



# City of North Port

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TO: City Commission  
THRU: Heather Faust, City Clerk  
FROM: Charter Review Advisory Board  
SUBJECT: Request for Direction Regarding City Manager Authority to Sign  
Contracts/Agreements  
DATE: June 12, 2023

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During the January 12, 2021, Commission Regular Meeting there was the following direction from the Commission:

A motion (as amended) was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Vice Mayor Emrich, to refer to the Charter Review Advisory Board a recommendation on removing the requirement that all contracts go to the City Commission for review and interlocal agreements requiring Mayor signature, to include a detailed summary of how the Charter Review Advisory Board arrived at their recommendations with pros and cons of those items. The motion as amended carried unanimously on a voice vote.

On March 31, 2021, and May 19, 2021, the Charter Review Advisory Board discussed the Commission direction, and provided Commission with pros and cons as requested.

On May 24, 2022, Commission approved Ordinance No. 2022-13 calling for a referendum question to be placed before the qualified electors which failed with 11,179 votes of yes and 17,975 votes of no during the November 2022 election.

The Charter Review Advisory Board members have discussed the referendum question language and the possibility of revisiting the item. The Board is asking for Commission direction and suggestions as they consider this matter.

CC: City Manager  
City Attorney  
Charter Review Advisory Board Members