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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

**DATE:** May 27, 2026

**SUBMITTED BY:** Tamara Melton, Legislative

**ITEM TYPE:** Ordinance

**AGENDA SECTION:** BUSINESS/ADVERTISING, PETITIONS, HEARINGS & COMMUNICATIONS

**SUBJECT:** ORDINANCE 4077 - FIRST READING  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BRADENTON CITY CHARTER; PROPOSING A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO REMOVE THE DESIGNATION OF THE MAYOR AS THE "EX OFFICIO PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL," TO REMOVE THE MAYOR'S RIGHT TO CAST A VOTE IN THE EVENT OF A TIE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAYOR IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL; CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER TO BE HELD AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026; PROVIDING THE BALLOT TITLE AND BALLOT SUMMARY FOR THE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTION TO THE CITY CLERK AND COORDINATION WITH THE MANATEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** No action is required at first reading. The second reading and public hearing are scheduled for June 10, 2026.

**Is this item Quasi-Judicial?**

No

**Does this item require a public hearing?**

No

**EXPLANATION:**

At the City Council workshop on May 6, there was a discussion regarding removing the designation of the Mayor as the "ex officio president of the City Council", remove the Mayor's right to cast a vote in the event of a tie, and to provide that the Mayor is not a member of City Council. Council agreed that Attorney Rudacille would draft an ordinance for a referendum to go before voters at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026. This is the first reading of said ordinance.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:**

Attorney Rudacille drafted the ordinance.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Ordinance 4077](#)