

WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CHARTER AS THE ORGANIC LAW OF SAID CITY UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF SAID STATE.

ARTICLE I.

INCORPORATION AND SUCCESSION INCORPORATION AND CONTINUATION

Sec. 100.

Name and Boundaries.

The City of Chula Vista (~~“City”~~) ~~shall be~~ is a chartered municipal corporation of the State of California (~~“State”~~) under the name of “City of Chula Vista²².” The boundaries of the City shall be the boundaries established by law. Such boundaries may be expanded or reduced through valid annexation or de-annexation proceedings conducted in accordance with State law.

Sec. 101.

~~Succesion, Property~~ Rights and Liabilities.

The City ~~of Chula Vista~~ shall own, possess and control all rights ~~and of~~ property of every kind and nature owned, possessed or controlled by it and shall be subject to all ~~its~~ debts, obligations and liabilities it shall incur in accordance with State law.

Sec. 102.

~~Ordinances.~~

Continuation of Laws and Contracts.

All lawful ordinances, resolutions and regulations, or portions thereof, and all contracts entered into by the City, or for its benefit, that were in force and effect at the time this Charter ~~takes originally took~~ effect, ~~and or at the time of any amendment hereto, that are~~ not in conflict or inconsistent ~~therewith, are hereby continued herewith, shall continue~~ in force and effect until the same shall have been duly repealed, amended, changed, expired or superseded by proper authority.

Sec. 103.

~~Continuance of Contracts.~~Original Effective Date of Charter; Subsequent Amendments.

~~All contracts entered into by the City, or for its benefit, prior to the~~

~~The original effective date of this Charter, shall continue in full force and effect, was December 15, 1949. This Charter has since been amended, with the The effective date of this Charter is December 15, 1949, and totally each such amendment specified therein or occurring upon approval by the voters. This Charter was substantially revised pursuant to direction of the voters with voter approval on June 6, 1978; it was substantially revised again with voter approval on November 8, 2022.~~See. 104.

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~~Effective Date of Charter.~~

~~The effective date of this Charter is December 15, 1949, and totally revised pursuant to direction of the voters on June 6, 1978.~~

ARTICLE II.

POWERS AND STRUCTURE

Sec. 200.

Powers of City.

The City shall have the full power and authority to make and enforce all laws and regulations ~~in~~with respect to municipal affairs, subject only to such restrictions and limitations as may be provided in this Charter and in the Constitution of the State ~~of California.~~ It shall also have the power to exercise, or act pursuant to, any and all rights, powers, privileges or procedures, heretofore or hereafter established, granted or prescribed by any law of the State, by this Charter, or by other lawful authority, or which a municipal corporation might or could exercise, or act pursuant to, under the Constitution of the State ~~of California, or federal law.~~ The enumeration in this Charter of any particular power shall not be held to be exclusive of, or any limitation upon, the generality of the foregoing provisions.

Sec. 201.

~~Powers Vested in Council.~~

Structure of Government; Powers Vested in Council.

The structure of government established by this Charter shall be known as the “Council-Manager” form of government. On the terms set forth herein, the City Council shall establish City policy, and the City Manager

~~shall carry out that policy.~~ All powers of the City, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, shall be vested in the City Council.

ARTICLE III.- MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 300.

Members, Eligibility, and Terms.

(A) Members. There shall be a City Council of five members, consisting of four Councilmembers and a Mayor, elected at the times and in the manner provided in this Charter.

~~(1)-(B) Mayor Eligibility.~~ The Mayor shall be elected from the City at large. ~~No person shall be eligible to hold the office of Mayor, or to be elected or appointed to the office of Mayor, unless such person is a resident and registered voter of the City or territory annexed to the City, in the same manner provided in Section 901 for Councilmembers in Charter Section 901, except without any reference to districts.~~ To be eligible to seek election to the office of Mayor, a person must be a ~~resident~~Resident and registered voter of the City ~~or territory annexed to the City~~ at the time ~~of filing the~~ they are issued their nomination papers for such office. ~~To be eligible to hold the office of Mayor, a person must be a Resident and registered voter of the City and maintain such status throughout their term.~~

~~(2)-(C) Councilmember Eligibility.~~ Each of the four Councilmembers shall be elected by district in the manner provided in ~~paragraph (3) below.~~Charter Section 901. To be eligible to seek election, ~~or appointment, to the office of Councilmember, a person must be a registered voter of the City or territory annexed to the City and resident~~ and a Resident of the Council district which that person seeks to represent at the time ~~of filing the they are issued their~~ they are issued their nomination papers for such office, ~~or at the time of appointment to such office, respectively. No person shall.~~ To be eligible to hold the office of Councilmember unless that, a person is must be a registered voter of the City or territory annexed to the City and resident and a Resident of the Council district which that Councilmember represents and maintain such status throughout their term.

~~(3) In the general municipal election, the voters in each district from which a Councilmember is to be elected shall be entitled to vote for one (1) candidate from their district; and the two (2) candidates for Councilmember in each district receiving the highest and second highest number of votes cast by the voters of their district shall be the candidates in a run off election to be held on the same date as the statewide election date in November immediately following the general municipal election (if no statewide election is conducted, then on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each even numbered year). If only two qualified candidates from a Council district file nomination papers to participate in the general municipal election in that district, no general election shall be held and the two candidates shall be the candidates at the run off election for the office of City Councilmember from that~~

~~district. If two or more candidates from a district tie in the receipt of the highest number of votes in the general municipal election, all such candidates shall appear on the run-off election ballot and no candidate(s) receiving the second highest number of votes shall appear on the run-off election ballot. If one candidate from a district receives the highest number of votes and two or more candidates from the same district tie in the receipt of the second highest number of votes, all such candidates shall appear on the run-off election ballot. In the run-off election, the voters in each district from which a Councilmember is to be elected shall be entitled to vote for one (1) candidate from each district for which a Councilmember is to be elected, and the candidate for Councilmember from each district receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be elected.~~

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~~(4) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Section 300 or Section 300.5, the mandatory run-off election requirement in subparagraph 300.A.3., above, shall take effect in 2014. Notwithstanding that the mandatory run-off elections shall commence in 2014, the transition to by district elections for Councilmembers shall not commence until 2016 as provided in Section 300.5. Until the 2016 general municipal election, Councilmembers shall continue to be elected at large.~~

~~(B) The term of each member of the City Council shall be for a nominal term of four years and shall commence on the first Tuesday of December of the year of the election, and shall continue until a qualified successor takes the oath of office. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the official results for the election of the office of Mayor or the office of Councilmember are not certified before the first Tuesday in December, the term for the Mayor or Councilmember(s) elected at such election shall be deemed to commence upon taking the oath of office, which shall be given at the first scheduled City Council meeting following certification of the election results.~~

~~(D) Councilmember and Mayor Terms of Office. The nominal term for each Councilmember and the Mayor shall be four years. Each such term shall commence upon taking the oath of office and shall continue until a qualified successor takes the oath of office. The oath of office shall be administered at the first scheduled City Council meeting following certification of the election results, or as soon thereafter as practicable.~~

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~~(C)–(E) Limitation on Consecutive Terms. Councilmembers and Mayors may serve up to, but no No person shall be eligible for nomination and election to the office of City Councilmember or Mayor for more than two (2) consecutive terms, and no in their respective offices. Any person who has held a Councilthe office of Councilmember or Mayor for a period of two (2) consecutive terms or the office of Mayor for two (2) consecutive terms, may may again seek nomination and election to said offices the office of Councilmember or Mayor, respectively, by submitting nomination papers to the City Clerk for such office, but may not do so until a period of one (1) year has elapsed from the termination of the their second term foras Councilmember or Mayor has elapsed; provided, however, that any, respectively. Any person who is appointed by the Council to fill the office of Councilmember or Mayor may not seek nomination and election to said officesoffice of Councilmember or Mayor by submitting nomination papers to the City Clerk for such office until a period of one year fromafter the termination of the appointed term has elapsed. Said appointee shall be eligible to seek nomination and election for two (2) full terms thereafter. Any person elected~~

in a special election for the balance of a regular term of ~~Mayor and/or~~ Councilmember or Mayor for a period of two ~~(2)~~ years or less may seek nomination and election for two ~~(2)~~ full terms thereafter.

~~(D) Each Council district shall be numbered one (1) through four (4) respectively. Any person running for the office of Councilmember shall designate, as the office for which such person seeks election, one of the numbered Council districts as memorialized by resolution of the Chula Vista City Council on file in the office of the City Clerk. Should a vacancy occur at any time in any Council district, if said vacancy is to be filled by a special election as provided in Section 302 of the Charter, candidates for said vacancy shall similarly designate the appropriate numbered district on their nominating papers.~~

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~~(E) Any person to be elected at a general municipal election for the office of Mayor for which nomination papers have been filed shall be deemed elected upon receipt of a majority of the votes cast for the office of Mayor at the election. If no candidate at such general municipal election receives a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a special runoff election, to be held on the same date as the statewide election date in November immediately following the general municipal election (if no statewide election is conducted, then on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each even-numbered year), between the two candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes in the general municipal election for the office of Mayor, in order to determine the winner. By way of clarification, ties among the candidates receiving the two highest number of votes at the general municipal election shall be resolved by a special run-off election. Beginning in 2014, the elections for the office of Mayor shall be held in the same manner as provided in Section 300.A., provided, however, that voters of the City at large shall be entitled to vote in such elections.~~

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~~(F) Vacancies and elections to fill vacancies for the office of Councilmember or the office of Mayor, shall be determined in accordance with Section 302.C.2.~~

~~(G) If one of the two eligible candidates dies on or before the ninetieth day prior to a special run-off election required under this Section, his or her name shall not be placed on the ballot. The candidate receiving the third highest number of votes in the general municipal election for the office of Councilmember or the office of Mayor shall be offered by the City Clerk, the opportunity to be placed on the ballot in lieu of the deceased. The City Clerk shall make the offer in writing immediately upon notification of the death. The candidate shall accept or reject in writing to the Clerk within five calendar days of receipt of the City Clerk's offer. If accepted, the special run-off election between the remaining candidate and the candidate receiving the third highest number shall be held. If rejected, there shall be no run-off election, and the remaining candidate shall be deemed elected as of the date of such death.~~

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~~(H) Any person to be elected at a special run-off election required under this Section shall be deemed elected upon receipt of the highest number of votes for the particular office of Councilmember or the office of Mayor and shall be seated upon taking the oath of office. Ties at such special run-off election shall be resolved by lot.~~

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~~Sec. 300.5.~~~~Distrioting Commission.~~~~(A) Establishment of City Distrioting Commission; Composition; Powers and Duties.~~

~~(1) Separate and distinet from the commissions provided for in Article VI of this Charter, there shall be established a seven (7) member Distrioting Commission, hereinafter "Commission," for the purposes of recommending to the City Council the Council districts by which Councilmembers shall be elected, and periodically recommending to the City Council adjustments to the boundaries of such Council districts.~~

~~(2) The first Commission established under this Section shall recommend, and the City Council shall approve, a Distrioting Plan establishing four (4) Council districts in a timely manner, but no later than February 1, 2016, for use in the 2016 general municipal election. Thereafter, future Commissions shall recommend, and the City Council shall approve, a Distrioting Plan for adjusting the boundaries of the four (4) Council districts within one (1) year of receipt by the City of the final Federal Decennial Census information for use commencing with the next scheduled general municipal election occurring at least three (3) months after adoption of the Final Distrioting Plan. As used in this Section, the term "Federal Decennial Census" shall mean the national decennial census that is taken under the direction of the United States Congress at the beginning of each decade.~~

~~(3) One or more, as necessary, independent consultants experienced and competent in the skills necessary for the distrioting work shall be utilized to assist the Commission in developing the Distrioting Plans detailed in this Section.~~

~~(B) Ordinances Implementing Distrioting Commission Powers and Duties; Appropriations to Support Distrioting Commission.~~

~~(1) The City Council shall adopt such ordinances as are necessary to provide for and support the Commission, and to ensure timely selection of Commission members and full implementation of the Commission's powers and duties under this Section.~~

~~(2) The City Council shall ensure, through the budget process, the appropriation of funds sufficient to allow the Commission to carry out its powers and duties under this Section.~~

~~(C) Eligibility to Serve on the Commission.~~

~~(1) Only persons who are both residents and registered voters of the City or territory annexed to the City are eligible to apply for and serve on the Commission.~~

~~(2) Notwithstanding that they may be a resident and registered voter of the City or territory annexed to the City, the following persons are ineligible to apply for and serve on the Commission:~~

~~(a) the Mayor, a Councilmember, any other elected City official, or a member of the City Charter Review Commission;~~

~~(b) a relative by blood or marriage within the second degree, or any domestic partner within the meaning of California law (including Family Code section 297), of the Mayor, any Councilmember, or any other elected City official;~~

~~(c) a person who, at any time within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of their application for selection to the Commission, has served as the Mayor, a Councilmember, or an elected City official;~~

~~(d) a current employee of the City or a current employee of any organization representing any employee bargaining unit for employees of the City;~~

~~(e) a person who, at any time within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of their application for selection to the Commission, has worked as a lobbyist. For purposes of this provision, the term "lobbyist" means a person who, for compensation, has direct communication with a City official, including the Mayor, a Councilmember, or any elected City official, for purposes of influencing a municipal decision;~~

~~(f) a person who is currently an officer in any local political party organization, including, but not limited to, officers of a political party county central committee; and~~

~~(g) a person who, at any time within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of their application for selection to the Commission, has served as a paid campaign worker or paid campaign or political consultant for an elected City official;~~

~~(D) Selection of Commission Members; Filling of Vacancies.~~

~~(1) The City Charter Review Commission shall review and verify the information contained in the applications submitted by persons interested in serving on the Commission, including applicants' eligibility to serve on the Commission under Subdivision C of this Section. From the reviewed and verified applications, the City Charter Review Commission shall select ten (10) persons to constitute the pool of eligible applicants for purposes of this Subdivision.~~

~~(2) Four (4) Commission Members shall be randomly selected from the pool of eligible applicants;~~

~~(3) Three (3) Commission Members shall be selected by the randomly selected Commission Members from the pool of eligible applicants, subject to approval by the City Council. The goal of such selections shall be to ensure that, to the extent possible and as permitted by law, the Commission includes:~~

~~(a) women and men who reflect the racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the City;~~

~~(b) persons who have relevant knowledge and/or demonstrated analytical abilities that would allow the Commission to carry out its responsibilities with a high degree of competence;~~

~~(c) persons who have demonstrated the ability to serve impartially in a nonpartisan role;~~

~~(d) persons who have experience in the areas of public communication and/or public outreach in the City; and~~

~~(e) persons who have experience in civic and/or volunteer activities in the City.~~

~~The City Council shall approve nominees for selection to the Commission unless the City Council finds by at least four (4) affirmative votes that the approval of one or more of the nominees would be inconsistent with this goal. In such case, the City Council shall approve for selection to the Commission one or more persons from the remaining pool of eligible applicants.~~

~~(4) In the event that not enough eligible persons apply for the Commission to allow selection in the manner provided in Paragraphs 1, 2, or 3 of this Subdivision, the City Council shall appoint persons as necessary to fill all seven (7) seats on the Commission. Such appointments shall be consistent with the eligibility restrictions in Subdivision C of this Section and the goals described in Paragraph 3 of this Subdivision.~~

~~(5) The Members of the first Commission provided for in this Section shall be determined no later than May 1, 2015. Thereafter, the Members of subsequent Commissions shall be determined no later than May 1 of each year following the year in which the Federal Decennial Census is taken.~~

~~(6) Vacancies on the Commission, from whatever cause arising, shall if possible be filled using the same process described in Paragraph 3 of this Subdivision, and if not possible, then by the City Council consistent with the eligibility restrictions in Subdivision C of this Section and the goals described in Paragraph 3 of this Subdivision. A vacancy on the Commission shall be declared for the same reasons described in Article VI, Section 602(e) of this Charter. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled within 45 days of the date upon which the vacancy existed.~~

~~**(E) Commission Member Compensation; Restriction on Commission Members Seeking Election to City Council**~~

~~(1) Commission Members shall serve without compensation for their services as such, but may receive reimbursement for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred on official duty when such expenditures have received authorization by the City Council.~~

~~(2) A person who serves as a Commission Member is ineligible to serve on, and shall not seek election to, the City Council in any district whose boundaries were drawn or adjusted by the Commission on which such person served for a period of four (4) years immediately following the end of the person's service on the Commission.~~

~~**(F) Districting Criteria.** The Commission and City Council shall adhere to the following criteria in considering and approving or disapproving any Districting Plan:~~

~~(1) District shall have reasonably equal populations as required by the Federal and State constitutions.~~

~~(2) District boundaries shall be geographically compact and contiguous.~~

~~(3) District boundaries shall follow visible natural and man-made features, street lines and/or City boundary lines whenever possible.~~

~~(4) District boundaries shall respect communities of interest to the extent practicable. A community of interest is defined as a geographic area comprised of residents who share similar interests including, but not limited to, social, cultural, ethnic, geographic or economic interests, or formal government or quasi-governmental relationships, but not including relationships with political parties, incumbents, or candidates.~~

~~(5) District boundaries shall be drawn without regard for advantage or disadvantage to incumbents or challengers.~~

~~(6) District boundaries shall be drawn without regard for advantage or disadvantage to any political party.~~

