That WHEREAS, the Charter Change Committee of the City Council has been reviewing the process by which the City appoints individuals to its various commissions and boards; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to bring more transparency to its appointment process and to ensure the fairness of the process; and

WHEREAS, last year’s pilot process was unwieldy and time-consuming but did bring more transparency to the process; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Change Committee recommends that the Council adopt a new pilot project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as a pilot project for the spring 2014 appointment process, the City Council shall utilize the following process:

1. The City Council President will appoint four councilors to serve as a portion of the nominating committee, which will operate by majority vote;
2. The nominating committee shall also consist of the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee;
3. The nominating committee will create a slate of one candidate for each open position, but if the committee cannot establish a majority in favor of a candidate for an open position, it may put forward two or more names for that position;
4. The nominating committee will present the slate to the full Council at its June 16th meeting, where the Council may adopt the slate as presented or any councilor may nominate a candidate from the floor for any position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this pilot process will be reviewed by the Charter Change Committee, which will report back to the City Council by the first meeting in November with a recommendation about whether to change or continue the pilot process.

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