

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR THE MUNICIPAL (REFERENDUM) ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION OF PINELLAS COUNTY TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024; ESTABLISHING THE BALLOT TITLE AND SUBSTANCE FOR SEVEN REFERENDUM QUESTIONS PROPOSING CHARTER AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SAID ELECTION; SUBMITTING SAID REFERENDUM QUESTIONS TO THE VOTERS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, Pinellas County will hold a general election on November 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Seminole desires to have their Municipal (Referendum) questions on the ballot on November 5, 2024, at which time it is necessary to pose seven referendum questions proposing Charter amendments to the electors of the City of Seminole; and

WHEREAS, the referendum questions set forth hereinafter shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Seminole for referendum vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. A Municipal (Referendum) Election is hereby called to be held in conjunction with Pinellas County's General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, to submit to the electors seven referendum questions proposing amendments to the City Charter.

Section 2. The ballot title and substance of the proposed Charter amendment requiring referendum approval by two-thirds of City voters to dispose of or otherwise alienate City-owned real property designated as "recreational" to appear on the ballot at the Municipal (Referendum) election held in conjunction with the Pinellas County's General Election to be conducted on November 5, 2024, shall be as follows:

**CITY OF SEMINOLE
CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 1**

Requiring Referendum Approval for Disposition of City Owned Real Property Designated as Recreational

Shall Section 1.02 of the City of Seminole Charter be amended to require referendum approval by two-thirds of City electors to approve the sale, lease, or other alienation of real property owned or acquired by the City and designed by ordinance as recreational?

YES

NO

Section 3. The ballot title and substance of the proposed Charter amendment reducing the number of votes required for the City Council to replace the Vice Mayor to appear on the ballot at the Municipal (Referendum) election held in conjunction with the Pinellas County's General Election to be conducted on November 5, 2024, shall be as follows:

**CITY OF SEMINOLE
CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 2**

Reducing the Number of Votes Required to Replace the Vice-Mayor from Five to Four

Shall Section 3.05 of the City of Seminole Charter be amended to reduce the number of votes required for the City Council to replace the Vice-Mayor from five to four?

YES

NO

Section 4. The ballot title and substance of the proposed Charter amendment clarifying the type of meetings which may be missed consecutively without excuse such that a member of City Council will forfeit their office to appear on the ballot at the Municipal (Referendum) election held in conjunction with the Pinellas County's General Election to be conducted on November 5, 2024, shall be as follows:

**CITY OF SEMINOLE
CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 3**

Clarifying Provisions Concerning Forfeiture of Office Due to Unexcused Absences

Shall Section 3.07 of the City of Seminole Charter be amended to clarify that a City Council member who fails to attend three consecutive business meetings of the City Council without being excused by vote of the City Council shall forfeit his or her office?

YES

NO

Section 5. The ballot title and substance of the proposed Charter amendment amending the length of term for a member of City Council who fills a vacancy to appear on the ballot at the Municipal (Referendum) election held in conjunction with the Pinellas County's

General Election to be conducted on November 5, 2024, shall be as follows:

**CITY OF SEMINOLE
CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 4**

Amending the Length of Term for Council Member Who Fills a Vacancy

Shall Section 3.07 of the Charter for the City of Seminole be amended to provide that a Council Member who is appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the vacant, unexpired term rather than serving until the vacancy may be scheduled for a regular election?

___ YES

___ NO

Section 6. The ballot title and substance of the proposed Charter amendment amending the length of term for a Vice Mayor who becomes Interim Mayor to appear on the ballot at the Municipal (Referendum) election held in conjunction with the Pinellas County's General Election to be conducted on November 5, 2024, shall be as follows:

**CITY OF SEMINOLE
CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 5**

Amending the Length of Term for a Vice Mayor Who Becomes Interim Mayor

Shall Section 3.07 of the Charter for the City of Seminole be amended to provide that a Vice Mayor who becomes Interim Mayor due to the Mayor's permanent absence shall serve the remainder of the Mayor's unexpired term rather than serving until the next regular election?

___ YES

___ NO

Section 7. The ballot title and substance of the proposed Charter amendment amending the length of term for a member of City Council who is appointed to fill a vacancy for which no candidate qualifies to appear on the ballot at the Municipal (Referendum) election held in conjunction with the Pinellas County's General Election to be conducted on November 5, 2024, shall be as follows:

**CITY OF SEMINOLE
CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 6**

Amending the Term for Mayor/Council Member Filling a Vacancy For Which No Candidate Qualifies

Shall Section 6.05 of the Charter for the City of Seminole be amended to provide that a Mayor or Council Member who is appointed to fill a vacancy occurring because no candidate qualifies for the office shall serve the entirety of the term of the vacant office rather than serving until the next regular election?

YES

NO

Section 8. The ballot title and substance of the proposed Charter amendment amending the year and increments that the Charter Review Committee is established to appear on the ballot at the Municipal (Referendum) election held in conjunction with the Pinellas County's General Election to be conducted on November 5, 2024, shall be as follows:

**CITY OF SEMINOLE
CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 7**

Amending the Year and Increments that the Charter Review Committee is Established

Shall Section 10.03 of the Charter for the City of Seminole be amended to change the year and increments that the Charter Review Committee is established from five years to six years beginning in 2030 to conform with the general election cycle and avoid the expense of special elections?

YES

NO


Section 9. The City Clerk is directed to notify the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections that referendum items provided above shall be considered by the electors of the City of Seminole at the General/Referendum Election to be held on November 5, 2024, and the ballot accordingly published.

Section 10. The polls shall open at the hours established for the General/Referendum election. As provided in Chapter 14 of the City Code, the polling places shall be established by contract between the City Clerk and the Supervisor of Elections of Pinellas County.

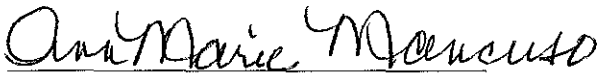
Section 11. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the standard agreement with the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections for the procurement of the necessary ballots and equipment for said election, which contract shall include the testing, equipment, ballots, poll workers, polling places, procurement of absentee ballots and processing thereof, and the tabulation of the ballots at the election.

Section 12. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption as provided by law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE,
FLORIDA, THIS 25 DAY OF JUNE, 2024.**


Leslie Waters, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ann Marie Mancuso, City Clerk

