

5TH ANNUAL HOMETOWN

HARVEST

Saturday, October 23rd
5:30 PM

Join us for the annual Hometown Harvest on Saturday, October 23rd, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuskawilla Road in the Winter Springs Town Center. Put on your jeans, boots, and western duds and join us for lots of country fun!

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3rd ANNUAL WINTER SPRINGS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Don't miss the 3rd Annual Winter Springs Festival of the Arts on October 16th and 17th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Winter Springs Town Center. View the work of top artists from around the country as you stroll along scenic Blumberg Boulevard. Enjoy jazz and entertainment by talented performing artists in Magnolia Park. There will be a children's art activity area, student and senior exhibits. The Winter Springs Festival of the Arts is presented in conjunction with the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce. For more information please call 407-278-4871 or visit www.wsfota.org.



Winter Springs
Festival
OF THE
ARTS

HOLIDAY PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING

Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting beginning at 5 PM on December 11th, 2010, in the Winter Springs Town Center.

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Winter Springs
Festival of the Arts
October 16th & 17th

Hometown Harvest
October 23rd

Holiday Parade
and Tree Lighting
December 11th





the City of Winter Springs **COMMISSION REPORT**



During the months of May through August 2010, the following Ordinances and Resolutions were approved by the City Commission:

The following Ordinances were approved during this period: **Ordinance 2010-03** – Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2010-03 Amending the list of Permitted, Conditional and Prohibited Uses in the I-1 Industrial Zoning District and Amending certain related definitions in the Zoning Code; **Ordinance 2010-06** – Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2010-06, establishing a Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) with the responsibilities directed under the Comprehensive Plan; **Ordinance 2010-07** – Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 2010-07, establishing a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, as directed under the Comprehensive Plan; **Ordinance 2010-09** – Second Reading and Adoption of Public Hearing which abolished the Board of Adjustment and provides for its responsibilities to be reallocated to the Planning and Zoning Board; **Ordinance 2010-11** – Approval of Second Reading which Amends the City's Irrigation

Rules and Regulations; **Ordinance 2010-12** – Second Reading and Adoption of the Districting Commission's recommendation of District Boundaries reflecting the January 31, 2010 Population; **Ordinance 2010-13** – Second Reading and Adoption which implements the provision of the Mark Wandall Safety Act (2010) regarding the enforcement of Red Light Traffic Infraction Detectors; **Ordinance 2010-14** – Second Reading and Adoption which revised portions of the City Code and Amends the existing Uniform requirements for City Boards and Committees; **Ordinance 2010-18** – Approved Amending the Comprehensive Plan to create a Citywide Transportation Concurrency Exception Area (TCEA) for the City of Winter Springs and forward the proposed Amendments to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for review; **Ordinance 2010-19** – Approved Second Reading which provides for a Referendum Election and Ballot Language for the November 2, 2010 General Election; **Ordinance 2010-20** - Approved that the Local Planning Agency hold a Public Hearing Amending the Comprehensive Plan related to the GreeneWay Interchange District (GID); **Ordinance 2010-21** – Approved the Revision of the Administrative Procedural portions of the City Code to expressly require and authorize the Planning and Zoning Board to review and make advisory recommendations on development applications in the Town Center.