~~(G) Procedures for Creation of Draft and Recommended Districting Plans. The Commission and City shall abide by the following procedure in any districting process:~~

~~(1) The Commission and City should actively encourage City residents to participate in the districting process. Such efforts should include, but not be limited to, encouraging City residents to attend Commission meetings, provide public comments to the Commission, and facilitating the submission of districting plans for consideration by the Commission. To the extent practicable, Commission meetings should be held in different geographic areas of the City so as to facilitate participation by persons residing in different areas of the City.~~

~~(2) The Commission shall approve a Draft Districting Plan based on application of the districting criteria specified in Subdivision F of this Section and consideration of all public comments submitted to it. Approval of a Draft Districting Plan shall require the affirmative vote of at least five (5) Commission members. The Commission shall hold at least two (2) public meetings prior to approving a Draft Districting Plan.~~

~~(3) A Draft Districting Plan approved by the Commission shall be made publicly available for at least thirty (30) days before the Commission may take any action to approve a Recommended Districting Plan. The Commission shall hold at least two (2) public meetings between the release of a Draft Districting~~

~~Plan and approval of a Recommended Districting Plan; provided, however, that the first such public meeting shall not be held sooner than seven (7) days following the release of a Draft Districting Plan.~~

~~(4) The Commission shall thereafter approve a Recommended Districting Plan for consideration by the City Council. Approval of a Recommended Districting Plan shall require the affirmative vote of at least five (5) Commission Members.~~

~~(5) For each Recommended Districting Plan prepared by the Commission and submitted to the City Council, the Commission shall prepare a report that describes the process, criteria, and evidence used by the Commission to prepare the Recommended Districting Plan. Such a report shall accompany any Recommended Districting Plan submitted by the Commission to the City Council.~~

~~(H) City Council Consideration of Recommended Districting Plan; Approval of Final Districting Plan.~~

~~(1) The City Council shall hold at least one (1) public hearing on the Recommended Districting Plan of the Commission before the City Council takes any action to approve or disapprove the Recommended Districting Plan.~~

~~(2) The Recommended Districting Plan shall be made publicly available for at least fourteen (14) days before any vote by the City Council to approve or disapprove a Recommended Districting Plan.~~

~~(3) The City Council shall not alter the Recommended Districting Plan. Rather, the City Council shall approve or disapprove the Recommended Districting Plan in its entirety.~~

~~(4) If the City Council approves a Recommended Districting Plan it shall immediately become the Final Districting Plan which shall be implemented by the City.~~

~~(5) If the City Council disapproves a Recommended Districting Plan, the City Council shall immediately state in writing to the Commission the reasons for such disapproval, including any deviations by the Commission from the districting criteria specified in Subdivision F of this Section. Thereafter, the Commission shall consider the City Council's stated reasons for disapproval and may consider and~~

~~approve alterations to the Recommended Districting Plan in response to those reasons. After such consideration, the Commission shall submit its Final Districting Plan to the City Council for immediate implementation by the City. Approval of such Final Districting Plan shall require the affirmative vote of five (5) Commission Members.~~

~~(I) *Referendum or Legal Challenge to Final Districting Plan.*~~

~~(1) Any Final Districting Plan approved under this Section shall be subject to the referendum provisions of this Charter. If a referendum qualifies against the Final Districting Plan approved by the first Commission established under this Section, the City shall continue to elect Councilmembers at-large until an election on the referendum is held. If a referendum qualifies against any Final Districting Plan approved by a subsequent Commission, the City shall continue to elect Councilmembers by district elections as provided in Section 300 using existing Council districts until an election on the referendum is held. In either event, if the voters approve such a Final Districting Plan, the Council districts established in the Final Districting Plan shall become effective as soon as practicable. If the voters reject such a Final Districting Plan, the Commission shall, as soon as practicable, prepare and submit a new Recommended Districting Plan for consideration and approval by the City Council consistent with the process described in Subdivision G of this Section.~~

~~(2) If a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates a Final Districting Plan, the Commission shall, as soon as practicable, prepare and submit a new Recommended Districting Plan for consideration and approval by the City Council consistent with the process described in Subdivision G of this Section.~~

~~(J) *Dissolution of Districting Commission.* Each Commission established under this Section shall cease operations and dissolve on the ninety-first day following approval of a Final Districting Plan, unless a referendum against the Final Districting Plan has qualified or a lawsuit has been filed to enjoin or invalidate the Final Districting Plan, in which case the Commission shall continue operations until a Final Districting Plan is implemented by the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a lawsuit to enjoin or invalidate a Final Districting Plan is filed later than the ninety-first day following approval of a Final Districting Plan, the Commission shall automatically revive and continue operations during the pendency of such lawsuit and until a Final Districting Plan is implemented by the City.~~

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~~(K) *Transition from At Large Elections.*~~

~~(1) A period of transition from at large elections to the by-district elections described in Section 300 will occur from the time of approval of a plan to establish Council districts to the time that the first by-district elections are held for each Council district. For this transition period, each Councilmember who currently holds a Council seat will be designated as the incumbent Councilmember representing the Council district with the same numerical designation in the first districting plan approved and implemented by the City Council, whether or not that Councilmember resides in that Council district. For example, the Councilmember occupying the previously designated Council seat one (1) will be designated the incumbent Councilmember for new Council district one (1) whether or not that Councilmember resides in Council district one (1). Each of the Councilmembers occupying office at the time of the effective date of this Section shall be so designated.~~

~~(2) Council districts one (1) and two (2) shall transition to the by-district elections described in Section 300 of this Charter beginning with the general municipal election in 2018. Council districts three (3) and four (4) shall transition to the by-district elections described in Section 300 beginning with the general municipal election in 2016. Notwithstanding the designation of incumbent Councilmembers for purposes of the transition period described in Paragraph 1 of this Section, no person shall be eligible to seek election to a newly created Council district in any by-district election unless such person is eligible to seek election under Subdivisions A and C of Section 300 of this Charter. For purposes of the transition period, prior service by an incumbent Councilmember in office at the time of the effective date of this Section shall count for purposes of determining that Councilmember's eligibility under Subdivision C of Section 300 of this Charter to run for election in one of the newly created Council districts. Thus, a designated incumbent Councilmember of a newly created Council district during the transition period may not be nominated for or elected in a by-district election for that Council district unless (1) he or she is a resident of that Council district at the time nomination papers are filed and (2) more than one (1) year has elapsed since the termination of the second consecutive term in the office of City Councilmember for which he or she was previously elected or appointed.~~ Sec. 301.

Powers to Judge Qualifications and Election Results.

The City Council ~~shall~~ may judge the qualifications of ~~its members~~ the City's Elected Officials as set forth by the Charter. ~~It shall, and may~~ judge all election returns. ~~It may establish rules for the conduct such positions, subject to the terms and conditions of its proceedings and evict or prosecute any member or other person.~~ rules and procedures it shall adopt for disorderly conduct at any of its meetings. Each member of the City Council shall have such purposes by ordinance, and the power to administer oaths and affirmations in any investigation or proceeding pending before requirements of applicable State and federal laws. In matters involving the City Council. The determination of the qualifications of its Elected Officials, and on other matters prescribed by ordinance, the City Council shall have the power and authority to compel the attendance of witnesses, to examine them under oath, and to compel the production of evidence before it. ~~Subpoenas may be issued in the name of the City and be attested by the City Clerk. Disobedience of such Refusal to comply with any subpoenas issued for these purposes, or the refusal to testify (upon for~~ other than constitutional

grounds), shall ~~constitute an infraction and shall~~ be punishable in the same manner as other violations of this Charter ~~are punishable~~.

~~The City Council shall cause the City Clerk to keep a correct record of all its proceedings and at the demand of any member, or upon the adoption of any ordinance, resolution, or order for the payment of money, the City Clerk shall call the roll and shall cause the ayes and nays taken on such question to be entered in the minutes of the meeting.~~

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Sec. 302.

Compensation for Councilmembers.

The four Councilmembers shall receive, as compensation for their services, ~~forty percent (a salary equal to 40%)~~ of the salary of the Mayor. They shall also be entitled to receive reimbursement ~~on order of the City Council~~ for Council-authorized and budgeted travel and other expenses when on official duty of the City consistent with City policies. The City Council may also provide, by resolution, for the payment, to Councilmembers of an allowance of a sum certain per month to reimburse them for the additional demands and expenses made upon and incurred by them in serving as Councilmembers.

Sec. 303.

Vacancies.

(A) *When a Vacancy Occurs:* ~~Granting Permission for Absences.~~ A City Councilmember or Mayor shall be deemed to have vacated their office on the date if such office holder:

~~If a member of the City Council (1) is absent from four (4) consecutive scheduled and held regular meetings of the City Council scheduled and held, unless by without permission of or excuse approved by the City Council expressed in its official minutes contemporaneously with, effective as of the date of the last of such absences or sooner, or;~~

~~(2) is convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, or effective as of the date of such conviction;~~

~~(3) resigns from office; submits a letter of resignation to the City Clerk, or because of the election of the current office holder effective as of the date of such letter or other date of resignation indicated therein; or~~

~~(4) is sworn in is elected to another seat on the City Council, or other office or position requiring the surrender of the City office; seat, effective as of the office shall become vacant as of the date of the last absence (in the case of four unexcused, consecutive absences from regular City Council meetings), the date of~~

~~such conviction (in the case of conviction of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude), the effective date of resignation as set forth in such letter of resignation, or the date on which the current date such office holder is sworn into another such other office (in the case of an election to another office), as applicable. The permission of the Council shall be granted for any temporary illness of the requesting Councilmember disabling him or her from attendance at such meeting.~~

~~(5) is removed from office by judicial procedure;~~

~~(6) forfeits the office under any provisions of this Charter;~~

~~(7) no longer meets the qualifications necessary to hold the position;~~

~~(8) is judicially-determined to be an incompetent;~~

~~(9) is permanently so disabled as to be unable to perform the duties of the position. A finding of disability shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Council after considering competent medical evidence bearing on the physical or mental capability of the officer; or~~

~~(10) dies.~~

The City Council shall declare by resolution the existence of any vacancy ~~or anticipated vacancy~~ as soon as practicable.

(B) *Anticipated Vacancies with Intervening Consolidated Elections; Duration of Elected Replacer's Term.*

~~If (1) a vacancy is expected to occur in an office of any member of the City Council or Mayor because of either the election of the current office holder to another seat on the Council or other office requiring the surrender of the City office seat, and (2) if, between the time the expectation of vacancy occurs (by final election results for the other election contest having been announced) and the time the actual vacancy is expected to occur, any other federal, stateState or local (non-City) election involving all the electors of the City is scheduled to be held at such a time that permits a special election to be called and consolidated with such other federal, stateState or local election, then (Aa) the City Council shall declare an anticipated vacancy and call and request consolidation of such special election with such other election or elections, and (Bb) the vacancy so expected to be created shall be filled by such special election. A person elected in such special election to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the office and until a successor qualifies.~~

(C) *Filling Vacancies: Appointments and Special Elections.* Except under the circumstances provided in Charter Section 303(B), -the City Council shall fill such vacancy by election or appointment as set forth herein. Except under the circumstances hereinabove provided in paragraph B, the City Council shall fill such vacancy by election(1) One Year or appointment as set forth herein.

~~(1)-Less Remaining in Term.~~ If a vacancy is declared by the Council with respect to an elected office with one (1)-year or less remaining in the term of such office from the date of such declaration, the Council

shall ~~within 45~~ use their good faith, best efforts to fill that vacancy by Council appointment by no later than ~~forty-five~~ days ~~appoint a person to fill the vacant seat on the City Council.~~

~~after the date of such declaration.~~ In the event Council shall make such an appointment, ~~such an appointee~~ the appointed office holder shall be entitled to hold ~~such~~ office until a ~~qualified~~ successor ~~is~~ subsequently ~~qualifies~~ ~~sworn in~~ at the expiration of the ~~remaining Council or Mayoral~~ term.

~~If the Council is unable to make an appointment, the Council's power to appoint within 45 days of declaration of vacancy is hereby terminated for the duration of such minimal remaining term and the seat will remain vacant. The Council shall use good faith and best efforts to reach agreement on such an appointment. If the Council is unable to make an appointment during the allotted prescribed forty-five day time period, the Council's power to appoint is terminated to fill the vacancy shall terminate and the seat shall remain vacant for the remainder of the term.~~

(2) *Twenty-Five Months or More Remaining in Term.* If a vacancy declared by the Council occurs with ~~25~~ twenty-five months or more remaining in the term from the date of said declaration, the Council shall call a special election to be held on the next established election date, as specified in ~~the Elections Code of the State of California~~ Charter Section 901 and the Elections Code, or within 120 days from the declaration of vacancy, whichever is practical, unless there is a federal, ~~state~~ State, or local election scheduled to be held within 180 days of the declaration of the vacancy. If there is a federal, ~~state~~ State, or local election scheduled to be held within 180 days of the declaration of the vacancy, the Council may consolidate the special election with that election, as provided by the ~~Elections Code~~ Elections Code.

(a) *Special Election.* In the special election, the voters in the district for which a vacancy shall be filled shall be entitled to vote for one ~~(1)~~ candidate from the district. If a candidate receives the majority of the votes cast in that candidate's district, that candidate shall be deemed and declared by the Council to be elected to the vacant office. Ties among candidates shall be resolved in the manner provided in ~~Charter~~ Section ~~300.A.3-901(B).~~

(b) *Special Run-Off Election.* If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in the special election, to fill a vacancy, a special run-off election shall be held in the district in which the vacancy exists, on the next established election date, as specified in ~~the Elections Code~~ Charter Section 901 and the Elections Code, or within 120 days following the certification of the special election results, whichever is practical, unless there is a federal, ~~state~~ State, or local election scheduled to be held within 180 days following the certification of the special election results, at which time the Council may consolidate the special run-off election with that election, as provided by the ~~Elections Code~~ Elections Code. The two ~~(2)~~ candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the vacant seat in the first special election shall be the only candidates for the vacant Council seat and the name of only those two ~~(2)~~ candidates shall be printed on the ballot for that seat. If a special run-off election is required under this Charter Section 303, a write-in candidate may participate in such election only if the candidate qualified as a write-in candidate for the election initially held pursuant to Charter Section 902(A)0(D).

(c) A vacancy in the office of Mayor shall be filled in the same manner as provided in ~~subparagraphs Charter Section 303(C)(2)(a-) and (b-, above-),~~ except that the voters of the City at-large shall be entitled to vote.

~~(3)-(3) More than One Year But Less Than Twenty-Five Months Remaining in Term.~~ If a vacancy is declared by the Council with more than one year but less than ~~25twenty-five~~ months remaining in the term from the date of declaration, the Council may either appoint a person to fill the vacant seat on the City Council, pursuant to ~~subsection Charter Section 303(C-)(1-, above-),~~ or call a special election to fill the vacancy, pursuant to ~~subsection Charter Section 303(C-)(2-, above-).~~ The Council shall determine, by majority vote within fourteen days of the declaration of vacancy, whether to fill the vacancy by appointment or by special election.

If the Council determines to fill the vacancy by appointment and is unable to make an appointment within ~~45forty-five~~ days of the Council declaring a vacancy, the Council's power to appoint is terminated and the Council shall call a special election pursuant to ~~section Charter Section 303-(C-)(2-, above-).~~

(4) ~~Exception When Appointment Would Result in Majority of Appointed Councilmembers.~~ Notwithstanding any other provision ~~in this Section 303-C~~ to the contrary ~~in Charter Section 303(C),~~ if an appointment would result in a majority of the members serving on the City Council being appointed, the Council shall not fill the vacancy by appointment; rather: (a) where the vacancy is for a remaining term of one year or less, the office shall remain vacant; and (b) where the vacancy is for a remaining term of more than one year but less than ~~25twenty-five~~ months, the Council shall call a special election to fill the office in accordance with ~~section Charter Section 303-(C-)(2-).~~

(5) ~~As provided in Section 300-C, any Future Election of Appointee to Elected Office.~~ Any person who is appointed by the Council to fill the office of Councilmember or Mayor ~~as provided in Charter Section 303(C),~~ may not seek nomination and election to said offices of Councilmember or Mayor until a period of one year from the termination of the appointed term has elapsed. Said appointee shall be eligible to seek nomination and election for two ~~(2)-~~ full terms thereafter.

~~(6) Mail Ballot Only Option in Case of Special Election. If a vacancy in the office of an Elected Official is to be filled utilizing a special election that is not consolidated with a scheduled federal, State or local polling place election, the City Council may authorize such election to be conducted wholly by mail ballot.~~

Commented [MM10]: This concept was originally proposed to the City Council by the Charter Review Commission for consideration in 2020. The language has been updated since. This is a Level 3 change as noted in the Charter Review Commission Description of Level 1, 2, and 3 Changes.

Sec. 304.

Presiding Officer, Mayor.

