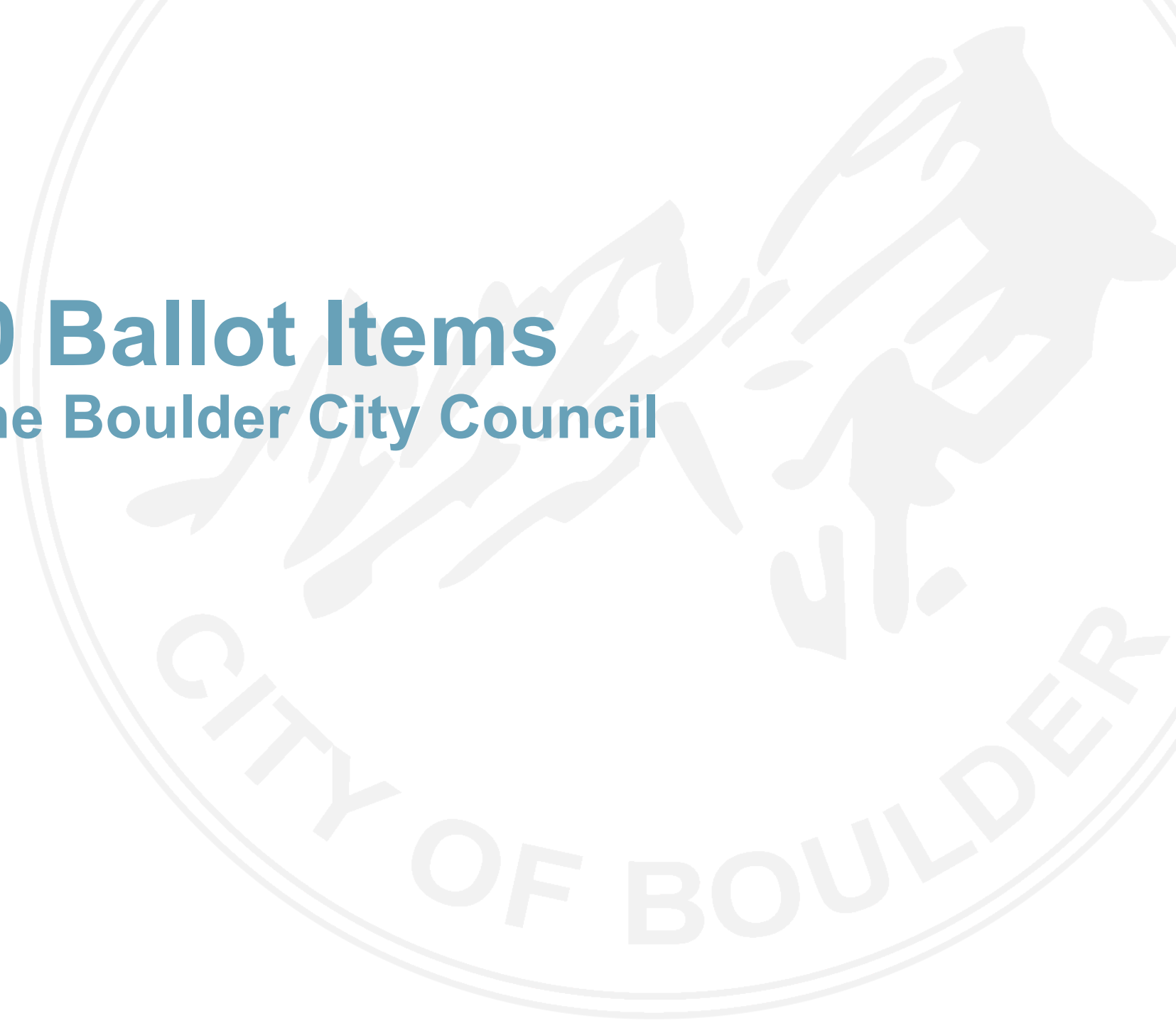


# Potential 2020 Ballot Items

## Special Meeting of the Boulder City Council

May 26, 2020



# Agenda

- Items Brought Forward by Council Charter Committee
  - Increase Size of Art Commission
  - Adjust Council Compensation Payment Process
  - Allow Council to Waive Charter Requirements During Emergency to the Extent Required by the Emergency
- Other Potential Ballot Items
  - Tax Considerations
- Next Steps



# Items Brought Forward By Council Charter Committee

Kathy Haddock, Senior Counsel

# Council Charter Committee

## Increase Size of Arts Commission

- Arts Commission requested its board be expanded from 5 to 7 members
  - There currently are several subcommittees with significant workload
  - Increasing size of the board would allow assignments to be distributed more evenly and prevent overload of volunteer board members



# Council Charter Committee

## Adjust Council Compensation Payment Process

- Request to evenly spread council compensation over a calendar year – no increase in Council pay
  - Current process
    - Council members paid per meeting attended with benefits/deductions spread evenly over 24 (healthcare) or 26 (all other) pay periods
    - Results in times where Council pay does not cover benefits/deductions and Council members owe the city money
  - Proposed new process
    - Spread Council pay evenly over 26 pay periods
      - Total pay will be based on 52 meetings per year
    - Allows for consistent pay and ensures benefits/deductions are covered



# Council Charter Committee

## Allow Council to Waive Charter Requirements During Emergency to the Extent Required by the Emergency

- COVID-19 and other emergencies require the city to act quickly
- Limited technologies and power may be available during the emergency
  - Power excludes holding executive sessions or increasing council compensation
- Proposal intended only for declared emergencies and actions necessary to protect the city during the emergency
  - Recommendation that this limited power requires approval by at least six councilmembers.