The following Resolutions were Approved during this period: **Resolution 2010-04** – Winter Springs Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee Final Report Approved by the City Commission; **Resolution 2010-13** – Adopted the Seminole County Local Mitigation Strategy; **Resolution 2010-17** – Adoption of the Legislative Designation of SeminoleWay; **Resolution 2010-21** – expressed Appreciation to Mr. Tom Waters for his service on the Board of Adjustment.; **Resolution 2010-21** - expressed Appreciation to Mr. Jack Taylor for his service on the Board of Adjustment; **Resolution 2010-22** - expressed Appreciation to Ms. Linda Collins for her service on the Board of Adjustment; **Resolution 2010-23** - expressed Appreciation to Ms. Karen Paine-Malcolm for her service on the Board of Adjustment; **Resolution 2010-25** - expressed Appreciation to Mr. Howard Casman for his service on the Board of Adjustment; **Resolution 2010-26** – Dismissing the Winter Springs Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee and commended the services of the Committee Members; **Resolution 2010-34** – Approved the establishment of a City Dog Park Banner Program at the City of Winter Springs Hound Ground Dog Park; **Resolution 2010-35** – Recognized David Alamina for his 22 years of dedicated service as an employee of the City of Winter Springs; **Resolution 2010-36** – Authorized and Ratified the City's refinancing of the Oak Forest Assessment Area's Capital Improvement Revenue Note – Series 2004A; **Resolution 2010-37** – Authorized the submittal of the Certificate to Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll, Assessment Summary and Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Annual Assessment Roll for Tax Year 2010 relating to the Oak Forest Wall and Beautification District and The Tusawilla Lighting and Beautification Assessment Area – Phases I and II to the Seminole County Tax Collector by September 15, 2010; **Resolution 2010-38** – Adopted and Amended the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget; **Resolution 2010-41** - Approved computing the Proposed Operating Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 At 2.4714 Mills and Voted Debt Service Millage Rate At 0.1100 Mills, establishing the Rolled-Back Rate, and setting the date, time and place of a Public Hearing to consider the Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Additionally during this period, the following Proclamations and Certificates were presented: A Proclamation recognizing Winter Springs High School in recognition of their placing 2nd in Leadership Seminole's Character Key Video Contest. The recipients of the Proclamations were: students Mr. Richard Burnett, Mr. Brandon Caskey, Ms. Angelie Denizard, Ms. Kathryn Halle, Ms. Zach High, Ms. Lauren Kopanski, Mr. Tyler Marino, Mr. Jason Manzo, Mr. Bronte Rammal, and their Faculty Sponsor, Ms. Dawn Wilkerson.

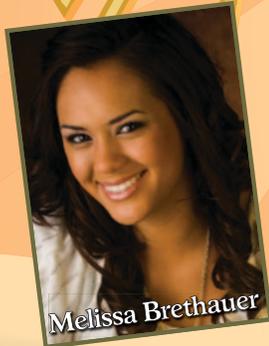
A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Mr. Cesar Chin for his valuable contributions to the City of Winter Springs. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Central Florida Kraze/Krush, Youth Sports Partner. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to the Winter Springs Babe Ruth organization for their many contributions to the City. A Certificate of Recognition to the Winter Springs All Star 8U A Team, "Wild Boyz" – (Baseball) who play in the Winter Springs Babe Ruth, Rookie Division.

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HARVEST

Saturday, October 23rd
5:30 PM

Winter Springs Town Center
(corner of SR 434/North Tuskawilla Road)
Performances by:



Melissa Brethauer

Melissa Brethauer
& Winter Springs' Own
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Shamaron Batchelor

As well as:

A Musical Performance by: Shamaron Batchelor!

- Interactive Hayride • Kids Hay Play Area • Chick-Fil-A Kids Zone
- Pumpkin Painting by Plaster House • Face Painters • General & Food Vendors

Also Hope Food Pantry will be on hand to collect Non-Perishable Food Items to benefit our surrounding communities.

Hosted by:

Leslye Gale of 
& Arnie Nussbaum

Event is *free* to the Public



Leslye Gale



Arnie Nussbaum

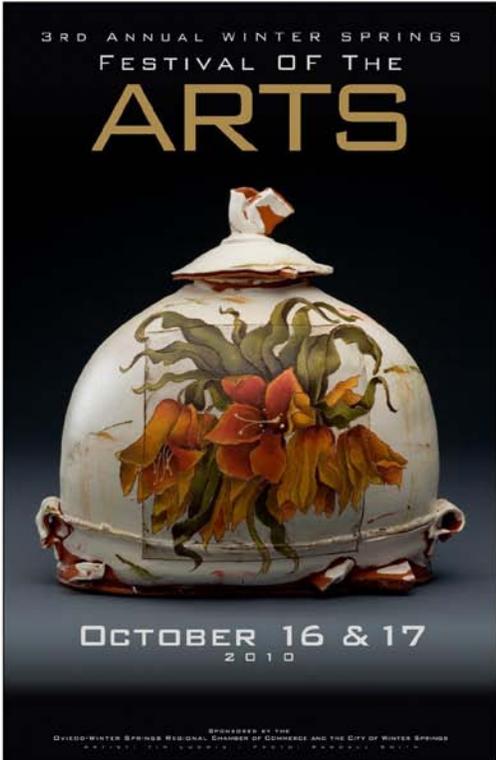
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WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN WINTER SPRINGS

One of the main points of focus of the water conservation program in Winter Springs is reducing outdoor water use. Free irrigation audits are offered to any Winter Springs utility customer who wishes to learn more about saving water outdoors and lowering their water bill. Irrigation audits help residents understand their irrigation timer, identify any problems in their irrigation system, and help them develop an irrigation schedule that promotes water conservation while maintaining a healthy lawn. HOA's can also benefit from an irrigation audit of their common areas and irrigated rights-of-ways. The City also offers free water saving shower heads, faucet aerators, and toilet flappers as part of the program.