~~(a) Mayor. There shall be elected at the general municipal election a Mayor who shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is elected and qualified.~~

~~(A)~~ **(A) Duties.** The Mayor shall be a member of the City Council and shall perform all the functions and have all ~~of~~ the powers and rights of a duly elected Councilmember. In addition to said powers and duties, the Mayor shall have the power and duty:

(1) to report to the City Council annually ~~and from time to time~~ on the affairs of the City and to recommend for its consideration such matters as ~~deemed expedient, and~~ the Mayor deems appropriate;

(2) to be the official head of the City for all political and ceremonial purposes and ~~to be recognized by the courts for the purpose, in the name and on behalf of serving civil process, for the signing of the City, to sign all legal instruments and documents, and by the Governor for emergency purposes, and to which the City is a party except where otherwise provided herein or by applicable law, ordinance, or resolution, minute action, or order of the Council;~~

(3) ~~in the to take command of the police, maintain order, and enforce the law during a time of extreme public danger or emergency, the Mayor, with the consent of the Council, and for such period as the council may fix, to take command of the police, maintain order with the advice and enforce support of the law, City Manager and City Attorney;~~

(4) to assume the primary, but not the exclusive responsibility, for ~~interpreting~~ describing to the people the policies, programs and needs of the City government and for informing the people of any major change in policy or program. The Mayor may represent the City in any and all matters involving other governmental agencies, provided that no act, promise, commitment or agreement entered into or committed by the Mayor shall be binding upon the City ~~of Chula Vista~~ unless duly authorized or ratified by the City Council, ~~and;~~

(5) to represent the City in all regional public agencies which require an elected City official, unless otherwise determined by the City Council, ~~and;~~

(6) to supervise the operation of the mayor/council office and personnel assigned thereto, ~~and;~~

(7) to perform such other duties consistent with the office as may be prescribed by this Charter or delegated to the Mayor or imposed on the Mayor by the City Council if not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter; ~~and~~

(8) to exercise the full-time function as Mayor of the City during the usual business hours that the offices of the City are open, and such other hours and times as shall be necessary to discharge in full the duties imposed upon the Mayor.

~~(B)~~ **(B) Compensation.** The Mayor shall receive an annual salary equivalent to 66% of the salary of a Judge of the Superior Court of the State ~~of California.~~ The Mayor shall also be entitled to receive reimbursement ~~on order of the Council~~ for Council-authorized and budgeted travel and other expenses when on official duty out of the City consistent with City policies. The City Council may also provide, by resolution, for the payment to the Mayor of an allowance of a sum certain per month, as reimbursement for the additional demands and expenses made upon and incurred by the Mayor.

~~(4) (C) Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore.~~ The ~~City Council~~ Mayor shall designate ~~one of its members, subject to the approval of the City Council, a City Councilmember to serve as Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore,~~ who shall serve in such capacity at the pleasure of the City Council. The ~~Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore~~ shall perform the duties of the Mayor during the Mayor's absence or disability.

Sec. 305.

~~Prohibited Acts.~~

Limitations on Authority.

(A) Prohibition on Undue Influence. No member of the Council shall, directly or indirectly, by suggestion or otherwise, attempt to unduly influence the City Manager or other officer appointed or confirmed by the Council in their performance of duties.

(B) Prohibition on Certain Administrative or Executive Functions. The Mayor and the ~~Councilmen~~ Councilmembers are hereby individually and collectively prohibited from performing any administrative or executive functions except as same may be authorized by this Charter or by ordinance of the City of Chula Vista. Neither the City Council nor any of its members shall order or request of the City Manager, or any other officer or employee, the appointment of any person to any position of employment within the City, or the removal of any person from employment, with- the City.

(C) Prohibition on Giving Orders to Subordinates of the City Manager. Except for the purpose of inquiry, the Council and its members shall deal with that part of the administrative service for which the City Manager is responsible solely through the City Manager. and neither the City Council nor any member shall give orders to any subordinates of the City Manager, either publicly or privately.

(D) Penalties for Violation. A violation of the provisions of this ~~section~~ Charter Section 305 by any member of the Council shall constitute misconduct for which the offending member may be censured or removed from office by the Council.

Sec. 306~~5.5~~.

Limitations on Powers of Eminent Domain.

(A) In General. Eminent domain is not to be used to further private economic development. The City of Chula Vista shall not initiate or participate in any proceedings, or take any action to condemn private property for the purpose of making such property available for private development, nor shall the City participate, directly or indirectly, in such takings. "Participation" means contributing, lending, providing, pledging, or foregoing, any funds, property, credit, in-kind services, or incurring any debt or lease obligation, or providing any other thing of value to any agency, organization, or project. Notwithstanding these prohibitions, the City of Chula Vista may participate in proceedings to condemn private property for the purpose of making such

property available for private development if such participation is approved by a majority of the voters in the City.

~~Sec. 305.6.~~

Minimum Public Use Period.

~~(B)~~ Property acquired by the City of Chula Vista through the use of eminent domain after ~~the effective date of this charter amendment June 6, 2006~~ must be held or used for a public use by the City for a minimum ten-year period prior to sale, lease, transfer or other disposition by the City.

Sec. 307~~6~~.

Council Meetings.

~~(A) Generally. All City Council meetings shall be fully and properly noticed, open to the public, and otherwise held in accordance with all applicable State open meetings laws.~~

Regular Meetings.

~~(B)~~ The City Council shall hold regular meetings at least once each month at such times as it shall fix by ordinance or resolution ~~and may. The City Council shall~~ adjourn or readjourn any regular meeting to a date and hour certain, which shall be specified in the order of adjournment and when so adjourned, each adjourned meeting shall be a regular meeting for all purposes. If the hour to which a meeting is adjourned is not stated in the order of adjournment, such meeting shall be held at the hour for holding regular meetings. ~~If at any time any regular meeting falls on a holiday, such regular meeting shall be held on the next business day.~~

~~Special Meetings.~~

~~(Repealed 11-8-88)~~

~~Sec. 308.~~

~~(C) Special Meetings. Any meeting of the City Council that is not a "regular meeting" under the terms of Charter Section 307~~6~~ shall be considered a "special meeting." Subject to the laws applicable to Charter cities, any Council action that may be taken at a "regular" Council meeting may also be taken at a "special" Council meeting.~~

~~(D) Place of Meetings. All regular City Council meetings shall be held in the City Council Chambers in the Civic Center or such other appropriate conference room located in location within the Civic Center and shall be clearly noticed and open to the public complex, if the City Council Chambers are not otherwise available or suitable. If, by reason of fire, flood or other emergency it shall be unsafe to meet in the place designated or it is~~

~~unavailable~~, the meetings may be held for the duration of the emergency ~~or unavailability~~ at such place as is designated by the Mayor, or, if the Mayor should fail to act, by three members of the City Council.

~~It is further provided that any~~ Any special meeting may be held within any place suitable and desirable for public assembly within the City ~~of Chula Vista or areas contiguous thereto~~ to facilitate the public participation in the business of the City, subject to the requirements of notice as provided in this Charter and ~~the laws of the State of California~~. Further, the City Council may meet in joint session at an appropriately designated official ~~place of meeting with the governing body or bodies of any other governmental agency in the County of San Diego~~, subject to notification as required ~~hereinabove~~. State law.

~~At such special meeting called at the time and place and in the manner provided herein, the City Council may not pass upon any ordinance or resolution, or make any final decision on the matters being discussed at said meeting except that final actions may be taken at joint meetings with other governmental agencies held at a regular place of meeting of such agency.~~

(E) Joint Session with Other Governing Bodies. The City Council may meet in joint session outside the City ~~with the governing body or bodies of any other governmental agency, in the County of San Diego, at an appropriately designated place of meeting, subject to notification as required in this Charter and State law.~~

Sec. 3089.

Quorum; ~~Proceedings~~. Required to Conduct City Business

Three members of the City Council shall constitute a quorum to ~~deconduct City~~ business ~~but at a less-~~ ~~number~~ properly noticed public meeting. Less than a quorum, however, may act for the sole purpose of adjourning such meeting to a specified future date and time. If a quorum is lost during a meeting, less than a quorum shall either recess the meeting until a quorum can be re-established or adjourn from time to time to the meeting to a specified date and time. In the absence of all the members of the City Council from any ~~regular~~ meeting, the City Clerk may declare the same adjourned to a ~~stated days~~ specified date and ~~hour. Notice of time. When a meeting is adjourned by less~~ under this Charter Section 308 to any date or time other than a quorum or by the next scheduled regular meeting, the City Clerk shall be given by the Clerk or may be waived by consent provide special notice of such meeting in accordance with the same manner as specified standards provided in this Charter for the giving or waiving of notice of special meetings of the City Council but need not specify the matters to be acted upon and the laws of the State.

Sec. ~~310~~309.

Citizen Participation.

All citizens shall have the right personally, or through counsel, to appear and present grievances ~~at any regular meeting of the Council,~~ or offer suggestions for the betterment of municipal affairs at any regular meeting of the Council.

Sec. 310~~1~~.~~Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions.~~ City Council Action Generally.

~~(a) Generally. With the sole exception of ordinances which take effect upon adoption referred to in this article, no ordinance shall be adopted by the City Council on the day of introduction, nor within five days thereafter, nor at any time other than at a regular or adjourned regular meeting. At the time of adoption of an ordinance or resolution, it shall be read in full, unless after the reading of the title thereof, the further reading thereof is waived by unanimous consent of the Councilmembers present. In the event that any ordinance is altered after its introduction, the same shall not be finally adopted except at a regular or adjourned regular meeting, held not less than five days after the date upon which such ordinance was so altered. The correction of typographical or clerical errors shall not constitute the making of an alteration within the meaning of the foregoing sentence.~~

~~(b) For Payment of Money. A resolution or order for the payment of money shall be adopted or made only at a regular or adjourned regular meeting.~~

~~(eA) Votes Required Execution and Attestation. Unless a higher vote is required by other provisions of this Charter, or other applicable laws, the affirmative votes of at least three members of the City Council shall be required for the enactment of any ordinance or resolution, or for the making or approving taking of any order for other action requiring City Council consideration or approval. At the payment time of money. All ordinances adoption of an ordinance or resolution, the title and resolutions full text thereof shall be signed by read into the Mayor and attested record by the City Clerk; provided, however, the title alone may be read and the full reading of the text waived, with consent of the Council.~~

~~(B) Execution and Attestation. All ordinances and resolutions shall be signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk, and approved as to legal form by the City Attorney.~~

Sec. 311~~2~~.

Ordinances.

~~(a) Enactment of Ordinances. The enacting clause of all ordinances adopted by the City Council shall be substantially as follows: "The City Council of the City of Chula Vista does ordain as follows:"~~

Commented [SN11]: Section 310(a) moved to Section 311(A)

~~(A) Generally. With the sole exception of, In general, except for emergency ordinances which take effect upon adoption referred to as provided in Charter Section 311(B), or otherwise required by law, this article, no ordinances shall be adopted by in a two-step process. First, the City Council on the day of must approve the introduction of an ordinance introduction, nor within Second, no sooner than five days thereafter, nor at any time other than at a regular or adjourned regular meeting. At the time of adoption of an ordinance or resolution, it the City Council shall be read in full, unless after the reading of the title thereof, the further reading thereof is waived by unanimous consent of the Councilmembers present again consider the proposed ordinance and take final action to adopt or reject it. In the event that any ordinance is altered after its initial introduction, the same shall not be finally adopted except at a regular or adjourned regular meeting, held not less than five days after the date upon which such ordinance was so altered. The correction of typographical or clerical errors shall not constitute the making of an alteration for purposes of this Charter Section 311 within the meaning of the foregoing sentence.~~

~~(B) Emergency Ordinances. Any ordinance declared by the City Council to be necessary as an emergency measure for preserving the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and containing a statement of the reasons for its urgency, may be introduced and adopted at one and the same meeting if passed by at least a four affirmative votes fifths vote of the Council.~~

~~(C) Publication of Ordinances. Within 15 fifteen days after its passage, the City Clerk shall cause each ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City, or if there is none, the Clerk shall cause it to be posted in at least three public places in the City or published in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the county and circulated in the City. Ordinances shall not be published in a newspaper if the charge exceeds the customary rate charged by the newspaper for publication of private legal notices, but such ordinances shall be posted in the manner and at the time required by this section or published as otherwise allowed in accordance with State law. The City Clerk may satisfy the requirement to publish each ordinance by causing a fair and impartial summary of the ordinance to be published within fifteen days after the ordinance's adoption and making a copy of the full ordinance available in the office of the City Clerk. Each fair and impartial summary to be published shall be approved as to form by the City Attorney. The publication or posting of ordinances, as required above may be satisfied by: (1) Publication of the full text of the ordinance, or (2) A summary thereof prepared by the City Clerk, and posting of a certified copy of the full text thereof in the office of the City Clerk, or (3) A display advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the City or if the City Clerk determines it is not feasible to prepare a fair and adequate summary of the ordinance, and if the City Council so orders. The synopsis or advertisement shall indicate the general nature of, and provide information about, the ordinance including information sufficient to enable the public to obtain copies of the complete text of such ordinance, as well as the names of those City Council members voting for and against the ordinance.~~

~~(D) Codification of Ordinances. Any and all ordinances of the City which have been enacted and published in the manner required at the time of their adoption, and which have not been repealed, may be compiled, consolidated, revised, indexed and arranged as The City shall create and maintain a comprehensive ordinance code, of the local laws and such code may be rules that have been adopted by reference, with the same effect as~~

~~an ordinance, by the passage of an ordinance for such purpose. Ordinances so codified shall be repealed as of the effective date of the code. Other codes or ordinance governing the conduct of the City, and the conduct of City businesses, residents and visitors within the City ("Municipal Code"). The Municipal Code may be amended, and any such amendment must be approved by ordinance. The Municipal Code may incorporate other codes, or portions thereof, including statutes or published compilations of rules, regulations or standards adopted by the Federal or federal, State, or County government or by any agency of either any of them, or nationally. Nationally recognized or approved published compilations of proposed rules, regulations or standards of any private organization or institution, may also be adopted incorporated by reference into the Municipal Code in accordance with the provisions of this Charter Section 311, subsection. County ordinances or codes or any parts thereof or amendments thereto may be similarly adopted by reference.~~

~~Such code need not be published in the manner required for other ordinances, but a~~ At least one physical copy thereof ~~of the Municipal Code shall be filed maintained in the Office of the City Clerk after the adoption thereof and made available for the use and examination by the public. The City Clerk shall maintain a~~ reasonable supply of copies of such code available for purchase by the public at a price not to exceed its actual cost to the City. Subsequent amendments to sections of the code shall be enacted in the same manner as herein required for the amendment of sections of ordinances generally. Copies of such codes in published form ~~code, or any provision(s) thereof,~~ duly certified by the City Clerk, shall be received without further proof as prima facie evidence of the provisions of such ~~codes or public records code~~ in all courts and administrative tribunals of this ~~state~~ State.

(dE) *Effective Date of Ordinances.* ~~All ordinances~~ Ordinances shall take effect thirty days after their final ~~passage adoption~~ except where otherwise required by applicable law, and except for the following which shall take effect upon adoption:

- (1) An ordinance calling or otherwise relating to an election;
- (2) An improvement proceeding ordinance adopted under ~~some~~ State or local law or procedural ordinance;
- (3) An ordinance declaring the amount of money necessary to be raised by taxation, or fixing the rate of taxation, or levying the annual tax upon property; or
- (4) An emergency ordinance adopted in the manner provided for in this ~~article~~ Article.

(eE) *Amendment of Ordinances.* The amendment of any ordinance, or any section or sections of an ordinance, may be accomplished solely by the adoption of another ordinance. Where such amendment relates to a section or sections of the Municipal Code, it shall be effected through the reenactment of such section or sections at length as amended.

Sec. 312~~3~~.~~Publishing of~~Legal Notices.

~~Upon request, (a) Newspapers Generally. In the event that there is more than one newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City, the City Council annually, prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, shall publish a notice inviting bids and contract for the publication of all legal notices or other matter required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in said City, during the ensuing fiscal year. In the event there is only one newspaper of general circulation published in the City, then the City Council shall have the power to contract with such newspaper for the printing and publishing of such legal notices without being required to advertise for bids therefor. The newspaper with which any such contract is made shall be designated the official newspaper for the publication of such notices or other matter for the period of such contract.~~

~~(b) Rates. In no case shall the contract prices for such publication exceed the customary rates charged by such newspaper for the publication of legal notices of a private character.~~

~~(c) Posting. In the event there is no newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City, then all legal notices or other matter may be published by posting copies thereof in at least three public places in the City.~~

~~(d) Defects. No defect or irregularity in proceedings taken under this section, or failure to designate an official newspaper shall invalidate any publication where the same is otherwise in conformity with the Charter or law or ordinance.~~

~~The City Clerk shall cause to be may published, or notice or facilitate the publication of all City Council-related matters required to be published or noticed in accordance with applicable laws.~~

ARTICLE IV. CITY MANAGER

Sec. 400.

~~City Manager.~~In General.

~~(Aa) Appointment, Salary.~~ There shall be a City Manager who shall be the executive officer of the City ~~to~~. The City Manager shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the City Council. The City Manager shall be chosen on the basis of ~~administrative~~ qualifications and experience and shall be paid a salary, fixed by the Council, commensurate with their responsibilities.

~~(Bb) Removal.~~ The City Manager may be removed from office by ~~motion~~action of the City Council ~~adopted by at least three affirmative votes.~~

~~(Ce)~~ *Ineligibility.* No person shall be eligible to receive appointment as City Manager while serving as ~~a member of the City Council~~ an Elected Official, nor within one year after ceasing to be ~~a City Councilmember~~ an Elected Official.

Sec. 401.

~~City Manager~~; Powers and Duties.

