



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Johnny Khamis

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A BALLOT MEASURE TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER AND IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE **DATE:** July 24, 2020

Approved: 

Date

07/24/2020

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Staff recommendations and provide clarification to staff, in response to item B.3. in the Analysis section of Staff replacement memorandum dated July 17, 2020, that the same process described for Council oversight on the termination of Department Heads would apply to termination of the City Manager.

BACKGROUND

As part of the package of proposed government reforms that were approved by the City Council on July 1st were the checks and balances on the new powers granted to the Mayor that were included in my memo dated 06/28/2020. These checks and balances included a supermajority vote of seven that would be empowered to override the Mayor's decision to hire or fire new department heads. The intent was for this process to apply to the City Manager position, as well. Responding directly to the question posed: yes, the Council would be empowered to reject the Mayor's dismissal of the City Manager as it would with Department Heads, with the same seven-vote supermajority.