A water saving shower head giveaway is scheduled for November 1st through November 5th, 2010. Winter Springs utility customers will be able to come to City Hall and upon presenting a recent copy of their water bill, receive one free low flow shower head. These shower heads use only 1.25 gallons per minute while delivering the feel of a higher flow shower head. Traditional shower heads use 2.5 gallons per minute. One hundred shower heads will be available on a first come first serve basis and together can be expected to save 1,476,000 gallons of water each year.

Public education seminars will be held throughout the year and will be free to the public. The three upcoming seminars will each last one hour and will cover Florida friendly landscaping and maintaining a Florida lawn, irrigation with water conservation in mind, and trends in indoor water conservation.

Residents who are interested in attending the shower head giveaway or educational seminars may refer to the water conservation section of the City's website for upcoming event dates, sign up for eAlerts to receive email notifications, look for flyers in City Hall on upcoming events, or contact Stephanie Wolfe, Water Conservation Coordinator, at 407-327-6584 or swolfe@winterspringsfl.org. You may also contact Stephanie to schedule an irrigation audit.

NEW BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The Cross-Seminole Trail is a major asset to Winter Springs. While accepted as a major quality of life factor as a recreational facility, the trail can also serve as a healthy alternative to the automobile for short trips within the City.

People do walk and bicycle in areas where they feel safe and comfortable doing so. In the last couple of decades, planners and engineers have begun to design neighborhoods and communities with a more holistic approach to transportation – one which provides viable transportation options, rather than forcing automobile dependency. Auto-dependency often results in physical inactivity, which is related to the rise in obesity, some cancers, heart disease, and various other

diseases. Streets designed primarily for moving cars are less safe for all other users, including pedestrians and bicyclists. This is especially true for children and the elderly.

A recent study of 52 US metro areas with populations over 1 million, ranked the Orlando metro area as the most dangerous for pedestrians. In addition to showing how dangerous streets are for pedestrians and bicyclists, the report, "Dangerous by Design", demonstrated that streets are dangerous because we design them that way; when you build roads to help cars speed through, of course they become dangerous for all road users. Likewise, when you invest in streets that provide for walking and biking, they are safer for everyone, and more people take the opportunity to engage in active transportation.

To this end, Winter Springs is taking a proactive step in promoting safe pedestrian and bicycle travel by the recent establishment of a new citizen's advisory committee, known as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocacy Committee (BPAC). The BPAC will work to create a viable and safe pedestrian and bicycle-friendly infrastructure within the City and will play a crucial role in the City's ability to efficiently obtain funding for new trails, sidewalks, and bikeways to expand efficient travel opportunities within the City and to our adjacent communities. These efforts will provide a positive contribution to the health and economic well being of Winter Springs' residents, by decreasing our dependence on motorized transportation and increasing safe options for travel so that bicyclists and pedestrians become a larger component of the City's transportation network.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW BUILDING OFFICIAL MICHAEL SCHERALDI

Michael Scheraldi is taking the place David Alamina who retired June 30, after serving Winter Springs for 22 years.



Many of you may already know Michael Scheraldi, as he has been an employee of Winter Springs since January 1990. He was hired by the Public Works department and transferred into the building department in 1994. While working in the building department, Michael has worked in the capacity as a residential/commercial inspector, plans examiner, senior inspector and deputy building official. Michael is certified and licensed as a residential and commercial inspector, a building plans examiner and a Certified Building Official. His background and familiarity with the city and its systems has helped in a smooth transition in this change of building officials. The building official is charged by statute with the oversight of construction within the City of Winter Springs. Michael is excited at this opportunity to serve the residents of Winter Springs in this capacity and looks forward to helping you with all your construction questions and needs.

Michael can be reached at: mscheraldi@winterspringsfl.org or (407) 327-5972.