~~Generally.~~ The City Manager shall be the head of the administrative branch of the City government, and be responsible to the City Council for the proper administration of all ~~affairs~~ departments, agencies and business of the City. Without limiting the foregoing general grant of powers, responsibilities and duties, the City Manager shall have power and be required to:

~~(a) Appointment and Removal of Employees and officers.~~

~~Subject to the provisions of Section 500 of Article V of the Charter, the City Manager shall~~ A) appoint, suspend, or remove all department heads and officers of the City ~~except elective officers and those department heads and officers whose power of appointment is vested in~~ (subject to the provisions of Charter Section 500, and excluding the City Attorney, the City Council Clerk, and their appointees), and pass upon and approve all proposed appointments and removals by department heads and other appointive officers.;

~~(b) Prepare~~ B) prepare the City budget annually, which shall include a capital improvement plan, submit such budget to the City Council, ~~and be responsible for its administration~~ consideration and approval as required by Article X of the Charter, and administer the approved budget after adoption;

~~(c) Prepare~~ C) prepare and submit to the City Council, as of the end of the fiscal year, a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the City for the preceding year;

~~(d) Keep~~ D) keep the City Council advised of the financial condition and future needs of the City and make such recommendations as ~~may seem desirable~~ the City Manager determines to be necessary or appropriate;

~~(e) Establish a centralized purchasing system for all City offices, departments and agencies;~~

~~(f) Prepare~~ E) prepare and periodically update rules and regulations governing the contracting for, purchasing, storing, distribution or disposal of all supplies, materials and equipment required by any office, department or agency of the City government and ~~recommends~~ submit them to the City Council for adoption ~~by~~ it by ordinance;

~~(g) Enforce the laws of the State pertaining to the City, the provisions of this Charter and the ordinances of the City; and~~

F) recommend to the Council for adoption such agreements, actions and ordinances as the City Manager may deem necessary or appropriate;

(G) appoint such advisory boards and committees as may be necessary or desirable to advise and assist in the work of the City Manager; provided, however, that the members of such boards shall not receive any compensation;

(H) ensure, in coordination with the City Attorney's office, City compliance with the laws of the State pertaining to the City, the provisions of this Charter and the ordinances of the City; and

(h) —PerformD) perform such other duties consistent with this Charter as may be required by the City Council.

Sec. 402.

Participation at Council Meetings.

The City Manager shall ~~be accorded~~have a seat at the City Council table and shall be entitled to participate in the deliberations of the City Council but shall not have a vote.

Sec. 403.

Absence or Disability of the City Manager ~~Pro Tempore.~~

The City Manager shall appoint, subject to the approval of the City Council, ~~one of the other officers or department heads~~an officer of the City to serve ~~as City Manager Pro Tempore~~in their place during ~~any their~~ temporary absence or disability ~~of the City Manager.~~

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Sec. 500.

Election, Appointment and Removal of Certain Officers ~~and~~, Department Heads and Other Positions in the Unclassified Service.

~~(a) Election; Appointment. The City Attorney shall be elected by the voters of the City.~~

(A) City Manager and City Clerk. The City Manager and City Clerk shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the City Council and shall be in the Unclassified Service.

(B) Executive Secretaries. In addition, there shall be in the Unclassified Service ~~a private~~an executive secretary for each of the City Manager, the City Attorney and ~~the~~ Mayor and Council, who shall be appointed

~~by the respective officers for whom they serve. All other officers, and subject to removal by, the City Manager, City Attorney and Mayor, respectively.~~

(C) Assistant and Deputy City Managers and Department Heads. ~~Assistant and Deputy City Managers and department heads of the City and the Assistant City Manager (excluding the City Clerk, and the City Attorney) shall be appointed by the City Manager, subject to the approval/ratification of the City Council. The City Attorney shall also appoint Assistant or Deputy City Attorneys as may be authorized by the Council, who shall be in the Unclassified Service. The City Clerk may also appoint Assistant or Deputy City Clerks as may be authorized by the Council subject to the approval of the Council who, and shall be in the Unclassified Service. It is further provided the~~

(D) Other Unclassified Service Positions. ~~The City Council may, by ordinance, place Assistant and Deputy Department Heads, Assistants to the City Manager and new additional management level positions in the Unclassified Service by a four-fifths vote. The head of the Human Resources Department shall maintain a master list of the Council all Unclassified Service positions within the City.~~

(b) Removal. ~~Officers and employees in the Unclassified Service appointed by the City Council may be removed by them at any time by a majority vote of the members of the Council, and such officers and department heads in the Unclassified Service appointed by the City Manager or City Attorney, respectively, may be removed by him or her at any time and, in the case of appointees in the Unclassified Service, the order of the City Council, the City Attorney, or the City Manager affecting said removal shall be final and conclusive. The position of said officers and employees shall be declared vacant if said officer or employee is convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude. Any appointee or employee in the Unclassified Service so removed by the City Manager, the City Attorney or City Clerk may, however, within five (5) days after receipt of a notice of dismissal, demand a written statement of the reason for such dismissal, a copy of which shall be forthwith filed with the City Council. Upon receipt of such written statement so furnished by the City Manager, the City Attorney or City Clerk to the City Council, the Council shall fix a time and place for a public hearing, at which hearing the Council shall have authority to investigate the facts set forth in said written communication from the City Manager, the City Attorney or City Clerk containing the reason for said dismissal, and determine the truth or falsity of said facts. Council shall report its findings and recommendations made as a result of such hearing, and cause a copy of said findings to be delivered to the City Manager, the City Attorney or City Clerk and file the original with the City Clerk. The dismissed appointee or employee in such cases shall have the right to file with the Council a written reply or answer to any charges filed by the City Manager, the City Attorney or the City Clerk. All written documents, including the City Manager's, the City Attorney's or the City Clerk's written reasons for such dismissal, and the reply of the dismissed appointee or employee, the findings and decisions of the Council, and any documentary evidence used at the hearing shall be filed with the proper office of the City as public records, open for inspection at any time. Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed as in any way limiting the authority and power of the City Manager, the City Attorney or the City Clerk to remove any appointee or employee in the Unclassified Service of the City, so appointed or employed, and all such removals shall be final and conclusive.~~

~~(c) *No Fiscal Impacts.* Except as expressly provided in Section 503, nothing in this Section 500 shall be construed to limit the budgetary authority of the City Council as respects the officers and employees under the supervision of the City Attorney.~~

(E) *Removal.* The City Manager and the City Clerk may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the City Council. Other Officers and employees in the Unclassified Service may be removed at any time by their appointing authority, and said removal shall be final and conclusive. The position of said Officers and employees shall be forfeited and declared vacant if said Officer or employee is convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude.

Sec. 501.

Administrative Departments.

(A) *City Council Authority.* The City Council may by ordinance not inconsistent with this Charter provide for the creation of additional departments and the assignment of general functions to such added departments, and may also abolish specific functions performed and the department performing such abolished functions.

(B) *City Manager Authority.* The City Manager shall be responsible for the organizational structure of all departments subject to the City Manager's direction, including ~~their~~ department divisions, sections, crews and other necessary unit components ~~and~~. The City Manager shall also assign duties, delegate administrative powers, and provide staff for ~~the~~ such departments ~~for which the City Manager is responsible.~~

(C) *Number and Compensation of Positions.* The City Council shall control by budget the number and compensation ranges of all positions, unless otherwise mandated by this Charter. ~~Each department so created shall be headed by an officer designated as department head who shall be appointed by the City Manager, subject to the approval of the City Council.~~

Sec. 502.

City Clerk; Powers and Duties.

(A) *Powers and Duties.* The City Clerk shall be the department head for the City Clerk's office and shall have power and be required to:

(a) ~~Attend~~ ^{1(A)} *staff* all meetings of the City Council and be responsible for the recording and maintaining of a full and true record of all ~~of the~~ proceedings of the City Council ~~in books that shall bear appropriate titles and be devoted to such purpose;~~

(b) ~~Maintain~~ ^{2(B)} *maintain* separate books, in which shall be recorded respectively all ordinances and resolutions, with the certificate of the Clerk annexed to each thereof stating the same to be the original or a

correct copy, and as to an ordinance requiring publication, stating that the same has been published or posted in accordance with this Charter; keep all books properly indexed and open to public inspection when not in actual use;

~~(e) Maintain~~^{3C} maintain a record of all written contracts and official bonds;

~~(d) Be~~^{4D} be the custodian of the seal of the City;

~~(e) Administer~~^{5E} administer oaths or affirmations, take affidavits and depositions pertaining to the affairs and business of the City and certify copies of official records;

~~(f) Have charge of~~^{6F} administer all City elections; and

~~(7G) oversee the management of all City records; and~~

~~(BH) Publication and Noticing of City Council-Related Matters. Upon request, the City Clerk may publish or notice or facilitate the publication of all City Council-related matters required to be published or noticed in accordance with applicable laws.~~

~~(C) Assistant and Deputy City Clerks. cause to be published or noticed all matters required to be published or noticed in accordance with applicable laws.~~

In order to assist with such responsibilities, the City Clerk may appoint Assistant or Deputy City Clerks who shall be in the Unclassified Service, and other employees, subject to City Council approval as to number of positions and funding therefor.

Sec. 503.

City Attorney: Election, Powers and Duties.

~~(a) A) Designation as Officer; Election.~~ The City Attorney shall be an ~~officer of the City, in addition to any other officers designated pursuant to this~~ Officer of the City and the department head of the City Attorney's Office. The City Attorney shall be elected to said position by the voters of the City as set forth in Charter, Section 503(C). Except as otherwise provided by this Charter, it is the intent of the voters that the City Attorney shall be sufficiently independent of the City Council and other ~~city~~^{City} officials to advise the City while also acting in the best interests of the public.

~~(b) B) Powers of the City Attorney and Duties.~~ The City Attorney shall:

~~(1) Represent~~ represent and advise the City Council and all ~~city officers~~^{City Officers} in all matters of law pertaining to their offices and advise all boards, commissions, and other agencies of the City on legal matters referred to ~~him or her~~^{the City Attorney}, and render written legal opinions when the same are requested in writing by the ~~Mayor or a member of the~~^{City Council} or the City Manager, ~~the City Clerk~~, or any ~~other officer~~, board or commission of the City with decision making authority;

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(2) ~~Represent~~ represent, defend, and appear for the City, and any ~~city officer~~ City Officer or employee, or former City ~~officer~~ Officer or employee, ~~as may be required by law or in accordance with City policy~~ in any or all legal actions and proceedings in which the City or any such ~~officer~~ Officer or employee in or by reasons of ~~his or her~~ the City Attorney's official capacity, is concerned or is a named party;

(3) ~~Attend~~ attend and advise at all regular and special meetings of the City Council ~~and give his or her opinion in writing whenever requested to do so by the City Council or by any of~~

~~the boards or officers of the City;~~ (4) ~~Approve the fo~~ oversee the preparation of all contracts made by and all bonds given to the City, ~~endorsing approval thereon and approve the form of same~~ in writing;

(5) ~~Prepare~~ oversee the preparation of any and all proposed ordinances or resolutions for the City, and ~~amendments there~~ approve the form of same in writing;

(6) ~~Prosecute, if so directed by ordinance of~~ prosecute, in the City Council Attorney's professional discretion, all offenses against the ordinances of the City and ~~for~~ such offenses against the laws of the State as may be authorized or required by law; ~~and; the City Attorney~~ shall also have concurrent jurisdiction with the District Attorney of the County of San Diego to prosecute persons charged with or guilty of the violation of the State laws occurring within the City limits of the City of Chula Vista for offenses constituting criminal misdemeanors or infractions;

(7) ~~Whenever a cause of action exists in favor of the City,~~ exercise discretion as to when to commence or maintain legal proceedings, ~~subject to the approval or ratification by~~ whenever a civil cause of action exists in favor of the City Council, and when the basis for such action is within the knowledge of the City Attorney, ~~or, he or she shall~~ subject to the approval or ratification by the City Council;

(8) consistent with all applicable ethical rules and guidance, commence or maintain legal proceedings as directed by the City Council; and

(8) ~~Surrender~~ surrender to ~~his or her~~ the City Attorney's successor all books, papers, files and documents pertaining to the City's legal affairs.

~~The Council may empower~~ In order to assist with such responsibilities, the City Attorney, ~~at his or her request, to~~ may appoint Assistant or Deputy City Attorneys, who shall be in the Unclassified Service, and other employees, subject to City Council approval as to number of positions and funding therefor.

~~The City Attorney may also~~ employ special legal counsel, ~~and he or she shall have the power to appoint~~ and appraisers, engineers ~~and/or~~ other technical and expert services necessary for the handling of any pending or proposed litigation, proceeding or other legal matter, ~~as the City Attorney deems necessary or appropriate,~~ to assist with performance of the above-described duties, subject to available funds and the City's procurement policies. Upon the City Attorney's recommendation and the approval of the Council, when ~~he or she~~ the City Attorney has a conflict of interest in litigation involving another ~~officer~~ Officer or employee of the City acting in ~~his~~ their official capacity, such other ~~officer~~ Officer or employee may be authorized to retain special legal

counsel at City expense. Nothing in ~~this Charter~~ Section ~~503~~503 shall be construed to prevent the City Attorney from giving confidential advice to the City when otherwise allowed by law.

~~(e)-(C) Election; Compensation of City Attorney.~~ The City Attorney shall be nominated and elected in the same manner and at the same election as the Mayor, except as otherwise provided in this ~~section~~Charter Section 503. The annual salary of the elected City Attorney shall be equivalent to the salary of a Judge of the Superior Court of the State ~~of California.~~ The City Attorney shall also receive reimbursement ~~on the order of the Council for Council authorized for budgeted~~ travel and other expenses when on official duty out of the City ~~consistent with City policies.~~ The City Council may also provide, by resolution, for the payment of an allowance of a sum certain per month, as reimbursement for additional demands and expenses made upon and incurred by the City Attorney. ~~The City Attorney's salary may not be reduced during the City Attorney's term of office, except as part of a general reduction of salaries of all City officers and employees in the same amount or proportion.~~ In addition, the City Attorney shall be entitled to such benefits as are granted to other ~~management employees~~department heads of the City, as established by the City Council ~~from time to time.~~ The City Attorney shall be in the Unclassified Service.

~~(d) Qualifications-D) Residency Requirements.~~ To be eligible to seek election to the office of City Attorney, ~~No, a person shall be eligible must be a Resident and registered voter of the City at the time they are issued their nomination papers for or continuesuch office. To be eligible to hold the Officeoffice of City Attorney, either by election or appointment, unless he or she is a citizen of the United States, a qualified elector, and a California resident, a person must be a Resident and registered voter of the City and maintain such status throughout their term.~~

~~(E) Qualifications Requirements.~~The City Attorney shall be licensed to practice law in all courts of the State of California, and be so licensed for at least ~~seventen~~ years preceding ~~his or her~~their assumption of office following election under this ~~charter~~Charter.

~~(e) F) Term of Office of the City Attorney.~~ The City Attorney shall be elected to a ~~nominal~~term of four years ~~and, which term shall commence on theupon the taking of the oath of office and shall continue until a qualified successor takes the oath of office, or until the City Attorney vacates the seat, whichever occurs first-Tuesday of December of the year. The oath of the-office shall be administered at, or immediately prior to, the first City Council meeting held following the Friday after which the official election, and shall continue until a successor qualifies results are certified.~~ The City Attorney shall be subject to the same limits on terms of service as are applicable to the Mayor and ~~the~~ City Council under ~~Charter~~ Section 300~~(C)-(D).~~

~~(f)-(G) Vacancy, Filling of.~~ Upon ~~thea~~ declaration of vacancy in the Office of the City Attorney, the Office of the City Attorney shall be filled by appointment by the majority vote of the ~~members of theCity~~ Council; provided, that if the Council shall fail to fill a vacancy by appointment within sixty days after such office ~~shall becomebecomes~~ vacant, or if the unexpired term of the City Attorney shall exceed ~~24~~twenty-four months at the time of the appointment, the City Council shall cause a special election to be held to fill such vacancy, as provided in ~~Charter~~ Section ~~303,303(C)-(2).~~ An appointee or the person elected to the Office of City Attorney

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for the balance of an unexpired term shall hold office until the next ~~general~~regularly scheduled election for the Office of the City Attorney.

~~(g)-(H)~~ Vacancy, What Constitutes. The Office of City Attorney shall be declared vacant by the Council under any of the circumstances described in Charter Section 303(A)(12)-(10) with respect to City Councilmembers and the Mayor. Additionally, the Office of City Attorney shall be declared vacant by the Council -when the person elected or appointed thereto either (1) fails to qualify within ten days after his or herthe person's term is to begin, (2) dies, (3) resigns, (4) ceases to be a residentResident of the State or absents himself or herselfCity, (5) is absent continuously from the State for a period of more than thirty days without permission from the Council, absents himself or herself(6) 2) is absent from any seven consecutive regular meetings except on account of own illness or when absent from the City by permission of the Council, or (23) (7) is convicted of a felony, (8) is judicially determined to be an incompetent, (9) is no longer licensed as an attorney in the State, (10) is permanently so disabled as to be unable to perform the duties of his or herthe office, (11) forfeits his or herthe office under any provision of this Charter, or (12) is removed from office by judicial procedure. A finding of disability shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Council after considering competent medical evidence bearing on the physical or mental capability of the City Attorney.

