

Charter Review Facility Summary Report



Updated Schedule

August 8 th 9:00 AM	Workshop – Charter Review Process
August 11 th	Website Live
September 12 th 9:00 AM	Workshop - Public Input Shared with City Council
September 27 th 6:00 PM	Special Charter Workshop – MHS
October 4 th 6:00 PM	Special Charter Workshop – ITMS
October 18 th 6:00 PM	Special Charter Workshop – BTMS
October 26 th 6:00 PM	Special Charter Workshop – FPC
November 28th 9:00 AM <u>January 9th 9:00 AM</u>	Workshop – Facilitator Summary Report
December 12th 9:00 AM <u>February 13th 9:00 AM</u>	Workshop – Draft Ordinance (if applicable)
January 9th 9:00 AM <u>February 28th 9:00 AM</u>	Workshop – 2 nd Draft Ordinance (if applicable)
January 16th 9:00 AM <u>March 6th 6:00 PM</u>	Meeting – Ordinance 1 st Reading (if applicable)
February 6th 6:00 PM <u>March 21st 9:00 AM</u>	Meeting – Ordinance 2 nd Reading (if applicable)
November 6, 2018	General Election (if applicable)



Charter Amendment Options

- No Charter Amendments (No Local Ballot Question)
- Non-Substantive Changes (Single Ballot Question)
 - Clean Up (e.g. legal description)
- Substantive Changes (Each Separate Ballot Question)
 - Charter Review Process
 - Others

**For consideration, ballot fatigue with State Constitution
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FACILITATOR SUMMARY REPORT



Overview

- Presentation summarizes full written report including full text of written citizen comments received
- Information organized by four public workshops held
- **Clean up suggestions highlighted in blue**
- Facilitator report and presentation provided to assist City Council in determining scope of charter amendments



September 27 - Sections 1-5

Public Comments

- Increase to 7 districts
- Lack of citizen committee
- No changes needed
- Council should not make investigations



September 27 - Sections 1-5

Facilitator Comments

- Format of charter
- Add a preamble
- Delete obsolete sections 1, 2, 5(1) 4.
- Revise Section 3 by adding a general boundary statement
- Add intergov't. relations to Sec. 4
- Add length of residency Sec. 5(1)
- Delete reference to initial term Sec. 5(2)(a)
- Delete reference to new council Sec.5(2)(c)
- Clarify Sec. 5(5)(a) about organizational meeting
- Delete salary amounts
- Add violation of charter as grounds for forfeiture
- Add language making Council the judge of qualifications



September 27 - Sections 1-5



Facilitator Comments

- Add length of time remaining in Mayor's term required for special election
- Allow Council to make investigations
- Require vote of majority of total Council to pass ordinance
- Add prohibition on holding other office or demanding appointment or removal
- Prohibit Council giving orders to employees under the city manager



October 4 - Sections 6-7

Public Comments

- Extend timeframe for borrowing to 15 years
- Periodic cost of living increase for elected officials
- Include qualifications for elective office
- Add penalties for violating the charter
- Change form of government to Mayor-Council
- Require periodic change of independent auditor
- Trust Council to provide hearing process for CM removal
- Support residency requirement for CM
- Add auditor as charter officer



October 4 - Sections 6-7

Public Comments

- No need for fiduciary oversight by Council
- Interim CM process
- Increase size of Council
- If two council seats added should be at large
- Don't revise the charter



October 4 - Sections 6-7

Facilitator Comments


- Add an option for hearing process for removal of city manager
- Add waiver of residency requirement for CM
- Add additional duties to city manager's role
- Add provision for acting city manager
- Add information on budget submission
- Revise limitation on contracting authority
- Add fiduciary oversight by Council
- Require independent audit



October 18 - Sections 8-9

Public Comments

- Require 1 year residency to run for office
- Give Council authority to direct CM to remove an employee
- Require Council approval of all expenditures not in budget
- Do not change quorum requirements
- Designate Supervisor of Elections responsible for conducting elections
- Move language regarding redistricting from Sec. 10 to Sec. 9
- Review process violates the charter
- Increase Council to 7

 • Treat employees with respect

October 18 - Sections 8-9

Facilitator Comments

- Move information regarding election of Council & Mayor from Sec. 5 to Sec. 8 and revise to conform with state law
- Increase membership of canvassing board to three
- Delete 48 pages of city boundaries legal description
- Revise requirement for special election for Mayor due to vacancy



October 26 - Sections 10-12

Public Comments

- Don't amend the charter
- Trust the citizens and appoint a charter committee
- Current process is working
- Fund a citizens' committee to review charter

Facilitator Comments

- Eliminate language about initial charter review and require review every 10 years by an advisory committee
- Change percent needed for initiative, referendum, and charter amendment to match State law
- Add detailed process for initiative and referendum
- Move Section 10 (4) (a-g), Reword Section 11, and Delete Section 12



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QUESTIONS