Please also welcome our new commercial/residential inspectors Jon Davis and Steve Woods. They come to the City with many certifications and much expertise. They can be contacted at (407) 327-1800 extensions 311 and 313.



City of Winter Springs

Telephone Directory

CITY HALL	407-327-1800
Billing (water, sewer, garbage fees)	407-327-5996
Arborist	407-327-5982
Inspections	407-327-7596
Permits	407-327-5969
Planning	407-327-5966
Zoning	407-327-5963
City Clerk	407-327-5955
City Manager	407-327-5957
Computer Services	407-327-5975
Comprehensive Planning	407-327-5967
Occupational License	407-327-5964
Mayor/Commission	407-327-5965
Parks/Recreation	407-327-6599
Senior Citizen Center	407-327-6554
Police Dept. (Non-emergency)	407-327-1000
Code Enforcement	407-327-7975
Public Works/Utility	407-327-2669
Job Hotline	407-327-7595
Garbage Inquiries	407-327-7576

CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

- ❖ **Project: The Ranchlands Street Paving – Phase I (Bahama Road, Moss Road, Hayes Road, Tradewinds Road from Edgemon Avenue to Hayes Road)**
Status: Completed September 3, 2010
- ❖ **Project: The Ranchlands Street Paving – Phase II**
Status: Construction started September 7, 2010 with final completion in March 2011. The tentative order of construction for Phase 2 is as follows: Tradewinds Road (Hayes to Fisher), Sunrise Avenue, Arnold Lane, Herrell Road, Williams Road, Morton Lane, Jackson Circle, Stoner Road
- ❖ **Project: S.R. 434 Median Modifications near Charles Street (Papa Tony's/ Sunoco entrance)**
Status: Completed September 24, 2010
- ❖ **Project: Residential Road Resurfacing (Streets TBD)**
Status: Planned for Jan-Feb 2011
- ❖ **Project: Construction of a Right-turn Deceleration Lane on S.R. 434 Eastbound at Hayes Road**
Status: Completed August 2010
- ❖ **Project: Construction of a Right-turn Deceleration Lane on S.R. 434 Eastbound at Vistawilla Drive**
Status: Completed June 2010
- ❖ **Project: Intersection Safety Improvements at S.R. 419 and Wade Street**
Status: Completed June 2010
- ❖ **Project: Construction of a Right-turn Deceleration Lane on S.R. 419 Eastbound at Sherry Avenue**
Status: Completed March 2010



For further information, please contact Brian Fields, P.E., City Engineer, at 407-327-7597 or bfields@winterspringsfl.org.

HAPPY RETIREMENT CHUCK PULA

On September 30, 2010, the City of Winter Springs bid Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Pula a fond adieu as he retired after eleven years of outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of Winter Springs. Chuck was a valuable asset to our team and will be deeply missed.

Chuck joined the City of Winter Springs on June 28, 1999 as its new Parks and Recreation Director and over the next eleven years raised the level of excellence in our Parks & Recreation operations as evidenced by the obtainment of three National Awards: "The Fields of Excellence Award", the Sports Turf Managers Association's "Finest Sports Complex in the Nation Award", and the Professional Grounds Maintenance Society's "Honor Award" - their highest honor for outstanding parks in the nation.

Additionally, during his tenure Chuck procured numerous grants, saving the City and its taxpayers in excess of 3.2 million dollars! These grants served to fund many projects including the City's first Dog Park and expansion the City's Senior Center to include a much-used Therapy Pool.



The Mayor and City Commission presented Chuck with a Proclamation and "Key to the City" on September 30, 2010 to express their appreciation for his outstanding service and dedication to the residents of the City of Winter Springs. Additionally, the City Commission voted unanimously to name the Winter Springs Therapy Pool in Chuck's honor. Please join us in wishing Chuck and his family all the best in his retirement years.

**THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 11, 2010**

Tampa Bay's finest Christmas tradition comes your way with a brand new Broadway-style production entitled *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*. A brilliant display of musical pageantry, beautiful costuming, special effects and the vocal energy of the Word of Life cast make this one of the season's best holiday performances. Incorporating old favorites, with new ones, it brings back the heart of Christmas and focuses on what makes it special for each of us. Home-style buffet lunch included. **Cost:** \$61 per person **Includes:** R/T motorcoach transportation, lunch, Show, taxes, gratuity on meal, driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 8:30 a.m.