Sec. ~~503.1~~504.

Office of Legislative Counsel; Duties.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, the Council may establish by ordinance the office of Legislative Counsel, as described in this ~~section~~Charter Section 504.

~~(Aa)~~ Appointment or Dismissal. Legislative Counsel may be selected by the Council and serve at the pleasure of the Council, on terms and conditions prescribed by Council. Appointment or dismissal of the Legislative Counsel shall be approved by a majority vote of the Council.

~~(Bb)~~ Advice Regarding Legislative Duties. Legislative Counsel may advise the Council regarding its legislative duties. Legislative Counsel shall neither oppose nor urge enactment of any legislation.

~~(Cc)~~ Advice Regarding Conflicts of Interest. Legislative Counsel may also advise the Council regarding conflicts of interest involving the City Attorney, and whether the hiring of special counsel is therefore warranted. If the Council approves the hiring of special counsel, Legislative Counsel may assist the Council in the selection and appointment of special counsel.

~~(Dd)~~ Advice to Board of Ethics and Charter Review Commission. Legislative Counsel may further advise the Council or the City's Board of Ethics concerning the City's Code of Ethics and alleged violations thereof and further may advise the City's Charter Review Commission. Legislative Counsel may also provide such other assistance to the Board of Ethics in investigating or assisting the Board in the conduct of hearings, including the hiring of special counsel to the Board.

~~(E)~~ *Additional Provisions By Ordinance.* The Council may further provide by ordinance that the advice of the Legislative Counsel on the matters set forth in this ~~section~~ *Charter Section 504503-1* shall be in lieu of that of the City Attorney. The Counsel may additionally or alternatively provide by ordinance for the prevention or resolution of conflicts and/or disputes between the City Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

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~~Sec. 504.—~~Sec. 505.

Director of Finance; Powers and Duties.

There shall be a Finance Department headed by a Director of Finance, who shall have power and be required to:

~~(a) — Have charge of the administration of~~ (A) administer the financial affairs of the City under the direction of the City Manager;

~~(b) — Compile~~ (B) compile the budget expense and income estimates for the City Manager;

~~(c) — Supervise~~ (C) supervise and be responsible for the disbursement of all monies and have control over all expenditures to ~~insure~~ ensure that budget appropriations are not exceeded; ~~audit~~ review all purchase orders before issuance; ~~audit~~ review and approve before payment all bills, invoices, payrolls, or demands against the City government and with the advice of the City Attorney, when necessary, determine the regularity, legality and correctness of such claims, demands or charges;

~~(d) — Maintain~~ (D) maintain a general accounting system for the City government and each of its offices, departments and agencies;

~~(e) — Keep~~ (E) keep separate accounts for the items of appropriation contained in the City budget, each of which accounts shall show the amount of the appropriation, the amounts paid therefrom, the unpaid obligations against it and the unencumbered balance; ~~require~~ reports of the receipts and disbursements from each receiving and expending agency of the City government to be made daily or at such intervals as deemed ~~expedient~~ appropriate;

~~(f) — Submit~~ (F) submit to the City Council, through the City Manager, a quarterly statement of all receipts and disbursements in sufficient detail to show the exact financial condition of the City; as of the end of each fiscal year and within ~~one hundred and twenty~~ 120 days thereafter, submit to the City Council a summary statement

of receipts and disbursements by departments and funds, including opening and closing fund balances in the treasury, and cause said statement to be ~~published once in the official newspaper~~ made available for inspection by the public;

~~(g) Collect~~ (G) collect all taxes, assessments, license fees and other revenues of the City, or for whose collection the City is responsible, and receive all taxes or other money receivable by the City from the County, State or ~~Federal~~ federal government; or from any court or from any office, department or agency of the City;

~~(h) Have~~ (H) have custody of all public funds belonging to or under the control of the City or any office, department or agency of the City government and deposit all funds in such depository as may be designated by resolution of the City Council, or if no such resolution be adopted, by the City Manager, and in compliance with all the provisions of the State Constitution and the laws of the State governing the handling, depositing and securing of public funds; and

~~(i) Supervise~~ (I) supervise the keeping of current inventories of all personal property of the City by all City departments, offices and agencies.

~~Sec. 505.~~ Sec. 506.

City Council Authority to Add or Consolidate Functions

Assignment of Additional Functions or Duties. ~~of Officers and Employees.~~

(A) The City Council, may assign, by ordinance, ~~may assign or resolution~~, additional functions or duties to offices, departments or agencies established by this Charter, but may not discontinue or assign to any other office, department or agency any function or duty otherwise assigned by this Charter to a particular office, department or agency.

(B) Combining Powers and Duties of Offices. Where the positions are not incompatible, the City ~~Council~~ Manager may combine in one person the powers and duties of two or more offices created or provided for in the Charter, subject to City Council approval. No office provided in this Charter to be filled by appointment by the City Manager may be combined with an office provided in this Charter to be filled by appointment by the City Council.

(C) ~~However, the Transfer To or Consolidation With State, County, or Other City Governments.~~ ~~The~~ City Council may also transfer or consolidate functions of the City government to or with appropriate functions of the State ~~or~~ County, or other city government, or may make use of such functions of the State ~~or~~ County-government, or other city governments to supplement or replace City functions. In such case, the provisions of this Charter providing for the function of the City government so transferred or consolidated ~~are~~ shall be suspended, and shall be covered by ordinance or resolution establishing such transfer or consolidation. Any such transfer or consolidation may be repealed in like manner.

Sec. 506–507.

Administering Oaths.

Each department head or ~~deputy~~their designee shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations ~~on~~in connection with any official business pertaining to that department, subject to the approval of the City Manager.

Sec. 507–Sec. 508.

Department Heads; Appointment Powers.

Each department head ~~and appointive officer~~ shall have the power to appoint and remove such deputies, assistants, subordinates and employees as are provided for by the City Council in the City's budget for their department ~~or office~~, subject to the civil service provisions, or as provided by ordinance of the Council as authorized by Charter Section 500~~(a) of this Charter~~, and subject to ~~prior~~the approval of the City Manager.

Sec. 508–Sec. 509.

Illegal Contracts; Financial Interest.

(A) Financial Interest Prohibited. No member of the City Council, department head, or other ~~officer~~Officer of the City (except a member of any board or commission), shall be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract, sale, or transaction to which the City is a party, or as otherwise described in Article 4 of Division 4 of Title 1 (commencing with Charter Section 1090) of the Government Code of the State.

~~No member of any board or commission shall be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract, sale or transaction to which the City is a party and which comes before the board or commission of which such person is a member, for approval or other official action or which pertains to the department, office or agency of the City with which such board or commission is connected.~~

(B) Forfeiture of Office in the Event of Violation. Any member of the City Council, department head, or other Officer of the City who has a financial interest in any contract, sale, or transaction made by such person in their official capacity, or by any body of which they are a member, in violation of Article 4 of Division 4 of Title 1 (commencing with Charter Section 1090) of the Government Code of the State, or any successor provision thereto, upon conviction thereof, and in addition to any other penalty imposed for such violation, shall forfeit their office or position of employment with the City.

(C) Option to Void Contract, Sale or Transaction. Any contract, sale, or transaction, in which there shall be such an interest, as specified in this ~~section~~Charter Section 509, shall become void at the election of the City, when so declared by resolution of the City Council.

~~No member of the City Council, department head or other officer of the City, or member of any board or commission shall be deemed to be financially interested, within the meaning of the foregoing provisions, in any contract made with a corporation where the only interest in the corporation is that of a stockholder and the stock so owned shall amount to less than three percent (3%) of all of the stock of such corporation issued and outstanding.~~

~~If any member of the City Council, department head or other officer of the City, or member of a board or commission shall be financially interested as aforesaid, upon conviction thereof, shall forfeit the office in addition to any other penalty which may be imposed for such violation of this Charter.~~

~~Sec. 509.~~ Sec. 510

Acceptance of Other Office.

Any ~~elective officer~~ full-time Elected Official of the City who ~~shall accept~~ accepts or ~~retain~~ retains any salaried public office, ~~except as provided in this Charter,~~ shall be deemed thereby to have vacated ~~said~~ their office under City government.

~~Sec. 510.~~ Sec. 511.

~~Nepotism.~~

Limitations on Appointment of Relatives.

(A) City Council. The City Council shall not appoint to a salaried position under the City government any person who is a relative by blood or marriage within the third degree of any one or more members of such City Council, provided that such prohibition shall not apply to persons who achieved permanent salaried status prior to the date upon which any such relative became elected or appointed to such City Council.

(B) Department Heads and Other Officers. No department head or other ~~officer~~ Officer having appointive power shall appoint to a salaried position under the City government any person who is a relative by such appointing authority within the third degree by blood or marriage, provided that such prohibition shall not apply to persons who achieved permanent salaried position prior to the effective date of such appointing authority assuming such position, and provided the City Manager ~~approved in writing~~ approves such appointment in writing.

~~Sec. 511—Sec. 512.~~Official Performance Bonds.

The City Council shall fix by ordinance or resolution which Officers shall give bonds for the performance of their official duties and fix the amounts and terms of ~~the official bonds of all officials or employees who are required by ordinance to give~~ such bonds. All bonds shall be executed by responsible corporate surety, shall be approved as to form by the City Attorney, and shall be filed with the City Clerk. Premiums on ~~official~~such bonds shall be ~~said~~paid by the City.

~~There shall be no personal liability upon, or any right to recover against, a superior officer, or his or her bond, for any wrongful act or omission of a subordinate, unless such superior officer was a part to, or conspired in, such wrongful act or omission.~~

~~Sec. 512—Sec. 513.~~

Oath of Office.

Each member of the City Council ~~and of~~, every board and commission member, and each ~~officer~~Officer, department head and full-time employee, before beginning the duties of ~~the~~their office, shall take, subscribe to and file with the City Clerk the ~~following required~~ oath of office under State law, or affirmation:

~~"I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I will, in all respects, observe the provisions of this Charter and the ordinances of the City of Chula Vista; that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of (here inserting the name of office) according to the best of my ability; and that I do not advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States by force or violence."~~

ARTICLE VI.

APPOINTIVE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Sec. 600.

In General.

There shall be the boards and commissions enumerated in this ~~article~~Article which shall have the powers and duties set forth in this Charter. In addition, the City Council, may create, by ordinance, such boards or

commissions as, in its judgment, are required and may grant to them such powers and duties as are consistent with the provisions of this Charter. Such boards and commissions shall consult with and advise the Mayor, Council or City Manager as may be provided herein or in the ordinances establishing such boards and commissions, but they shall have no authority to direct the conduct of any department.

Sec. 601.

Appropriations Funding and Compensation.

~~(a)~~ (A) Funding. The City Council shall include in its annual budget such appropriations of funds as in its opinion shall be sufficient for the efficient and proper functioning of ~~such~~ City boards and commissions.

~~(b)~~ (B) Compensation. ~~The~~ Unless otherwise specified by City ordinance, members of boards and commissions shall serve without compensation for their services ~~as such,~~ but may receive reimbursement for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred on official duty when such expenditures ~~have received authorization~~ are approved in advance by the City ~~Council~~ Manager in accordance with City policies.

Sec. 602.—

Appointments; Terms, and Vacancies.

~~(a)~~ (A) Appointments and Terms. The members of each ~~of such boards~~ City board or ~~commissions~~ commission shall be appointed, and shall be subject to removal, by ~~motion~~ action of the City Council ~~adopted by at least three affirmative votes.~~ The members ~~thereof~~ of such boards and commissions shall serve for a term of four ~~(4)~~ years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. ~~Members of such boards~~ Board and ~~commissions~~ commission members shall be limited to a maximum of two ~~(2)~~ consecutive terms and an interval of two ~~(2)~~ years must pass before a person who has served two ~~(2)~~ consecutive terms may be reappointed to the body upon which the member had served; ~~provided, further, that for.~~ For the purpose of this ~~section~~ Charter Section 602, an appointment to fill an initial term or an unexpired term of less than two ~~(2)~~ years in duration shall not be considered as a term; however, any appointment to fill an initial term or an unexpired term in excess of two ~~(2)~~ years shall be considered to be a full term.

~~(b)~~ (B) Initial Classification of Appointees. The members ~~first~~ appointed to such boards and commissions shall so classify themselves by lot so that ~~each succeeding the first day of July 1st of every year,~~ the term of one ~~(1)~~ of their number shall expire. If the total number of members of such body to be appointed exceeds four ~~(4)~~, the classification by lot shall provide for the grouping of terms to such an extent as is necessary in order that the term of at least one ~~(1)~~ member shall expire on ~~each succeeding the first day of July 1st of every year.~~

~~(eC)~~ *Vacancies.* Vacancies in any board or commission, ~~from whatever cause arising,~~ shall be filled by appointment by the City Council. Upon a vacancy occurring leaving an unexpired portion of a term, any appointment to fill such vacancy shall be for the unexpired portion of such term. ~~A board or commission member shall have been deemed to have vacated their position under any of the circumstances described in Charter Section 303(A)(2)-(10) with respect to City Councilmembers and the Mayor. Additionally, if a~~ member of a board or commission ~~(1) is absent from three (3) regular meetings of such body consecutively, unless by permission of such board or commission expressed in its official minutes, or (2) is convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, or (3) ceases to be a qualified elector Resident of the City, or (4) otherwise ceases to be qualified to hold such position, then such member shall forfeit their office and~~ the office shall become vacant ~~and shall be once~~ so declared by the City Council.

~~(dD)~~ *Eligibility.* All voting members of City boards and commissions ~~shall be qualified electors in the City of Chula Vista with the exception of Youth Commissioners who need only be residents~~ must be Residents of the City of Chula Vista. ~~The City~~ and at least 18 years of age. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City Council may appoint non-electors of the City of Chula Vista Residents to those boards and commissions which are ~~advisory only and whose duties involve regional issues~~ (1) where expressly allowed under this Charter for the boards and commissions specifically provided for herein, and (2) where the City Council has specifically provided for non-Residents to be qualified for boards and commissions created by ordinance. Appointment of non-electors Residents to such boards and commissions must be passed by at least four ~~affirmative votes, fifth~~ vote. The age requirement shall not apply to members of boards and commissions on which youth members are permitted to serve by City ordinance. ~~Red~~ Districting Commission members must also be registered voters of the City, pursuant to Charter Section ~~300.5903~~. No person may be appointed nor shall serve on more than one ~~of the Charter created boards board or commissions~~ commission simultaneously unless otherwise approved by the City Council in accordance with City Council policy.

Sec. 603.

Meetings; Chairman.

Meeting Procedures.

(A) Presiding Officer. As soon as practicable, following ~~the first day of~~ July 1st of every year, each ~~of such~~ boards and commissions shall ~~organize by electing~~ select one of its members to serve as presiding ~~officer~~ Officer for the ensuing year.

(B) Meetings. Each board or commission shall hold regular meetings as required by ordinance of the City Council, and such special meetings as such board or commission may require. All proceedings of Charter or City Council created boards and commissions shall be open to the public, except as authorized by applicable law.

~~The (C) Votes Required for Action.~~ Unless a higher number of votes is required by this Charter or by ordinance, the affirmative vote of a majority of the ~~entire membership of such~~ then appointed and sworn in board or commission members shall be necessary for it to take any action except to adjourn.

~~(D) Staff Liaison.~~ The City Manager shall designate a ~~secretary for the recording of~~ staff liaison to staff and record the minutes for each such board and commission, ~~who shall~~ and to keep a record of its proceedings and ~~transactions; actions.~~

~~(E) Additional Rules and Regulations Allowed.~~ Each board or commission may prescribe its own rules and regulations which shall be consistent with this Charter and ~~copies of which~~ other applicable laws. Such rules and regulations shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk where they shall be available for public inspection. ~~Each shall~~ If established by ordinance, a board or commission may have the same power as the City Council to compel the attendance of witnesses, to examine them under oath and to compel the production of evidence before it.

Sec. 604.

~~Oaths; Affirmations.~~

~~Each member of any such board or commission shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations in any investigations or proceedings pending before such board or commission.~~

~~Sec. 605.~~

Planning Commission.

~~(A) In General.~~ There shall be a City Planning Commission ~~consisting of seven (7) members~~ to be appointed by the City Council from the ~~qualified electors~~ Residents of the City, none of whom shall hold any paid office or employment in the City government. The number of members to comprise the ~~commission may~~ Planning Commission shall be ~~changed~~ established by ordinance of the City Council ~~to at~~ not less than five ~~(5)~~ nor more than nine ~~(9) members~~.

~~(The services of the Director of Public Works, City Attorney and Director of Building and Housing shall be made available to such commission.~~

~~B) Powers and Duties.~~ The Planning Commission shall have the power and duty to:

~~(a) Recomme~~ (1) recommend to the City Council, after a public hearing thereon, the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a Master amendments to the General Plan or any part thereof, a Sectional

Planning Area Plan, a General Development Plan, a Specific Plan, a Precise Plan, and Rezonings for the physical development of the City; and

~~(b) Exercise~~

(2) exercise such functions with respect to land subdivisions, planning, and zoning, use permits, and project design as may be prescribed by ordinance and State law.

(C) Staff Support. The services of the Director of Development Services, or their designee, and the City Attorney's Office shall be made available to support the activities of the Planning Commission.

~~Sec. 607.~~ Sec. 605.

Board of Library Trustees.

