

**AGENDA BILL**

**Beaverton City Council  
Beaverton, Oregon**

**SUBJECT:** Review of the Beaverton Charter  
of 1981

**FOR AGENDA OF:** 10-15-19 **BILL NO:** 19248

**MAYOR'S APPROVAL:** Dennis Dahl

**DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN:** City Attorney Antony

**DATE SUBMITTED:** 09-30-19

**CLEARANCES:** Mayor's Office R

**PROCEEDING:** Work Session

**EXHIBITS:**

**BUDGET IMPACT**

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED \$0	AMOUNT BUDGETED \$0	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED \$0
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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Hold a work session to continue to review the Beaverton Charter of 1981.

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

A city charter is like a constitution. Both are foundational documents that set out the principles, structures, and process of government. Article XI, section 2, of the Oregon Constitution grants "the legal voters of every city and town ... [the] power to enact and amend their municipal charter, subject to the Constitution and criminal laws of the State of Oregon." Beaverton voters enacted the city's current charter in November 1980 and subsequently amended the charter once, in 2008, when voters amended section 44 the charter relating to urban renewal.

The Beaverton Charter provides for a mayor-council form of government. The system is characterized by having an executive mayor who is elected by the voters, and a separately elected legislative city council. The mayor has substantial administrative authority over the city and its departments. To assist in managing the city, the Beaverton Charter requires the mayor to appoint a chief administrative officer who "is the principle managerial aide to the mayor and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the mayor."

**INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION:**

This is the second of three charter review work sessions scheduled for the month of October that focus on provisions of the Beaverton Charter that are unlikely to be affected by any decision regarding Beaverton's form of government. Background materials on these provisions and possible alternatives to them were previously included as exhibits to agenda bill 19266 (September 3 council meeting), agenda bill 19232 (September 10 council meeting), and agenda bill 19242 (October 1 council meeting).