



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor and City Commissioners

DATE: April 9, 2007

FROM: City Attorney

CONSENT

SUBJECT: Scheduling of 2008 City Commission Election by Clerk of the Commission

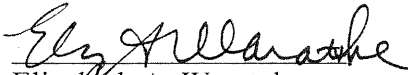
Recommendation: Authorize the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending sections 9-2(b) and (c) of the Municipal Code of Ordinances to allow the City Commission to consider at a later date the scheduling of the City Commission election to be held in 2008.

Per 9-2(b) of the Code of Ordinances, the Clerk of the Commission is to recommend a date for the next regular election to the Commission at or before the first regular City Commission meeting in May of each year.


There is a bill filed in the House and Senate proposing that the date of the Florida presidential preference primary be moved to one week after the New Hampshire primary. If the New Hampshire primary remains on its current schedule, then the date of Florida's presidential primary would be January 29, 2008. If New Hampshire's primary is moved up (New Hampshire's Secretary of State has the ability to move its primary up so that it is seven days before any other state's primary), then Florida's presidential primary would also be moved up. The bill has passed the House. The Senate companion bill is before the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee.

By mid-May it will be known whether the bill passes and in what form. The proposed amendment to the Code would allow the Commission later this year to consider all factors in establishing the election date for City Commission in 2008.

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