MEMORANDUM
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TO: Mayor and City Commission

DATE: July 8, 2002

FROM: Marion J. Radson, City Attorney

SECOND READING

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 0-02-26
An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida; approving certain amendments to the Charter Laws of the City of Gainesville; providing for additional duties of the City internal auditor; providing for creation of the charter officer position entitled "equal opportunity director" to be appointed by the city commission; providing powers and duties of such officer; making the charter officers responsible for implementing the equal opportunity and human relations ordinances and programs in their respective departments; providing for application to persons covered under collective bargaining agreements; providing for submission of the charter amendments to the voters for approval or rejection at the November 5, 2002 special municipal election; approving the question to be placed on the ballot; providing directions to the codifier; providing for transition; providing directions to the clerk of the commission; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

On June 10, 2002, the City Commission authorized the City Attorney to prepare and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise the ordinance amending the city charter to create the charter officer position of equal opportunity director. The proposed ordinance amends the charter in the same manner as House Bill 711 (Senate Bill 2542). After adoption of the ordinance by the city commission, the charter amendments are subject to approval by the voters at a special municipal election to be held on November 5, 2002. This is the same date as the state general election.

The ordinance must also contain the ballot language. By law, the language cannot exceed 75 words.

Prepared and
Submitted by: _____
Marion J. Radson, City Attorney

Passed on first reading by a vote of 5-0.