Memorandum

To: John Szerlag, City Manager

From: John M. Lamerato, Assistant City Manager/Finance and Administration
Tonni L. Bartholomew, City Clerk

Date: April 13, 2005

Re: Agenda Submittal: Charter Revisions – 2005 Proposed Charter Committee Referrals

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The following submittals are general housekeeping items tied to the Election Consolidation Legislation Implementation process. Additionally, there is a recommendation that Charter Sections 7.5 and 7.5.5 be renumbered to realign them to Section 3.4 and to title Section 7.5.5. The following proposed changes to the Charter implement the odd-year November cycle and provide for the staggering of terms:

Section 3.4 – Revised to incorporate Section 7.5, extend the Mayor's and Council Member's term length from three (3) to four (4) years, and to change the term ending time from 8:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The proposed time change is to eliminate the two meeting times on the Monday following the election.

Section 3.4 – Elective Officers and Terms of Office:
The elective officers of the City shall be the six (6) members of Council and the Mayor all of whom shall be nominated and elected from the city at large for the terms provided herein. City Council Members and the Mayor shall be elected for terms of four (4) years and shall serve until 7:30 PM on the first Monday following the regular election of the fourth year of their term.

Section 3.4.1 – Revised to realign Section 7.5.5 – "Elective Officers Term Limitations" to fall under Section 3.4 Elective Officers Terms of Office and to provide for a title for the section. Additionally, language is included to incorporate a provision for a term less than two (2) years and one (1) month to be exempt from term limitation.

Section 3.4.1 – Elective Officers Term Limitations
An elected member of the City Council shall not serve more than three terms as Councilperson. The Mayor shall not serve more than two terms as Mayor. Any service greater than two (2) years plus one (1) month shall constitute a term. This

amendment shall apply only to terms starting after passage of this amendment. (11-08-94)

Section 3.4.2 – Section inserted to provide for the balancing of staggered terms.

Section 3.4.2 – Staggering Terms of Office:

City Council Members with terms expiring April 2006 shall have their terms extended until November 2007; City Council Members with terms expiring April 2007 shall have their terms extended until November 2007. The Mayor's term, expiring April 2007, shall be extended until November 2007. The staggering of terms shall be established as follows:

November 8, 2005 – Two (2) Council Members shall be elected for four (4) year terms with the terms expiring on November 9, 2009;
November 6, 2007 – One (1) Council Member shall be elected for a two (2) year term with the term expiring on November 9, 2009;
November 6, 2007 – Two (2) Council Members shall be elected for four (4) year terms with the terms expiring on November 14, 2011;
November 6, 2007 – Mayor shall be elected for a four (4) year term with the term expiring November 14, 2011.

Section 7.3 – Revised to change the election date to the odd-year November cycle.

Section 7.3 - Election Date:

A regular City election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of every odd year November. ,

Sect**ion 7.6** – Revised to reference Michigan Election Law and the provisions for calling a Special Election.

Section 7.6 - Special Election:

Special city elections shall be called in the manner and time as provided by statute.