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MEMO

To: Town Council
From: Glenn Michalowski, Town Manager
Subject: **(Order 2025-109)** Order to Place Petition for “Citizen Initiative to Change the Budget Process” on the Ballot for a Municipal Referendum
Date: July 22, 2025

Summary
At the July 15, 2025 Town Council Meeting, the Town's previous Town Attorney, Kristin M. Collins of Preti-Flaherty, submitted a draft order (Order 2025-109) to accept the "Petition for Citizen's Initiative to Change the Budget Process" as a Charter Amendment and present a summarized version of the proposed amendment to the voters on the ballot at the November 2025 municipal election. The Council held a public hearing on the petition. During the agenda item, the Council discussed the petition and proposed order, before voting in favor of tabling the item. Also at the July 15, 2025 Town Council Meeting, the Town Council voted to change the Town's legal representation from Preti-Flaherty to Brann-Isaacson, with Michael Carey as the Town Attorney.

Today’s agenda packet includes a memorandum from Attorney Carey; the petition; the original proposed order, now labeled as Order 2025-109-A; Order 2025-109-B; and Order 2025-109-C. Three options for Order 2025-109 are being presented to the Council, but the Town Council can only approve one of the following three options for submitting the Citizen's Petition to the voters:

- Option A is the previous Town Attorney's proposal for submitting a summarized version of the Citizen's Petition to the voters as a charter amendment.

- Option B is the current Town Attorney's proposal for submitting a summarized version of the Citizen's Petition to the voters as a charter amendment, with some changes from Option A.

- Option C is the current Town Attorney's proposal for determining the Citizen's Petition to be a charter revision, which would require asking for the establishment of a Charter Commission on the ballot.

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Both Option B and Option C include the adoption of Facts of Finding in support of the Council's decision on this order.

Recommendation

Attachments

1. 2025-07-18 B&I Memo to Council
2. Charter Petition Memo 070825
3. Memo and order re Citizens Petition
4. 2025-109 Options
5. Letter from Dean Willey
6. Findings of Fact - Turgeon
7. Dean Willey email with subject line - Rebuttal to Charlie Turgeon's 'Findings of Fact' - Need for Charter Commission
8. David Bowie's Letter