

ORDINANCE NO. 1116 (2020)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO REFERRING A QUESTION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS APPROVING CHANGES TO THE CRAIG CITY CHARTER CONCERNING THE MAYOR’S RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESENT A STATE OF THE CITY MESSAGE; AND SETTING A BALLOT MEASURE FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 COORDINATED ELECTION.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Craig (the “City”) is a Colorado home rule city duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado;

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council of the City (the “City Council”) have been duly elected and qualified;

WHEREAS, the City operates based upon the home rule charter duly adopted by the citizens of the City of Craig, which is known as the Home Rule Charter of the City of Craig (“the Charter”);

WHEREAS, the Charter may only be amended by a vote of the registered electors of the City;

WHEREAS, the City Council from time to time appoints a charter review committee and considers charter provisions which may need to be updated, modified or improved, and submits such charter revisions to a vote of the registered electors;

WHEREAS, the Craig City Council is hereby referring a ballot measure for the coordinated election on November 3, 2020, which would modify the Charter provision related to the Mayor’s responsibility to deliver a state of the city message if passed by the registered electors of the City of Craig.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG AS FOLLOWS:

1. The question of a change to Article II, Section 4 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Craig the responsibility of the Mayor to present a state of the city message is authorized for referral to the Craig City Clerk for inclusion on the ballot for the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, which shall be submitted for approval by the registered electors in the City of Craig. The measure referred by this Ordinance shall automatically take effect upon certification of the City Clerk, or Moffat County Clerk, as may be necessary, that a majority of the registered electors voting at that election have approved the question.

2. The ballot issue shall be substantially as follows:

BALLOT MEASURE (number to be determined):

SHALL THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CRAIG BE AMENDED CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MAYOR TO PRESENT A STATE OF THE CITY A MESSAGE TO READ IN ITS ENTIRETY AS FOLLOWS:

Article II, Section 4. Mayor.

“The Mayor shall be elected at each regular municipal general election from the City at large in the manner provided in Article IV for a term of two (2) years or until his successor has been elected and qualified. The Mayor shall be a voting member of the City Council and shall preside at meetings of the Council and shall be recognized as the head of the Government for all ceremonial purposes and by the Governor of the State for purposes of military law. The Mayor shall execute and authenticate legal instruments requiring his or her signature as such official. The Mayor shall present a State of the City message on an annual basis. The Mayor shall receive actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties of office as provided in the travel policies of the City.

The Council shall elect an Assistant Mayor who shall act as Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor and who, if a vacancy occurs (as outlines in Section 6), shall become Mayor for the unexpired term. The Assistant Mayor shall be elected from among the council members for a term of two (2) years and may be removed by a majority vote of Council, on which vote the Assistant Mayor shall not vote.

(Amended by Charter Amendment approved by voters in September 1983; amended by Charter Amendment C approved by voters in September 1993; amended by Ord. 957 approved by voters on 11/7/2006)”

YES _____ NO _____

3. The City Council may submit additional ballot issues or other measures to appear on the ballot of the regular election by the adoption of appropriate ordinances as required by law.
4. The officers and employees of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance. Upon approval on second reading, the City Clerk shall certify the ballot content to the Moffat County Clerk for inclusion on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 coordinated election.
5. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.
6. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after passage and upon publication of such ordinance after passage.

7. The City Council deems it appropriate to publish the title of this Ordinance, together with a summary of the Ordinance and with the statement that the text is available for public inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

READ, APPROVED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED ON FIRST READING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO.

Jarrod Ogden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liz White, City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED AFTER HEARING ON SECOND READING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, COLORADO.

Jarrod Ogden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liz White, City Clerk