CITY OF HOBBS

RESOLUTION NO. 6888

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING CHARTER AMENDMENT BALLOT QUESTIONS AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICER ELECTION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

WHEREAS, a municipal election for the election of municipal officers will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, pursuant to the Election Code, Chapter 1, NMSA 1978, and the Local Election Act, NMSA §1-22-3.1; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Hobbs City Charter have been proposed and NMSA 1978 §3-15-16 requires any Charter amendments to be submitted to the voters for approval; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Hobbs to place five (5) ballot questions on the ballot for municipal voters at the March 3, 2020, election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOBBS, NEW MEXICO, that the following Charter Propositions shall be submitted to the voters at the municipal officer election on March 3, 2020. With each proposition is the summary of the proposition as it shall appear on the ballot. At the election, the qualified voters of the City of Hobbs shall vote "yes" or "no" on each of the following proposals to amend the City Charter:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 - SUMMARY FOR BALLOT

Shall the City Charter be amended to remove the 180-day residency requirement for candidates as required by the N. M. Constitution?

PROPOSITION NO. 1 - FULL TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT

Section 2-1. Electors
A. Candidates. Any registered qualified elector of the City of Hobbs may be a candidate for the office of Mayor, Municipal Judge, or Commissioner for the district in which the elector resides, if that candidate resides within the City limits of Hobbs and, if applicable, within the appropriate Commission district.

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PROPOSITION NO. 2 - SUMMARY FOR BALLOT
Shall the City Charter be amended to remove the requirement for runoff elections and, thus, the single candidate with the highest number of votes for an office shall be declared the winner?

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – FULL TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT
Section 2-6. Runoff Elections. Repeal in its entirety

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PROPOSITION NO. 3 - SUMMARY FOR BALLOT
Shall the City Charter be amended to add the power to the City Commission to provide advice and consent by resolution regarding the termination of the City Attorney?

PROPOSITION NO. 3 – FULL TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT
SECTION 4 – CITY COMMISSION
4.7 – POWERS AND DUTIES
The Commission is the governing body of the City of Hobbs and may exercise all legislative powers not expressly denied by general law.

The Commission shall:

A. Pass all ordinances and other measures conducive to the health, safety and welfare of the City;
B. Carry out the provisions of this Charter;
C. Perform all acts required for the general welfare of the City;
D. Create all offices and departments necessary for proper carrying on of the work of the City;
E. Appoint a City Manager and hold him responsible for the proper and efficient administration of City government; and
F. Provide advice and consent via resolution regarding the termination of the City Attorney.

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**PROPOSITION NO. 4 - SUMMARY FOR BALLOT**
Shall the City Charter be amended to remove the specific recall provisions for the Mayor and any City Commissioner and provide for recall election as set forth in the Recall Act in the New Mexico State Statutes?

**PROPOSITION NO. 4 – FULL TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT**
Section 10-1. Recall.
The Mayor and any City Commissioner are subject to a recall election as provided in the manner provided by State law.

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**PROPOSITION NO. 5 - SUMMARY FOR BALLOT**
Shall the City Charter be amended to add a new section providing that wherever the masculine gender is used in the Charter, it shall be construed to include the feminine?

**PROPOSITION NO. 5 – FULL TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT**
SECTION 11 – PUBLIC OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION
Wherever the masculine gender is used in this Charter, in defining the qualifications for specific offices or employment, it shall be construed to include the feminine.

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PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 16th day of December, 2019.

SAM D. COBB, Mayor

ATTEST:
JAN FLETCHER, City Clerk