**CLEARWATER
NOVEMBER 13, 2010**

We'll begin our day with a visit to the famous St. Petersburg Pier. Jutting ¼ mile out into Tampa Bay, its inverted pyramid houses shops, restaurants and attractions. Then enjoy a casual lunch at a local favorite where the motto is, "don't worry... be crabby". Next we'll enjoy a unique sightseeing cruise that gives you a first hand view of the beautiful beaches and shore line along Clearwater and Caladesi Island. Be on the lookout for dolphins and witness these beautiful marine mammals in their natural surroundings. **Cost:** \$67 per person **Includes:** R/T motorcoach transportation, lunch, cruise, taxes, gratuity on meal, driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 8 a.m.



**SEMINOLE HARD ROCK CASINO
OCTOBER 16, 2010**

The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa has it all. A 145,000 sq. ft. casino with over 2,500 of the hottest Vegas-style gaming machines on the planet, including all your favorites. Fifty tables of Live Action Poker, with everything from Seven-Card Stud to Texas Hold'em. When you need a break from the action, quench your thirst at the cooler-than-cool Casino Center Bar or grab a bite of lunch at one of the many dining options. **Cost:** \$29 per person **Includes:** R/T motorcoach transportation, \$25 in machine play, \$5 meal voucher, Driver's gratuity. Bus will depart the Winter Springs Sr. Center at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast stop en route.



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!

FOR MORE QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSIE COFFMAN AT
407.327.6554

CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS 2010 REFERENDUM BALLOT

This year, the City Commission appointed a Charter Review Committee consisting of eleven (11) Winter Springs' voters whose purpose was to conduct a comprehensive review of the current City Charter to determine if updates were needed. The Committee held various public meetings where the public was invited to participate. Upon conclusion of the meetings, the Committee filed a written report with the City Commission recommending a number of revisions to the City Charter. The City Commission considered the Committee's report and adopted Ordinance 2010-19 which approved holding a referendum election to present most of the revisions recommended by the Committee to the voters of Winter Springs for consideration, with some changes.



In addition, this year the City Commission has been studying various options to expand economic development within the City. One option available is for the voters of Winter Springs to authorize the City Commission to grant property tax exemptions to certain State qualified new businesses and expansions of existing businesses within the City. As such, the City Commission adopted Ordinance 2009-05 which approved a referendum election on the issue of whether or not the City Commission should be given this authority.

Below are the referendum questions that the City Commission wants its citizens to consider at the November 2, 2010 general election. Because each referendum ballot is limited to only 75 words and a short title, each question is accompanied by an additional factual summary (which will not appear on the ballot) explaining the meaning of the referendum question.

More information, including the actual proposed text changes to the City Charter, can be found in Ordinances 2009-05 and 2010-19. A copy of the ordinances can be viewed on the City's website at www.winterspringsfl.org or at City Hall.

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.03 ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY

Question. Chapter 171, Florida Statutes, governs the annexation of land into the territorial limits of the City. Should the City Charter be amended to delete specific city charter requirements for annexations so the charter reads, "The City Commission of Winter Springs, Florida, may annex land to the territorial limits of the municipality in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 171, Florida Statutes as it now exists or as it may be renumbered or amended?"

_____ YES

_____ NO

Additional Factual Summary. When the City annexes real property into the territorial limits of the City, the City is required to follow the exclusive procedures and criteria set forth in Chapter 171, Florida Statutes. Although the current City Charter references Chapter 171, the Charter also contains text regarding the City's annexation powers which partially mentions the Chapter 171 criteria for annexing land. If approved, the proposed Charter amendment will remove the partially mentioned criteria from the Charter and only reference that annexations will be in accordance with Chapter 171, Florida Statutes as it now exists or as it may be renumbered or amended.

ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 4.01(b) GOVERNING BODY ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

Question. The City Charter currently references a City Code section adopted by the City Commission which provides that candidates for city commission and the mayor prior to the time for qualifying reside in the City for one year and commissioners reside in the designated commission district for six months. That City Code section also establishes other qualifying requirements. Should the qualifying requirements set out in the City Code be set out in the City Charter?