(A) In General. There shall be a Board of Library Trustees consisting of at least five ~~(5)~~ members to be appointed by the City Council from the ~~qualified electors~~ Residents of the City ~~and no~~. No member of said board shall hold any paid office or employment in the City government. The number of members to comprise the Board may be changed by ordinance of the City Council.

~~Sec. 608.~~

~~Board of Library Trustees;~~ (B) Powers and Duties.

The Board of Library Trustees shall have the power and duty to:

~~(1)~~ (1) Act in ~~any~~ an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to City libraries; and

~~(2)~~ (2) Recommend to the City Council the adoption of such ~~bylaws,~~ rules and regulations as it may deem necessary and appropriate for the administration and protection of ~~city~~ City libraries.

~~Sec. 609.~~ Sec. 606.

Civil Service Commission.

(A) In General. There shall be a Civil Service Commission consisting of five ~~(5)~~ members to be appointed by the City Council from the ~~qualified electors~~ Residents of the City, ~~none~~. No member of whom such commission shall hold any ~~salaried City-paid~~ office or employment in the City government.

(B) Appointment Process. The members of the Civil Service Commission shall be nominated and appointed in the following manner:

~~Two~~(1) ~~two~~ members shall be appointed by the City Council from a list of at least four ~~(4)~~ persons to be nominated by election of the employees in the Classified Service;

~~(2)~~ two ~~(2)~~ members shall be appointed by the City Council directly; and

~~(3)~~ the fifth member shall be appointed by the City Council from a list of three ~~(3)~~ persons nominated by the four ~~(4)~~ thus appointed. The successor of any member of the Commission shall be nominated and appointed in the same manner as such member was nominated and appointed.

~~The term of the members of the Civil Service Commission shall be four (4) years. Members shall hold office until their respective successors are appointed. The terms of members shall commence on the first day of July and as soon as practicable upon the appointment of three (3) members after ratification of this amendment, the Civil Service Commission shall organize by electing one of its members to serve as chairman at the pleasure of the Commission. All proceedings of said Commission shall be open to the public and a majority vote of the entire membership of such Commission shall be necessary for it to take action.~~

~~Sec. 610.~~

~~Civil Service Commission;~~(C) *Powers and Duties.*

~~The~~ Civil Service Commission shall have the power and ~~be required~~duty to:

~~(a)~~ (1) Recommend to the City Council, after a public hearing thereon, the adoption, amendment or repeal of civil service rules and regulations not in conflict with this ~~article~~Article;

~~(b)~~ (2) Hear appeals of any person in the Classified Service relative to any suspension, demotion or dismissal;

~~(c)~~ (3) Conduct any investigation which it may consider desirable concerning the administration of personnel in the municipal service and report its findings to the City Council; and

~~(d)~~ (4) Such other duties and powers as the City Council may, by ordinance or resolution, confer upon the Commission in order to carry out the principles of civil service in accordance with the laws of the State ~~of California~~ and this Charter and to assist in the implementation of proper employer-employee relations.

~~Sec. 611.~~ Sec. 607.

Parks and Recreation Commission.

(A) In General. There shall be a Parks and Recreation Commission consisting of at least five ~~(5)~~ members to be appointed by the City Council from the ~~qualified electors~~Residents of the City ~~and no~~ No member of said

Commission shall hold any paid office or employment in the City government. The number and qualifications of members to comprise the commission may be changed by ordinance of the City Council.

~~In the event the City Council contracts with other agencies interested in recreation and parks for joint exercise of any such functions, such contract may provide for representation on the Commission of representatives of such agencies during the existence of such contract or extensions thereof.~~

~~Sec. 612.~~

~~Parks and Recreation Commission;~~(B) *Powers and Duties.*

~~The~~ Parks and Recreation Commission shall have the power and duty to:

~~(a)~~ (1) Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to parks, recreation centers, sports fields and playgrounds;

~~(b)~~ (2) Consider the annual budget for parks and recreation purposes during the process of its preparation and make recommendations with respect thereto to the City Council and the City Manager, and

~~(c)~~ (3) Assist in the planning of a recreation program for the inhabitants of the City, promote and stimulate public interest therein and, to that end, solicit to the fullest extent possible the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies interested therein.

ARTICLE VII. CIVIL SERVICE

Sec. 700.

~~Merit Principle.~~

Composition of the City Workforce.

The City workforce shall be comprised of Unclassified Service employees and Classified Service Employees.

Appointments and promotions in the Classified Service of the City shall be made according to merit and fitness and from eligible lists to be established in accordance with civil service rules and regulations adopted in the manner provided in this Charter.

Sec. 701.

Unclassified and Classified Service Designations.

The ~~Civil Service~~ employees of the City shall be divided into the Unclassified Service and the Classified Service ~~as follows~~:

(~~a~~A) *Unclassified Service*. The Unclassified Service shall include the following ~~officers~~ Officers and positions:

(1) ~~All elective officers~~ all Elected Officials;

~~(2) City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Director of Finance, City Clerk, City Attorney, Assistant or Deputy City Attorneys, a private secretary to the City Manager, a private secretary to the Mayor and Council, a private secretary to the City Attorney, department heads; or as provided in Section 500 of this Charter.~~

(2) the positions expressly identified as "Unclassified" in Charter Section 500;

(3) ~~All~~ all members of boards and commissions;

(4) ~~Positions~~ positions in any class or grade created for a special or, temporary purpose and which may exist for a period of not more than ninety (90) days in any one calendar year;

(5) ~~Persons~~ persons employed to render professional, scientific, technical or expert service of any occasional and exceptional character;

(6) ~~Part~~ part-time employees paid on an hourly or per diem basis; ~~and~~

(7) ~~Persons~~ persons employed to fill positions which have been created for work and/or projects funded entirely or in part by grants made to the City ~~or as provided and as designated by the City Council pursuant to Section 500 of this Charter; and~~

(8) ~~The City may place Assistant and Deputy Department Heads, Assistants to the City Manager and new any additional~~ management level positions in the Unclassified ~~service~~ Service approved by an ordinance adopted by a four-fifth's vote ~~of the City Council in accordance with Charter Section 500(D).~~

(~~b~~B) *Classified Service*. The Classified Service shall comprise all positions not specifically included by this ~~section~~ Charter Section 701 in the Unclassified Service.

Sec. 702.

Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

The Civil Service rules and regulations shall provide for the following matters, in addition to such others as the ~~Civil Service Commission~~City Council may deem necessary, proper or ~~expedient~~appropriate to carry on the intent and purpose of the Civil Service provisions of this Charter.

(~~a~~)A) The classification of all positions in the ~~classified service~~Classified Service.

(~~b~~)B) The selection, employment, advancement, suspension, demotion, and discharge ~~and retirement~~ of all persons in the Classified Service.

(~~c~~)C) The recruitment of applicants for City positions through public advertisement inviting applications and by the establishment of lists according to the merit and fitness of the applicants, to be determined by free examinations in accordance with such rules.

(~~D~~) The holding of promotional examinations to fill vacancies where promotional examinations are practicable in the opinion of the Civil Service Commission.

(~~d~~)E) The process for certification of ~~three~~ names ~~standing highest on~~from the eligible list to ~~the appointing authority to fill a position in the Classified Service, unless including the role of the Civil Service Commission, with the consent of the appointing power, authorized the certification of less than three names on an eligible list and, in the opinion of such Commission and such appointing power, conditions warrant such action process.~~

Sec. 703.

Appointments from Classified Service Positions.

In the event an ~~officer~~Officer or employee of the City holding a position in the Classified Service is appointed to a position in the Unclassified Service, ~~and should, within six months thereafter be, such Officer or employee is removed or resign therefrom~~resigns from such Unclassified Service position, the ~~officer~~Officer or employee shall revert to their former position in the Classified Service without loss of any rights or privileges and upon the same terms and conditions as though service had been continuous in said position.

Sec. 704.

Temporary Appointments.

~~(a)-(A) Heads of Departments.~~ Temporary appointments to the head of any department where a vacancy may occur shall be made by the City Manager, subject to Council ~~approval.~~ ratification if the duration of the ~~for any appointment of longer than exceeds one year~~.

~~(b)-(B) Classified Service.~~ Temporary appointments for positions in the Classified Service shall be made by the head of each department in which such a vacancy may occur, subject to the approval of the City Manager, of persons not on the eligible list in the event that no eligible list has been prepared for this position, or that those on the eligible list are not immediately available, or during the suspension of an employee or ~~officer~~ Officer, or pending final action on proceedings to review a suspension, demotion or dismissal of an employee or ~~officer~~ Officer. Such temporary appointments ~~shall not~~ may continue for ~~a longer period than six months up to one year.~~ No credit shall be allowed in the giving of examinations for service rendered under a temporary appointment.

Sec. 705. _

Abolishment of Positions; Rights of Reinstatement.

Whenever in the judgment of the City Council it becomes necessary in the interest of economy or because the necessity for the position involved no longer exists, the City Council may abolish or reduce any position ~~or employment(s)~~ in the Classified Service ~~and discharge or reduce the position or employment.~~ Should such employee or officer holding such position or employment involving all or the major part of the same duties be reinstated or created within two years, the employee or ~~officer~~ Officer discharged or reduced shall be entitled to be appointed thereto in preference to any other qualified persons on the eligible list for such position.

Sec. 706.

Contract for Performance of Administrative Functions.

The City, with approval of the City Council, may contract with the governing body of a city or county within this ~~state~~ State, or with a ~~state~~ State department or other public or private agency for the preparation or conducting of examinations for positions in the City service or for the performance of any other personnel administration service.

Sec. 707.

Improper Political Activity.

No elective or appointive ~~officer~~Officer or employee of the City of Chula Vista, whether employed in the Classified or Unclassified Service, shall:

~~(a) Directly~~(A) directly or indirectly use, promise, threaten or attempt to use any official influence in the aid of any partisan political activity, or to affect the result of any election to partisan or political office or ~~upon any other corrupt condition or otherwise act or fail to act, in their official capacity as a result of any or partisan or political~~ consideration;

~~(b) Solicit~~(B) solicit or coerce from any other ~~officer~~Officer or employee of the City of Chula Vista, any political ~~assessment, subscription, payment, or contribution; or membership; or~~

~~(c) Use~~(C) use any office or position with the City in any activity in support or opposition to any person running for ~~the City of Chula Vista Council or Mayor~~any elected office.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent any such ~~officer~~Officer or employee from becoming or continuing to be a member of a political club or organization, or from attendance at a political meeting, or from enjoying entire freedom from all interference in casting their vote or from seeking or accepting election or appointment to public office. ~~Any willful violation thereof or violation through culpable negligence shall be sufficient grounds to authorize the discharge of an officer or employee.~~

Any willful violation, or violation through gross negligence, of the prohibitions in this Charter Section 707, in addition to any other remedies provided in this Charter for violations hereof, shall be sufficient grounds to authorize the discharge of an Officer or employee from their employment with the City.

No person in the Unclassified or Classified Service, or seeking admission thereto, shall be employed, promoted, demoted or discharged, or in any way favored or discriminated against because of political opinions or affiliations or because of race or religious belief, except that no one shall be eligible to hold a position with this City who advocates the overthrow of our form of government by force or violence.

ARTICLE VIII. RETIREMENT

Sec. 800.

State System.

Plenary authority and power are hereby vested in the City, its City Council and its several ~~officers~~Officers, agents and employees to do and perform any act, or exercise any authority granted, permitted, or required

under the provisions of the State Employees' Retirement Act, as it now exists or may hereafter be replaced or amended, to enable said City to continue as a contracting city participating in the said retirement system. The City Council may terminate any such contract with the Board of Administration of the State Employees' Retirement System only under authority granted by ordinance adopted by a majority vote of the electors of the City, voting on such proposition at any election at which such proposal is presented.

ARTICLE IX.- ELECTIONS

Sec. 900.

In General ~~Municipal Elections; Terms.~~

(A) Procedure for Holding Elections. ~~General.~~ Unless otherwise provided in this Charter or by ordinance, all municipal elections shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Elections Code for the holding of elections in general law cities.

(B) Timing. ~~Primary~~ municipal elections for the election of Mayor ~~and~~ Councilmembers, ~~and City Attorney,~~ and for such purposes as the City Council may describe, shall be held in the City of Chula Vista on the same date in each election year as the ~~California State primary elections.~~ State primary elections. ~~General municipal elections for the election of Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Attorney, and for such purposes as the City Council may describe, shall be held in the City of Chula Vista on the same date in each election year as the State general elections.~~

(C) Nominations. Only a Resident and registered voter of the City can nominate a person to be a candidate for Mayor and to be a candidate for City Attorney. Only a Resident and registered voter of a district can nominate a person to be a candidate for Councilmember for that district. For any election contest, no person can nominate more than one candidate for a single office.

~~(A)(D)~~ Designation of Council District. Each Council district shall be numbered one ~~(1)~~ through four ~~(4)~~ respectively. Any person running for the office of Councilmember shall designate one of the numbered Council districts; as the office for which such person seeks election on their nominating papers. ~~one of the numbered Council districts as memorialized by resolution of the Chula Vista City Council on file in the office of the City Clerk.~~ Should a vacancy occur at any time in any Council district, if said vacancy is to be filled by a special election as provided in Charter Section 901303 of the Charter, candidates for said vacancy shall similarly designate the appropriate numbered district on their nominating papers.

(E) Mail Ballot Option Allowed in Limited Circumstances. Subject to the requirements of State law, elections for ballot measures, may, at the discretion of the City Council, be conducted by means of a mailed ballot. Elections to choose Elected Officials, however, may not be conducted by mail ballot except for special elections to fill vacancies as provided in Charter Sections 303 and 503(G).

Sec. 901.**Primary, General, and Special Municipal Elections.**

(A) Primary Municipal Elections. In the ~~general primary~~ municipal election for Councilmembers, the voters in each district from which a Councilmember is to be elected shall be entitled to vote for one ~~(1)~~ candidate from their district. ~~and the two (2) candidates for Councilmember in each district receiving the highest and second highest number of votes cast by the voters of their district shall be the candidates in a run-off the general municipal election to be held on the same date as the statewide election date in November immediately following the general primary municipal election. (if no statewide election is conducted, then on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each even numbered year). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if only two qualified candidates from a Council district for the office of Mayor, or for a Councilmember district seat, file nomination papers to participate in the general primary municipal election in that district for such office, no general primary municipal election shall be held for such office, and the two~~ Instead, such candidates shall be the only two candidates at the run-off in the general municipal election for that office ~~the office of City Councilmember from that district~~. If two or more candidates ~~from a district for an office~~ tie in the receipt of the highest number of votes for such office in the ~~general primary~~ municipal election, all such candidates shall appear on the ~~run-off general municipal~~ election ballot and no for such office to the exclusion of all other candidate(s). ~~receiving the second highest number of votes shall appear on the run-off election ballot.~~ If one candidate ~~from a district for an office~~ receives the highest number of votes and two or more candidates ~~from the same district for that same office~~ tie in the receipt of the second-highest number of votes, all such candidates for such office shall appear on the ~~run-off general municipal~~ election ballot. These same rules apply for the Mayoral and City Attorney elections, except without reference to districts.

(B) General Municipal Election. ~~If no statewide election is conducted, the general municipal election will be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each even numbered year. In the run-off general municipal election for Councilmembers, the voters in each district from which a Councilmember is to be elected shall be entitled to vote for one (1) candidate from their each district. for which a Councilmember is to be elected, and the~~ candidate for Councilmember from each such district receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be elected. Ties at any general municipal election shall be resolved by random selection method chosen and administered by the City Clerk. These same rules apply for the Mayoral and City Attorney elections, except without reference to districts.

(C) Special Municipal Elections. All other municipal elections that may be held by authority of this Charter, or of any law, shall be known as special municipal elections.

Sec. 902**Procedure for Holding Elections, Special Rules for Candidates.**

(A) Write-in Candidates. In order to participate as a write-in candidate in a municipal election, a prospective write-in candidate must qualify to run in the primary municipal election pursuant to the standards set forth in

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this Charter Section 902 and State law. In order to participate in a run-off general municipal election, a qualified write-in candidate must be one of the top two vote getters for the seat for which they qualified in the primary municipal election per the standards set forth above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a primary municipal election is cancelled for any office because two or less candidates qualify for such election, a write-in candidate may qualify to participate as a candidate for such office in the general election by qualifying to run as a write-in candidate for such general election under State law. Except as expressly provided in this paragraph, no write-in candidate shall be eligible to run for office in any municipal election.

~~(A) Death of a Candidate. Unless otherwise provided by ordinance hereafter enacted, all elections shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Elections Code of the State of California, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, for the holding of elections in general law cities so far as the same are not in conflict with this Charter. Said elections except for Councilmembers and Mayor may, at the discretion of the City Council, be conducted by means of a mailed ballot eliminating customary polling place operations. If one of the two eligible candidates in a run-off general municipal election dies, on or before the ninetieth day prior to a special run-off election required under this Section and the City Clerk is notified of and confirms the death on or before the deadline to file the names of the candidates with the County elections official for such election, the deceased candidate's or her name shall not be placed on the ballot. Instead, immediately upon confirming the death, the City Clerk shall offer, in writing, to the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes in the primary general municipal election, for the office of Councilmember or the office of Mayor shall be offered by the City Clerk, the opportunity to be placed on the ballot in lieu of the deceased. Such candidate shall notify the City Clerk shall make the offer in writing immediately upon notification of the death. The candidate shall accept or reject in writing whether they have accepted or rejected the offer to the Clerk within five calendar days of receipt of the City Clerk's offer. Any acceptance must be accompanied by all required candidate documents for that election. If the candidate timely accepts, and timely files the required documents, they will be added to the ballot and the run-off general municipal election will be held. If the candidate rejects the offer or fails to timely respond accepted, the special run-off election between the remaining candidate and the candidate receiving the third highest number shall be held. If rejected, there shall be no run-off election, and the remaining candidate shall be deemed elected as of the date of the such death of the deceased candidate was confirmed.~~

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Sec. 903.

