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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 4078 - FIRST READING  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BRADENTON CITY CHARTER; PROPOSING A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO ADD A SECTION 14 TO THE CITY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR TERM LIMITS FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS; 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 term limits for the Mayor and 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 4078](#)