_____ YES

_____ NO

Additional Factual Summary. The current City Charter provides that candidates for Mayor and the City Commission must comply with Section 2-87 of the City Code, as may be amended from time to time. Section 2-87 may be amended by the City Commission, by ordinance, without approval of the voters of Winter Springs. If approved, the proposed Charter amendment will set forth the candidate qualifying

requirements set forth in Section 2-87 of the City Code into the City Charter so that any future amendments could only be made with the approval of the Winter Springs voters. The provisions of Section 2-87 that will be incorporated into the Charter are: (1) a one year City residency requirement prior to candidates qualifying to run for election as Mayor or City Commissioner; (2) a six month district residency requirement prior to candidates qualifying to run for election in a particular City Commission District; and (3) requirements that all candidates for Mayor and City Commission at the time of qualifying meet other requirements such as filing a petition signed by fifteen registered Winter Springs' voters, being a registered and qualified voter of Winter Springs, filing other documents required by state law, and paying required qualifying fees and election assessments.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.01(a), AND 4.03. GOVERNING BODY ELECTION AND TERMS

Question. The City Charter currently provides that the terms of the mayor and commissioners upon election shall begin on the first Monday after the first day of December of each year an election is held. Should the City Charter be amended to provide that such terms of office upon election shall begin at the next scheduled regular or special meeting of the city commission?

_____ YES

_____ NO

Additional Factual Summary. The current City Charter provides that upon election in November, the term of office for a newly elected mayor or city commissioner does not begin until the first Monday after the first day of December following the election. Thus, there is generally a one month time period between when a newly elected mayor and city commissioner are elected and when they take office. During this one month time period, the then current mayor and city commissioners continue to serve in their respective capacities until the newly elected mayor or commissioner are officially sworn into office. If approved, the proposed Charter amendment will require that newly-elected city commissioners and the mayor take office at the next regular or special meeting of the city commission after the election, and eliminate the one month time period mentioned above.

ARTICLE IV SECTIONS 4.05, 4.08 FILLING OF VACANCIES FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS AND THE MAYOR

Question. Shall the City Charter be revised to require the remaining city commissioners to fill vacancies in any commission member seat or mayor's position by majority vote within the next two regular meetings of the city commission to serve until the

next regular election, at which time the citizens will vote to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term, or a new four year term if the previous term was set to expire.

YES

NO

Additional Factual Summary. Under the current City Charter, the deputy mayor, who is appointed by the City Commission, automatically becomes mayor if the mayor's position becomes vacant. Additionally, the current City Charter requires the City Commission to appoint, by majority vote of the remaining commissioners, a qualified person to fill a vacancy in a commissioner seat until the next regular election of the seat that was filled by appointment. If approved, the proposed Charter amendment will require the city commission to appoint, by majority vote of the remaining members, a qualified person to fill a vacancy in the position of city commissioner and the mayor. The deputy mayor would no longer automatically become mayor in the event of a vacancy in the mayor position. The amendment will also establish a maximum time period for filling such vacancies. Vacancies will be required to be filled at either of the next two regular meetings of the city commission. Also, rather than the city commission appointment always being for the entire unexpired term of the vacant position, any such appointment by the city commission will only be until the next regular city election. At that regular election, a qualified person will either be elected by the citizens to fill the unexpired term of the position that was vacated or for a new four year term if the previous term was to expire at the regular election.



**ARTICLE IV, V, AND VI,
SECTIONS 4.10, 5.02 AND 6.02
REMOVAL OF CHARTER OFFICERS**

Question. The City Charter currently requires a super-majority vote of at least four commission members to remove the city clerk, city attorney and city manager from office. Should the City Charter be amended to require only a simple majority vote of at least three commission members to remove the city clerk, city attorney and city manager?

YES

NO

Additional Factual Summary. The current City Charter requires the City Commission to appoint and remove from office the city manager, city clerk, and city attorney by a super-majority vote of at least four (4) commission members. The proposed charter amendment, if approved, would allow the city commission to remove the city manager, city clerk, and city attorney by a simple majority vote of at least three (3) commission members. A super-majority vote of at least four (4) city commissioner would still be required to appoint the city manager, city clerk, and city attorney.



**ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.10
COMPENSATION OF CITY CLERK**

Question. The City Charter does not currently specify who shall establish the compensation of the City Clerk, who is appointed by the City Commission. Shall the City Charter be amended to include a requirement that the City Commission establish the compensation of the City Clerk.