Redistricting Commission Establishment and Redistricting Process.

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(A) Establishment of ~~City~~ Redistricting Commission; Composition; Powers and Duties.

(1) Establishment of Commission. Separate and distinct from the commissions provided for in Article VI of this Charter, there shall be established a seven (7) member Redistricting Commission, hereinafter "Commission," for the initial purposes of recommending to the City Council the Council districts by which Councilmembers shall be elected, and thereafter recommending to the City Council adjustments to the boundaries of such the City's Council districts in response to shifts or increases in district populations indicated in each Federal Decennial Census and other factors more particularly set forth in this Charter Section 903. As used in this Charter Section 903, the term "Federal Decennial Census" shall mean the national

~~decennial census that is taken under the direction of the United States Congress at the beginning of each decade, periodically recommending to the City Council adjustments to the boundaries of such Council districts.~~

~~(2) Redistricting Plan Recommendations. The first Commission established under this Section shall recommend, and the City Council shall approve, a Districting Plan establishing four (4) Council districts in a timely manner, but no later than February 1, 2016, for use in the 2016 general municipal election. Thereafter, future Each~~ Commissions shall recommend, and the City Council shall approve, a ~~Red~~Districting Plan for adjusting the boundaries of the four ~~(4)~~ Council districts within one ~~(1)~~ year of receipt ~~by the City~~ of the final Federal Decennial Census information for use commencing with the next scheduled ~~general-primary~~ municipal election occurring at least three ~~(3)~~ months after adoption of the Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan. ~~The City Council may amend this timeline, or other timelines set forth in this Charter Section 903, by resolution, as necessary to respond to State statutory deadlines or other exigent circumstances. As used in this Section, the term "Federal Decennial Census" shall mean the national decennial census that is taken under the direction of the United States Congress at the beginning of each decade.~~

~~(3) Consultants. As necessary, —One or more , as necessary,~~ independent consultants experienced and competent in the skills necessary for the ~~red~~istricting work shall be utilized to assist the Commission in developing the ~~Red~~Districting Plans detailed in this ~~Charter~~ Section 903.

(B) *Ordinances Implementing ~~Red~~Districting Commission Powers and Duties; Appropriations to Support ~~Red~~Districting Commission.*

(1) The City Council shall adopt such ordinances as are necessary to provide for and support the Commission, and to ensure timely selection of Commission members and full implementation of the Commission's powers and duties under this ~~Charter~~ Section 903.

(2) The City Council shall ensure, through the budget process, the appropriation of funds sufficient to allow the Commission to carry out its powers and duties under this ~~Charter~~ Section 903.

(C) *Eligibility to Serve on the Commission.*

(1) Only persons who are both ~~R~~esidents and registered voters of the City ~~or territory annexed to the City~~ are eligible to apply for and serve on the Commission.

(2) Notwithstanding that they may be a ~~R~~esident and registered voter of the City ~~or territory annexed to the City~~, the following persons are ineligible to apply for and serve on the Commission:

(a) the Mayor, a Councilmember, any other ~~E~~lected ~~City~~ Official, or a member of the City Charter Review Commission;

(b) a relative by blood or marriage within the second degree, or any domestic partner within the meaning of California law (including Family Code section 297), of the Mayor, any Councilmember, or any other ~~E~~lected ~~City~~ Official;

(c) a person who, at any time within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of their application for selection to the Commission, has served as the Mayor, a Councilmember, or an Elected City Official;

(d) a current employee of the City or a current employee of any organization representing any employee bargaining unit for employees of the City;

(e) a person who, at any time within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of their application for selection to the Commission, has worked as a lobbyist. For purposes of this provision, the term “lobbyist” means a person who, for compensation, has direct communication with a City official, including the Mayor, a Councilmember, or any Elected City Official, for purposes of influencing a municipal decision;

(f) a person who is currently an officer in any local political party organization, including, but not limited to, officers of a political party county central committee; and

(g) a person who, at any time within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of their application for selection to the Commission, has served as a paid campaign worker or paid campaign or political consultant for an Elected City Official.

(D) *Selection of Commission Members; Filling of Vacancies.*

(1) The City Charter Review Commission shall review and verify the information contained in the applications submitted by persons interested in serving on the Commission, including applicants’ eligibility to serve on the Commission under ~~Subdivision Charter Section 903 (C) of this Section.~~ From the reviewed and verified applications, the City Charter Review Commission shall select ten (10) persons to constitute the pool of eligible applicants ~~for purposes of this Subdivision.~~

(2) Four (4) Commission Members shall be randomly selected from the pool of eligible applicants.

(3) Three (3) Commission Members shall be selected by the randomly selected Commission Members from the pool of eligible applicants, subject to approval by the City Council. The goal of such selections shall be to ensure that, to the extent possible and as permitted by law, the Commission includes:

(a) ~~women and men persons~~ -who reflect the racial, ethnic, gender and geographic diversity of the City;

(b) persons who have relevant knowledge and/or demonstrated analytical abilities that would allow the Commission to carry out its responsibilities with a high degree of competence;

(c) persons who have demonstrated the ability to serve impartially in a nonpartisan role;

(d) persons who have experience in the areas of public communication and/or public outreach in the City; and

(e) persons who have experience in civic and/or volunteer activities in the City.

The City Council shall approve nominees for selection to the Commission unless the City Council finds by ~~at least four (4) affirmative~~ a four-fifths votes that the approval of one or more of the nominees would be inconsistent with this goal. In such case, the City Council shall approve for selection to the Commission one or more persons from the remaining pool of eligible applicants.

(4) In the event that not enough eligible persons apply for the Commission to allow selection in the manner provided in ~~Charter Section 903 (D) Paragraphs 1, 2, or 3 of this Subdivision~~, the City Council shall appoint persons as necessary to fill all seven ~~(7)~~ seats on the Commission. Such appointments shall be consistent with the eligibility restrictions in ~~Subdivision Charter Section 903(C) of this Section~~ and the goals described in ~~Paragraph 3 of this Subdivision~~ Charter Section 903(D)(3).

~~(5) The Members of the first Commission provided for in this Section shall be determined no later than May 1, 2015. Thereafter, the Members of subsequent Commissions shall be determined no later than May 1 of each year following the year in which the Federal Decennial Census is taken.~~

~~(6) Vacancies. A vacancy of the Commission shall be declared for the same reasons described in Charter Section 602(C). Vacancies on the Commission, from whatever cause arising, shall, if possible, be filled using the same process described in Paragraph 3 of this Subdivision Charter Section 903(D), and if not possible, then by the City Council consistent with the eligibility restrictions in Subdivision Charter Section 903(C) of this Section and the goals described in Paragraph 3 of this Subdivision Charter Section 903(D). A vacancy on the Commission shall be declared for the same reasons described in Article VI, Section 602(e) of this Charter.~~ Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled within ~~forty-five~~ 45 days of the date upon which the vacancy existed.

(E) *Commission Member Compensation; Restriction on Commission Members Seeking Election to City Council.*

(1) Commission Members shall serve without compensation ~~for their services as such~~, but may receive reimbursement for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred on official duty when such expenditures have received authorization by the City Council.

(2) A person who serves as a Commission Member is ineligible to serve on, and shall not submit nomination papers to the City Clerk to seek election to, the City Council in any district whose boundaries were drawn or adjusted by the Commission on which such person served for a period of four ~~(4)~~ years immediately following the end of the person's service on the Commission.

(F) Redistricting Criteria. The Commission and City Council shall adhere to the following criteria in considering and approving or disapproving any Redistricting Plan:

- (1) District shall have reasonably equal populations as required by the ~~F~~ederal and State constitutions.
- (2) District boundaries shall be geographically compact and contiguous.

(3) District boundaries shall follow visible natural and man-made features, street lines and/or City boundary lines whenever possible.

(4) District boundaries shall respect communities of interest to the extent practicable. A community of interest is defined as a geographic area comprised of ~~R~~esidents who share similar interests including, but not limited to, social, cultural, ethnic, geographic or economic interests, or formal government or quasi-governmental relationships, but not including relationships with political parties, incumbents, or candidates.

(5) District boundaries shall be drawn without regard for advantage or disadvantage to incumbents or challengers.

(6) District boundaries shall be drawn without regard for advantage or disadvantage to any political party.

(G) *Procedures for Creation of Draft and Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plans.* The Commission and City shall abide by the following procedure in any ~~re~~districting process:

(1) The Commission and City should actively encourage City ~~r~~esidents to participate in the ~~re~~districting process. Such efforts should include, but not be limited to, encouraging City ~~R~~esidents to attend Commission meetings ~~and~~ ~~r~~provide public comments to the Commission, and facilitating the submission of ~~re~~districting plans for consideration by the Commission. To the extent practicable, Commission meetings should be held in different geographic areas of the City so as to facilitate participation by persons residing in different areas of the City.

(2) The Commission shall approve a Draft ~~Red~~Districting Plan based on application of the ~~re~~districting criteria specified in ~~Subdivision-Charter Section 903(F) of this Section~~ and consideration of all public comments submitted ~~to it~~. Approval of a Draft ~~Red~~Districting Plan shall require the affirmative vote of at least five ~~(5)~~ Commission members. The Commission shall hold at least two ~~(2)~~ public meetings prior to approving a Draft ~~D~~~~Red~~istricting Plan.

(3) A Draft ~~Red~~Districting Plan approved by the Commission shall be made publicly available for at least thirty ~~(30)~~ days before the Commission may take any action to approve a Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan. The Commission shall hold at least two ~~(2)~~ public meetings between the release of a Draft ~~Red~~Districting Plan and approval of a Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan; provided ~~, however,~~ that the first such public meeting shall not be held sooner than seven ~~(7)~~ days following the release of a Draft ~~Red~~Districting Plan.

(4) The Commission shall thereafter approve a Recommended ~~D~~~~Red~~istricting Plan for consideration by the City Council. Approval of a Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan shall require the affirmative vote of at least five ~~(5)~~ Commission Members.

(5) For each Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan prepared by the Commission and submitted to the City Council, the Commission shall prepare a report that describes the process, criteria, and evidence used by the Commission to prepare the Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan. Such a report shall accompany any Recommended ~~D~~~~Red~~istricting Plan submitted by the Commission to the City Council.

(H) *City Council Consideration of Recommended ~~D~~Redistricting Plan; Approval of Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan.*

(1) The City Council shall hold at least one ~~(4)~~ public hearing on the Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan of the Commission before the City Council takes any action to approve or disapprove the Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan.

(2) The Recommended ~~D~~Redistricting Plan shall be made publicly available for at least fourteen ~~(14)~~ days before any vote by the City Council to approve or disapprove a Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan.

(3) The City Council shall not alter the Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan. Rather, the City Council shall approve or disapprove the Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan in its entirety.

(4) If the City Council approves a Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan it shall immediately become the Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan which shall be implemented by the City.

(5) If the City Council disapproves a Recommended ~~D~~Redistricting Plan, the City Council shall immediately state in writing to the Commission the reasons for such disapproval, including any deviations by the Commission from the ~~red~~istricting criteria specified in ~~Subdivision-Charter Section 903(F) of this Section~~. Thereafter, the Commission shall consider the City Council's stated reasons for disapproval and may consider and approve alterations to the Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan in response to those reasons. After such consideration, the Commission shall submit its Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan to the City Council for immediate implementation by the City. Approval of such Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan shall require the affirmative vote of five ~~(5)~~ Commission Members.

(I) *Referendum or Legal Challenge to Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan.*

(1) Any Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan approved under this ~~Charter~~ Section 903 shall be subject to the referendum provisions of this Charter. ~~If a referendum qualifies against the Final Districting Plan approved by the first Commission established under this Section, the City shall continue to elect Councilmembers at large until an election on the referendum is held.~~ If a referendum qualifies against any Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan approved ~~by a subsequent Commission under this Charter Section 903~~, the City shall continue to elect Councilmembers by district elections as provided in ~~Charter~~ Section 3900 using ~~the~~ existing Council districts until an election on the referendum is held. In either event, if the voters approve such a Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan, the Council districts established in the Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan shall become effective as soon as practicable. If the voters reject such a Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan, the Commission shall, as soon as practicable, prepare and submit a new Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan for consideration and approval by the City Council consistent with the process described in ~~Subdivision G of this Charter~~ Section 903(G).

(2) If a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates a Final ~~Red~~Districting Plan, the Commission shall, as soon as practicable, prepare and submit a new Recommended ~~Red~~Districting Plan for consideration and

approval by the City Council consistent with the process described in ~~Subdivision Charter Section 903(G) of this Section.~~

(J) *Dissolution of ~~Red~~ Districting Commission.* Each Commission established under ~~this Charter~~ -Section 903 shall cease operations and dissolve on the ninety-first day following approval of a Final ~~Red~~ Districting Plan, unless a referendum against the Final ~~Red~~ Districting Plan has qualified or a lawsuit has been filed to enjoin or invalidate the Final ~~Red~~ Districting Plan, in which case the Commission shall continue operations until a Final ~~Red~~ Districting Plan is implemented by the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a lawsuit to enjoin or invalidate a Final ~~Red~~ Districting Plan is filed later than the ninety-first day following approval of a Final ~~Red~~ Districting Plan, the Commission shall automatically revive and continue operations during the pendency of such lawsuit and until a Final ~~Red~~ Districting Plan is implemented by the City.

Sec. 904.

Initiative, Referendum and Recall.

There are hereby reserved to the electors of the City the powers of ~~the initiative and,~~ referendum, and ~~of the recall of municipal elective officers. The provisions~~ Elected Officials subject to the terms and conditions of the ~~Elections Code Elections Code of the State of California, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended governing the initiative and referendum and of the recall of municipal officers, shall apply to the use thereof in the City so far as to the extent~~ such provisions of the ~~Elections Code Elections Code~~ are not in conflict with this Charter.

~~Sec. 904.~~ Sec. 905.

Regulations of Campaign Contributions.

It is the policy of the City to avoid the potential for undue or improper influence over ~~elected officials~~ Elected Officials resulting from excessive campaign contributions. In furtherance of that purpose, the City Council shall adopt reasonable regulations related to campaign contributions which shall be contained in the ~~City~~ Municipal Code.

ARTICLE X. FISCAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1000.

Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the City-~~government~~ shall begin on the first day of July each year and end on the thirtieth day of June of the following year.

Sec. 1001.

Annual Budget- Preparation by the City Manager.

The City Manager shall set a date for obtaining from each department head or other responsible City ~~officer~~Officer estimates of revenues and expenditures for ~~the particular~~their department or office ~~detailed for~~the upcoming fiscal year in such ~~manner as may be prescribed by form~~ the City Manager prescribes. In preparing the proposed budget, the City Manager shall review the estimates and confer with the party submitting such estimates and revise such estimates as ~~deemed advisable~~the City Manager deems appropriate.

Sec. 1002.

Budget- Submission to the City Council.

At least thirty-five days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the City Manager shall submit the City Manager's proposed budget to the City Council. After reviewing same and making such revisions as it may deem advisable, the City Council shall ~~determine the time for the holding of a public hearing thereon and shall cause to be published a notice thereof not less than ten days prior to said hearing, by at least one insertion in the official newspaper. Copies of the proposed budget shall be~~ (1) conditionally approve such budget as the City Council's proposed budget, (2) set a public hearing no sooner than ten days thereafter at which the City Council shall hear and consider all public testimony and be authorized then to take final action to approve a final City budget, and (3) direct that copies of the proposed budget be made available for inspection by the public in the office of the City Clerk at least ten days prior to said hearing.

Sec. 1003.

Budget- Public Hearing on the City Council's Proposed Budget.

At the properly noticed time ~~so advertised~~ and date for the public hearing, or at any time to which such public hearing shall ~~from time to time be adjourned~~ be continued, the City Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed budget, ~~at which interested persons desiring to be heard shall be given such opportunity and consider all public testimony presented.~~

Sec. 1004.

Final Budget- Further Consideration and Adoption.

After the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council shall (1) further consider the proposed budget- ~~and, (2) make any revisions thereof that it thereto they may deem advisable and based on any new information, considerations, or before June 30, it shall~~ testimony presented, and (3) adopt the budget with revisions, if any, by the affirmative votes of at least three members. City Council action to approve the budget must be taken by no later than June 30. Upon final adoption, the budget shall be in effect for the ensuing fiscal year. A copy thereof, certified by the City Clerk, ~~shall be filed with the person retained by the City Council to perform auditing functions for the Council and a further copy~~ shall be placed and shall remain on file in the Office of the City Clerk where it shall be available for inspection. The budget so certified shall be reproduced and copies made available for the use of departments, offices, and agencies of the City.

Sec. 1005.

Budget- Appropriations; Amendment.