# Council Charter Committee

## Council Questions

- Does council want staff to move forward with next steps to place the following items brought forward by the Council Charter Committee on the November 2020 ballot?
  - Does council want to change the charter to allow an increase in the Arts Commission from five to seven members?
  - Does council want a change in the charter to adjust the means of paying council compensation, without increasing the compensation, to evenly spread compensation payments over a calendar year so that benefits deductions/employee contributions are the same each pay period?
  - Does council want to add a charter provision to allow a super majority of council to waive charter provisions in the event of an emergency to the extent necessary to protect the city during the emergency?



# Other Potential Ballot Items and Next Steps

Cheryl Pattelli, CFO



# Other Potential Ballot Items

## Tax Considerations

- Sales and Use Tax
  - Current rate = 3.86%
  - 0.1 cent = \$3.5M in 2020
    - Expected decline in 2021 due to COVID-19
- Property Tax
  - Current rate = 11.981 mills
  - Maximum rate under Charter = 13.000 mills
  - 1 mill = \$3.9M/year
    - No expected change in 2021



# Other Potential Ballot Items

## Expiration of Current Taxes 2021 - 2025

**Dec. 31, 2021**

0.30% Sales &  
Use Tax  
Community,  
Culture Safety

**Dec. 31, 2022**

Utility  
Occupation Tax  
Energy Strategy  
and General  
Fund

**March 31, 2023**

Climate Action  
Tax (CAP Tax)

**Dec. 31, 2024**

0.15% Sales &  
Use Tax General  
Fund



# Other Potential Ballot Items

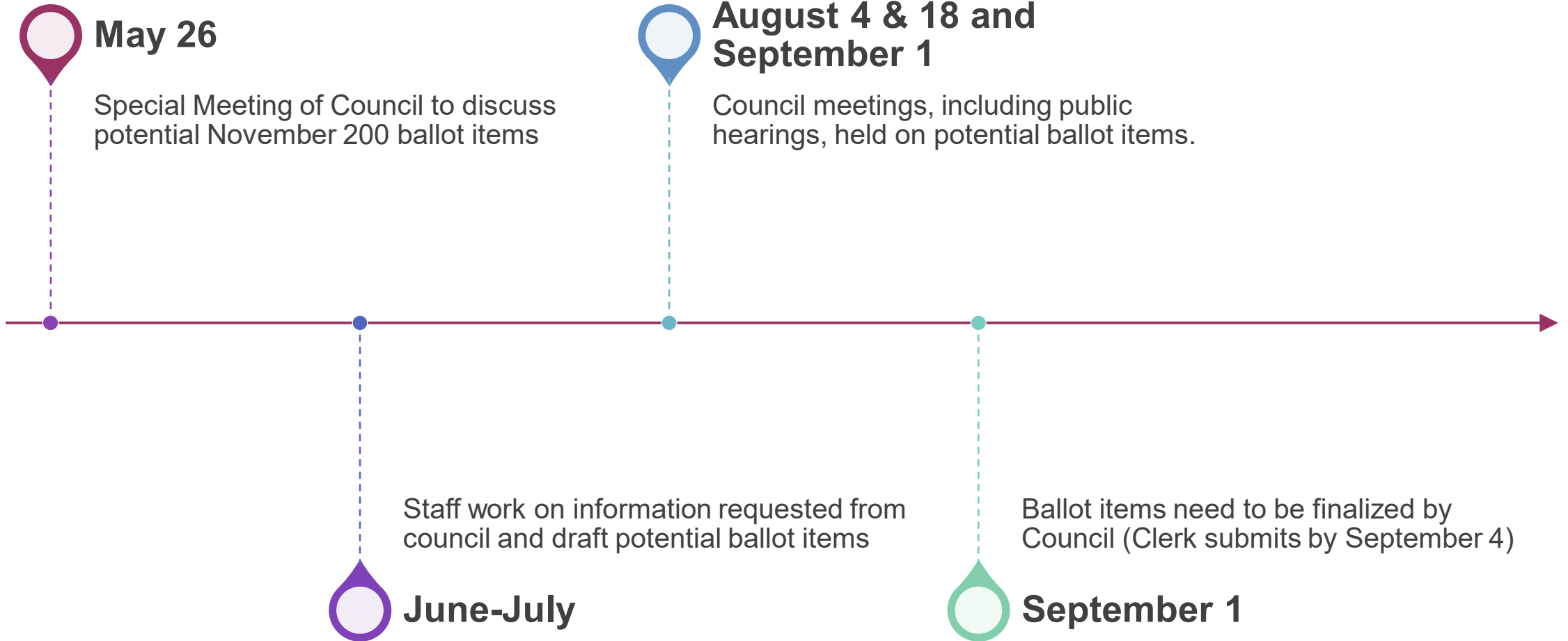
## Council Question

- Does council want staff to bring forward any additional ballot items or information on other items for the 2020 November ballot?



# Next Steps

## 2020 Ballot Item Calendar



**End of Presentation / Questions**