YES

NO

Additional Factual Summary. Although the City Charter requires that the city commission appoint a city clerk, the current City Charter does not address who shall be responsible for establishing the compensation for the city clerk. Because the city clerk is appointed by the city commission, the past practice of the City has been for the city commission to establish the compensation for the city clerk. If approved, the proposed Charter amendment will incorporate the City's past practice into the City Charter and require the city commission to establish the compensation for the city clerk.



**ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.15
EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

Question. The City Charter does not currently contain any provision specifically addressing the enactment of emergency ordinances by the city commission. Shall the City Charter be amended to create a new section that will provide that the city commission may enact emergency ordinances in accordance with Florida law, and require that such emergency ordinances be automatically repealed after sixty days unless repealed sooner by the commission?

YES

NO

Additional Factual Summary. Under Florida general law, the city commission is permitted to adopt emergency ordinances by two-thirds vote without following the standard ordinance adoption procedures. Florida general law does not establish a maximum duration for emergency ordinances to be in effect. The current City Charter does not address emergency ordinances. If approved, the proposed Charter amendment will provide that the city commission may enact emergency ordinances in accordance with Florida law. However, unlike Florida general law, the Charter amendment will require that such emergency ordinances be automatically repealed after sixty (60) days unless repealed sooner by the commission. In addition, although emergency ordinances will only be effective for a maximum of sixty days, the Charter amendment will also provide that the city commission can reenact an emergency ordinance if necessary.



**TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS
TO CITY CHARTER**

Question. Shall the City Charter be amended to renumber sections 4.12 and 12.01, amend penalty provisions to comply with law, clarify the city commission can adopt ordinances regulating public utility rates except as provided by law, clarify the city commission can appoint a qualified acting city manager to act in the manager's absence or disability, clarify the city attorney is not required to represent the city in all legal proceedings, editing charter language to be gender-neutral?

_____ YES

_____ NO

Additional Factual Summary. Several proposed Charter amendments are categorized as technical amendments. These Charter amendments were deemed technical in nature by the city commission because they involve "house cleaning" matters to either address inconsistencies with State law, wordsmith text to clarify perceived ambiguities in the existing City Charter, renumber several sections of the City Charter, and make the text in the City Charter gender neutral. If approved, the proposed Charter amendment will: (1) renumber sections 4.12 and 12.01 of the existing City Charter; (2) amend the penalty provisions under section 4.11 involving city commission investigations to comply with State law; (3) remove specific language referencing "telephone and telegraph companies and public utilities regulated by the public service commission" from the Charter section requiring an ordinance to establish public utility rates in order to clarify that the city commission can only adopt public utility rate ordinances if permitted by law; (4) add the word "qualified" under the acting city manager section of the City Charter in order to clarify that if city commission revokes the city manager's appointment of an acting city manager to serve during temporary absences or disability of the city manager, the city commission is required to appoint a "qualified" officer of the city to serve as acting city manager until the manager returns; (5) strike the word "all" from the city attorney section of the City Charter in order to clarify, consistent with the Florida Bar Rules and practice, that the city attorney is not required by law to represent the city in "all" legal proceedings; and (6) remove and reword any references to masculine or feminine pronouns from the City Charter such as "his," "he," "her," or "she" in order to make the text in the City Charter gender neutral.

**PROPOSED AD VALOREM
ABATEMENT AUTHORITY**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM
TAX EXEMPTION**

Question. Shall the City Commission of the City of Winter Springs be authorized to grant, pursuant to Section 3, Art VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

_____ YES

_____ NO

Additional Factual Summary. Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, provides that a city may call a referendum within its jurisdiction to determine whether the voters in that city will authorize that city to grant economic development ad valorem tax exemptions in accordance with the requirements of State law. If approved by the voters of Winter Springs, the city commission may exempt from ad valorem taxation up to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of all improvements to real property made by or for the use of a qualified new business. Additionally, the city commission may also exempt up to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of all added improvements to real property made to facilitate the expansion of a qualified existing business and of the net increase in all tangible personal property acquired to facilitate such expansion of a qualified existing business, provided that the improvements to real property are made or the tangible personal property is added or increased on or after the day the tax abatement ordinance is adopted. Exemptions must be approved by ordinance of the city commission and can not exceed 10 years with respect to any particular facility. Further, if approved, the authority to grant exemptions under this referendum will expire 10 years after the date of election (November 2, 2020) unless renewed for another 10 year period by the voters of Winter Springs.



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