From the effective date of the budget, the several amounts stated therein as proposed expenditures shall be and become appropriated to the several departments, offices, and agencies for the respective objects and purposes therein named. All appropriations shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year to the extent that they shall not have been expended or lawfully encumbered except appropriations for specific capital projects incomplete at the end of the fiscal year. At any meeting after the adoption of the budget, the City Council may amend or supplement the budget by motion adopted by ~~the an~~ affirmative ~~votes of at least four members-fifths vote.~~

Sec. 1006.

~~Tax Taxes.~~*Limits.*

(A) The tax limit for any ad valorem tax on real property shall be as prescribed by Article XIII A of the Constitution of the State of California.

~~Sec. 1007.~~~~Tax System.~~

(B) *Procedures.* To the extent permitted by the State Constitution, the procedure for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes upon property, taxable for municipal purposes may be prescribed by ordinance of the City Council.

Sec. 1008.

Bonded Debt ~~Limit.~~ *Limitations.*

(A) *Assessed Valuation Limits.* The City shall not incur an indebtedness evidenced by general obligation bonds which shall in the aggregate exceed the sum of ~~fifteen percent (15%)~~ 15% of the total assessed valuation, for the purposes of City taxation, of all the real and personal property within the City.

(B) *Voting Requirements.* No bonded indebtedness which shall constitute a general obligation of the City may be created unless authorized by the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the electors voting on such proposition at any election at which the question is submitted to the electors and unless in full compliance with the provisions of the State Constitution and of this Charter. No bonds payable out of any revenues of the City or of any department thereof, shall be issued without assent of a majority of the voters voting upon the proposition of issuing the same, at an election at which such propositions shall have been duly submitted to the qualified electors of the City, except to the extent State law provides otherwise for general law cities.

(C) *Special Rules for Public Utilities and Industrial or Commercial Facilities.* The City may issue bonds, notes or other obligations, any portions of the proceeds of which will be used to finance in whole or in part the acquisition, construction, equipping or improvement of any public utility, industrial or commercial facility and which will be payable in whole or in part out of any revenues derived from the operation of such public utility system or payments received from such industrial or commercial facility without the assent of the voters provided that neither the faith and credit of the City or any department thereof nor the taxing power of the City is pledged to the payment of principal or interest of such bonds, notes or other obligations.

(D) Other Limitations. All other limitations, terms and procedures for the City’s issuance of debt shall be governed by State law applicable to Charter cities and/or to the extent allowed by State law or City ordinance.

Sec. 1009.

Contracts on Public Works.

When the City contracts for the construction, reconstruction, improvement or repair (excluding routine maintenance) of public buildings, streets, drains, sewers, utilities, parks, playgrounds and similar public facilities (each a “Public Work” and collectively, “Public Works”), the furnishing of labor, supplies, materials, equipment or other contractual services for same shall be done by written contract approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney.

The City Council shall, by ordinance, adopt specific policies and procedures for the award of Public Works contracts. This ordinance must contain provision for the following:

- (~~a~~A) City Council reservation of authority to approve what it defines as “major” contracts or “special” contracts, based on factors such as contract cost, value or other relevant factors;
- (~~b~~) ~~Competitive~~(B) competitive bid processes for all contracts, with formal advertisement for bids and sealed bids required for all “major” contracts;
- (~~e~~) ~~The~~(C) the award of contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder;
- (~~d~~) ~~The~~(D) the ability to reject any and all bids, to re-advertise for bids, or to waive minor defects in any bid, where determined by the designated contract-approving authority that such action is necessary or appropriate for the benefit of the public;
- (~~e~~) ~~Emergency~~(E) emergency authority to waive the applicable competitive bid process requirements if the City Manager determines that the work required is of urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health or property; and
- (~~f~~) ~~Such~~(F) such other provisions consistent with this section as may be necessary or appropriate to implement a Public Works procurement process that is consistent with best practices.

The ordinance may also provide for one or more exceptions to the approval and competitive bid processes described in (~~A~~)~~e~~ through (~~C~~)~~e~~, above, provided that any such exception is implemented as part of a City-wide policy or program that has been approved and determined to be in the best overall interests of the City by at least ~~four affirmative votes~~ four affirmative votes ~~fifths vote~~ of the City Council.

Notwithstanding any provisions of this Charter to the contrary, the City may employ a design-build process for the construction, reconstruction or repair of public works. A “design-build process” shall mean a process in which the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity. Prior to employing the design-

build process, the City shall establish, by ordinance, specific procedures and standards to be used to solicit, qualify, evaluate and select design-build proposals by competitive bid or negotiation process.

Sec. 1010.

~~Centralized~~ Procurement System and Competitive Bidding for Non-Public Works.

The following provisions shall apply with respect to the procurement of non-public works:

~~(a) A centralized~~ A purchasing system shall be established for the purchase, lease or other acquisition of all property, supplies, materials or equipment required by all City departments, offices and agencies.

~~(b)~~ The City Manager shall recommend and the City Council shall consider and adopt, by ordinance, rules and regulations governing the purchase, lease or other acquisition of all such property, supplies, materials and equipment.

~~(c)~~ The ordinance described in ~~subsection (b), above, Charter Section 1010(B)~~, shall include provisions for competitive bidding. It shall also include such other provisions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement a procurement process that is consistent with best practices. The ordinance may also provide for one or more exceptions to the competitive bidding procedures, provided that any such exception is implemented as part of a City-wide policy or program that has been approved and determined to be in the best overall interests of the City by ~~at least~~ four ~~affirmative votes~~ fifths vote of the City Council.

Sec. 1011.

Property Storage, Distribution, Inventory and Disposition.

The City Manager shall establish a ~~centralized~~ system for the storage, distribution and inventory of all City property. The City Manager shall also prepare and recommend for City Council approval policies and procedures for the disposition of surplus City property.

Sec. 1012.

~~Cash Basis Fund.~~

~~(Repealed 11/5/85)~~

~~Sec. 1013.—~~~~Capital Outlays Fund.~~

~~A fund for capital outlays generally is hereby created to be known as the “Capital Outlays Fund”. The City Council may create, by ordinance, a special fund or funds for a special capital outlay purpose. The City Council may levy and collect taxes for capital outlays and may include in the annual tax levy a levy for such purposes, in which event it must apportion and appropriate to any such fund or funds the monies derived from such levy. It may not, in making such levy, exceed the maximum tax rate provided for in this Charter, unless authorized by the affirmative votes of a majority of the electors voting on the proposition at any election at which such question is submitted. The City Council may transfer to any such fund any unencumbered surplus funds remaining on hand in the City at any time.~~

~~Once created, such fund shall remain inviolate for the purpose for which it was created; if for capital outlays generally, then for any such purposes, and if for a special capital outlay, then for such purpose only, unless the use of such fund for some other purpose is authorized by the affirmative votes of a majority of the electors voting on such proposition at a general or special election at which such proposition is submitted.~~

~~If the purpose for which any special capital outlay fund has been created has been accomplished, the City Council may transfer any unexpended or unencumbered surplus remaining in such fund to the fund for capital outlays generally, established by this Charter.~~

~~Sec. 1014.—~~~~Departmental Trust Fund.~~

~~The City Council shall prescribe, by ordinance, for the setting up of a “Departmental Trust Fund” into which the collections of the various departments, offices and agencies shall be deposited daily by the respective officers handling the receipt of such collections. Withdrawals from such fund may be made by the Director of Finance only on order signed by the proper department or division head.~~

~~Sec. 1015.—~~~~Presentation of Demands.~~

~~Any demand against the City must be in writing and may be in the form of a bill, invoice, payroll, or formal demand. Each such demand shall be presented to the Director of Finance, who shall examine the same. If the amount thereof is legally due and there remains on his books an unexhausted balance of an appropriation against which the same may be charged, the Director of Finance shall approve such demand and draw a~~

~~warrant on the City treasury therefor, payable out of the proper fund. Objections of the Director of Finance may be overruled by the City Council and the warrant ordered drawn.~~

~~Sec. 1016.—~~

~~Registering Warrants.~~

~~(Repealed 11/5/85)~~

~~Sec. 1017.—~~

~~Independent Audit.~~

The City Council shall employ, at the beginning of each fiscal year, a qualified accountant who, at such time or times as may be specified by the City Council, shall examine the books, records, inventories and reports of all ~~officers~~Officers and employees who receive, handle or disburse public funds and all such other ~~officers~~Officers, employees, or departments as the City Council may direct. As soon as practicable after the end of the fiscal year, a final audit and report shall be ~~made by such accountant directly presented to a meeting of the City Council. One detailed at a public meeting and a~~ copy shall be ~~submitted~~made available to each City Council member, ~~one~~ to the City Manager, Director of Finance and City Attorney, respectively, ~~and three,~~ One additional ~~copies to copy shall~~ be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk where ~~they~~it shall be available for inspection by the general public.

ARTICLE XI.

~~BOARD OF EDUCATION~~

~~(Deleted 11/5/85)~~

~~ARTICLE XII.~~

FRANCHISES

Sec. ~~1200.~~ 1100.

Granting of Franchises.

Any person, firm or corporation furnishing the City or its inhabitants with transportation, communication, terminal facilities, water, light, heat, gas, power, ~~refrigeration, storage~~ or other public utility or service, or using the public streets, ways, alleys, or other public places for the operation of plants, works, or equipment for the furnishing ~~thereof such utilities~~ or services, or, to the extent allowed by law, traversing any portion of the City for the transmitting or conveying of any such service elsewhere, may be required by ordinance to have valid and existing franchises therefor. The City Council is empowered to grant such franchise to any person, firm or corporation, whether operating under an existing franchise or not. The City Council may prescribe the terms and conditions of any such grant. It may also provide by procedural ordinance, the method of procedure and additional terms and conditions of such grants, or the making thereof, subject to the provisions of this Charter. Nothing in this ~~section~~Charter Section 1100 or elsewhere in this article shall apply ~~to when~~ the City, or any department thereof, ~~when is itself~~ furnishing any such utility or service.

Sec. ~~1201~~1101.

Resolution of Intention. Notice and Public Hearing.

Before granting any franchise, the City Council shall pass a resolution declaring its intention to grant the same, stating the name of the proposed grantee, the character of the franchise and the terms and conditions upon which it is proposed to be granted. Such resolution shall fix and set forth the day, hour and place when and where any persons having any interest therein or any objection to the granting thereof may appear before the City Council and be heard thereon. It shall direct the City Clerk to publish said resolution at least once, within fifteen days of the passage thereof, ~~in the official newspaper.~~ Said notice shall be published at least ten days prior to the date of hearing.

At the time set for the hearing, the City Council shall proceed to hear and pass upon all protests and modify the proposed terms and conditions, if desired, and its decision thereon shall be final and conclusive. Thereafter, it may grant or deny the franchise on the terms and conditions specified in the resolution of intention to grant the same, or as modified, subject to the right of referendum of the people.

Sec. ~~1202~~1102.

Term of Franchise.

~~Every~~To the extent authorized by law, every franchise, other than an indeterminate franchise, shall state the term for which it is granted, the initial term for which shall not exceed twenty-five years.

A franchise grant may be indeterminate, that is to say, it may provide that it shall endure in full force and effect until the same, with the consent of the Public Utilities Commission of the State ~~of California~~, shall be voluntarily surrendered or abandoned by its possessor, or until the State ~~of California~~, or some municipal or public corporation, thereunto duly authorized by law, shall purchase, or shall condemn and take under the power of eminent domain, all property actually used and useful in the exercise of such franchise and situate within the territorial limits of the ~~state~~State, municipal or public corporation purchasing or condemning such property, or until the franchise shall be forfeited for noncompliance with its terms by the possessor thereof.

Sec. ~~1203~~1103.

Grant to be in Lieu of all Other Franchises.

Any franchise granted by the City hereunder with respect to any given utility service shall be in lieu of all other franchises, rights or privileges owned by the grantee, or by any successor of the grantee to any right under such franchise granted hereunder, for the rendering of such utility service within the limits of the City as they now or may hereafter exist, except any franchise derived under Section ~~1919~~ of Article ~~XIX~~ of the Constitution of California as said section existed prior to the amendment thereof adopted October 10, 1911. The acceptance of any franchise hereunder shall operate as an abandonment of all such other franchises, rights and privileges within the limits of the City as such limits shall at any time exist.

Any franchise granted hereunder shall not become effective until written acceptance thereof shall have been filed by the Grantee thereof with the City Clerk. Such acceptance shall be filed within ten days after the adoption of the ordinance granting the franchise, or any extension thereof granted by the City Council, and when so filed, such acceptance shall constitute a continuing agreement of such grantee that if and when the City shall thereafter annex, or consolidate with, additional territory, any and all franchises, rights and privileges owned by the grantee therein, except a franchise derived under said Constitutional provision, shall likewise be deemed to be abandoned within the limits of such territory. No grant of any franchise may be transferred or assigned by the grantee except by consent in writing of the City Council and unless the transferee or assignees thereof shall covenant and agree to perform and be bound by each and all of the terms and conditions imposed in the grant or by procedural ordinance and by this Charter.

Sec. ~~1204~~1104.**Eminent Domain.**

No franchise grant shall in any way, or to any extent, impair or affect the right of the City to acquire the property of the grantee thereof either by purchase or through the exercise of the right of eminent domain, and nothing therein contained shall be construed to contract away or to codify or to abridge, either for a term or in perpetuity, the City's right of eminent domain with respect to any ~~public utility~~grantee of a franchise under this Article.

Sec. ~~1205~~1105.**Duties of Grantees.**

By its acceptance of any franchise hereunder, the grantee shall covenant and agree to perform and be bound by each and all of the terms and conditions imposed in the grant, or by procedural ordinance and shall further agree to:

~~(a) Comply~~(A) comply with all lawful ordinances, rules and regulations theretofore or thereafter adopted by the City Council in the exercise of its police power governing the construction, maintenance and operation of its plants, works or equipment;

~~(b) Pay~~(B) pay to the City on demand the cost of all repairs to public property made necessary by any of the operations of the grantee under such franchise;

~~(c) Indemnify~~(C) indemnify and hold harmless the City and its ~~officers~~Officers from any and all liability for damages proximately resulting from any operations under such franchise;

~~(d) Remove~~(D) remove and relocate without expense to the City any facilities installed, used and maintained under the franchise if and when made necessary by any lawful change of grade, alignment or width of any public street, way, alley or place, including the construction of any subway or viaduct or if the public health, comfort, welfare, convenience, or safety so demands; and

~~(e) Pay~~(E) pay to the City during the life of the franchise a percentage to be specified in the grant of the gross annual receipts of the grantee within the limits of the City, or such other compensation as the City Council may prescribe in the grant.

Sec. ~~1206~~ 1106.

Exercising Rights without Franchise.

The exercise by any person, firm, or corporation of any privilege for which a franchise is required, without possessing a valid and existing franchise therefor, shall be an infraction and shall be punishable in the same manner as violations of this Charter are punishable and each day that such condition continues to exist shall constitute a separate violation.

ARTICLE ~~XIII~~ XII.
MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. ~~1300~~ 1200.

Definitions.

Unless the provision or the context otherwise requires, as used in this Charter:

(a) ~~“Shall” is mandatory, and “may” is permissive.~~

(b) ~~“City” is the City of Chula Vista, and “department”, “board”, “commission”, “agency”, “officer”, or “employee”, is a department, board, commission, agency, officer or employee, as the case may be, of the City of Chula Vista.~~

(c) ~~“City” means the City of Chula Vista.~~

“County” ~~is~~ means the County of San Diego.

~~“Elected Official” means any person who holds an elective office of the City.~~

“Elections Code” means the Elections Code of the State of California.

“Municipal Code” means the Chula Vista Municipal Code.

“Officer” means a person who holds the position of City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, or Department Head.

“Resident” means any person whose domicile, as that term is defined in the California Elections Code, is within the City, unless otherwise provided by City ordinance.

(d) ~~“State” is the State of California.~~

Sec. ~~1301~~1201.**Violations.**

Every act punishable by fine or penalty shall be prescribed by ordinance. The violation of any provision of this Charter shall be deemed an infraction ~~a misdemeanor~~ and shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine ~~or~~ imprisonment, or both, not more than \$50 within a one-year period, \$100 for a second offense within a one-year period ~~exceeding the maximum fine or term of imprisonment, or both, as authorized by Section 19 of the Penal Code of the State, or any successor provision thereto. At the sole discretion of the City~~ Prosecutor prosecuting authority, any violation of any provision of this Charter may in the alternative be cited and \$250 for a third offense within a one-year period ~~prosecuted as an infraction.~~

Sec. ~~1302~~1202.**Validity.**

If any provision of this Charter, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Charter, and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 1203.**City Clerk Authority to Make Minor Corrections.**

The City Clerk shall be authorized to make minor amendments to the Charter to correct typographical errors or to make other similar non-substantive corrections, subject to ratification by the City Council and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Sec. 1204.**Implementing Actions.**

The City Council may enact additional rules or regulations, either by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate, in order to implement some or all of the terms of this Charter, provided that any such rule or regulation shall be consistent with the terms of this Charter.

Sec. 1205.

Governing Law in the Event of Inconsistency.

To the extent of any inconsistency between State law and any provision of this Charter or of any provision of any City ordinance, resolution, or administrative policy that implements or is consistent with this Charter ("Local Law"), the provisions of Local Law shall govern. To the extent no Local Law exists, any State law applicable to charter or general law cities shall govern.