Council. These official public records shall be available for review by the public.

(D) Provide reports or presentations to City Council, as requested; and

(E) Review plats (and re-plats, as requested) and zoning requests and make recommendations to the City Council for final adoption of same.

Proposition V: Amendment No. 22, Article IX, Section 9.04 - The Comprehensive Plan: Procedure and Legal Effect

Current Charter:

(2) A copy of the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan shall be forwarded to the City Manager who shall submit the proposal to the City Council, together with his recommendations, if any. The City Council, after a public hearing, shall adopt or reject such proposed revision, or any part thereof, as submitted within sixty (60) days following its submission by the City Manager. If the proposed revisions, or part thereof, should be rejected by the City Council, the City Council may request the Commission to make other modifications and again forward it to the City Manager for submission to the City Council.

(3) Following the adoption by the City Council of the Comprehensive Plan, and any revisions thereto, it shall serve as a guide to all future City Council action concerning land use and development regulations and expenditures for capital improvements. Any proposal, other than expenditures for capital improvements, which deviates from the Comprehensive Plan shall not be authorized until and unless the location and extent thereof shall have been submitted to and approved by the Commission. In case of denial, the Commission shall communicate its reasons to the City Council, which shall have the power to overrule such denial with a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Council Members present, or four (4) votes, whichever is greater, and upon such overruling, the City Council or the appropriate office, department or agency shall have authority to proceed.

Proposed Amendment:

(2) The Commission shall have full power to:

(A) Exercise the authority of the Commission as provided by state law, this Charter and City ordinances; and

(B) Make reports and recommendations relating to the Comprehensive Plan and development of the City.

(3) A vote of three-fourths (%) of the Council members present, or four (4) votes, whichever is greater, be required to overrule a recommendation of the Commission that a proposed zoning amendment, supplement or change be denied.
Proposition W: Amendment No. 23, Article IX, Section 9.05 - Board of Adjustment

**Current Charter:**

(2) The Board shall consist of no fewer than five (5) nor more than seven (7) property owners or residents of the City. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the City Council for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The City Council may remove a Board Member for cause upon written charge and after a public hearing. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by the City Council. The Board shall elect a Presiding Officer from among its appointed members. Three-fourths of the appointed members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Proposed Amendment:**

(2) The Board shall consist of no fewer than five (5) nor more than seven (7) property owners or residents of the City. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the City Council for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Board shall elect a Presiding Officer and Secretary from among its appointed members. The City Council may remove a Board Member for cause upon written charge and after a public hearing. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by the City Council. Three-fourths of the appointed members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Proposition X: Amendment No. 24, Article XI, Section 11.10 - Regulation of Liquor and Beer

**Current Charter:**

The sale of liquor and beer is prohibited in all residential sections or areas of the City, as designated by any zoning ordinance or Comprehensive Plan of the City. The City Council may enact any and all other regulations regarding the sale, consumption, distribution, etc. of alcoholic beverages, as permitted by law.

**Proposed Amendment:**

The sale of liquor, beer and wine is prohibited in all residential sections or areas of the City, as designated by any zoning ordinance or Comprehensive Plan of the City. The City Council may enact any and all other regulations regarding the sale, consumption, distribution, etc. of alcoholic beverages, as permitted by law.

Proposition Y: Amendment No. 25, Article XII, Section 12.05 - Service of Process against the City

**Current Charter:**

All legal process against the City shall be served upon both the Mayor and the City Manager.

**Proposed Amendment:**

All legal process against the City shall be served upon the person performing the duties of City Secretary.

Proposition Z: Amendment No. 26, Article XII, Section 12.10 - Disaster Clause

**Current Charter:**

In case of disaster when a legal quorum of the elected City Council cannot otherwise be assembled due to multiple deaths or injuries, the surviving persons of the City Council, or highest surviving City official, if no elected official remains, must, within twenty-four (24) hours of such disaster, request the highest surviving officers of the local Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trustees of the local school district and the County Judge of Burnet County to appoint a commission to act during the emergency and call a City election within fifteen (15) days of such disaster, or as provided in the Texas Election Code, for election of a required quorum, if for good reasons it is known a quorum of the present City Council will never again meet.

**Proposed Amendment:**

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Proposition AA: Amendment No. 27, Article XIV, Section 14.02 - Equality of Rights

Current Charter:

Equality of rights under state and federal law shall not be denied or abridged with respect to appointment to or removal from any position because of race, gender, age, national origin, political or religious opinions or affiliations.

Proposed Amendment:

Equality of rights under state and federal law shall not be denied or abridged with respect to appointment to or removal from any position because of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, political or religious opinions or affiliations.

Proposition BB: Amendment No. 28, Article XIV, Section 14.07 - Indebtedness to City

Current Charter:

No person who, after notice of any delinquency, is in arrears in the payment of taxes or any other liabilities due the City, shall be qualified to hold an elective, appointive or compensative position of the City.

Proposed Amendment:

No person who, after notice of any delinquency, is in arrears more than 90 days in the payment of taxes or any other liabilities due the City, shall be qualified to hold an elective or appointive position of the City.

Proposition CC: Amendment No. 29, Article XIV, Section 14.09 - No Officer or Employee to Accept Gifts, Etc.

Current Charter:

(1) No officer or employee of the City shall ever accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, favor or privilege during the term of office of such officer, or during employment of such employee. No officer or employee is prohibited from engaging in the following activities:

(A) Attending social functions, ground breakings, or civic events pertinent to the public relations and operations of the City;

(B) Exchange gifts with his/her family and relatives;

(C) Exchanging gifts at church functions or City parties or functions where only City officers and employees and their families are invited or attend; or

(D) Exchanging gifts or receiving a bonus from his/her place of fulltime employment.

(2) No officer is prohibited from receiving campaign contributions as provided for in the Texas Election Code.

(3) Any officer or employee of the City who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished by any fine that may be prescribed by ordinance for this offense, and may forthwith be removed from office or employment.
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