

# **CITY OF PALM COAST CHARTER REVIEW**


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# AGENDA

- ❖ **Welcome**
- ❖ **Overview of Charter Review Process**
- ❖ **City Charters 101**
- ❖ **Public Comment**
- ❖ **Palm Coast Charter**
  - **Sections 8 – 9**
- ❖ **Public Comment**
- ❖ **Adjournment**

# CHARTER REVIEW PROCESS

- ❖ **Allow for maximum citizen participation**
- ❖ **Conduct 4 Community Workshops (1 in each district)**
  - September 27, 2017
  - October 4, 2017
  - October 18, 2017
  - October 26, 2017

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- \* **Council Charter Review workshop November 28, 2017**
  - \* **Additional charter workshops as needed to develop ordinance – December and January**
  - \* **Two public hearings to adopt ordinance – January and February 2018**
  - \* **Charter amendments on ballot – November 6, 2018**

# CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD CHARTERS

## ❖ **Each is unique**

Local constitution

Not based on individuals or personalities in office

## ❖ **Simple, clear, and compact**

Readable, understandable

## ❖ **Consistent and uniform**

Unambiguous



❖ **Comprehensive, but free of details**

Basic structure and function

❖ **Leaves discretion to the Council**

Doesn't "tie the hands" of elected officials

❖ **Short and readable**

# REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CHARTERS

- ❖ **Cannot be in conflict with federal and state constitutions**
- ❖ **City must be in compliance with charter**
- ❖ **Charter can only be changed by a vote of the electorate**

# PALM COAST CHARTER

- ❖ **Adopted in 1999 when city was established**
- ❖ **There has not been a comprehensive review or revision of the charter since that time**
- ❖ **City Council approved conducting a charter review by the Council in compliance with state law**



# SECTIONS 8-9

## ❖ Elections (Sec. 8)

- Electors, Nonpartisan, Qualifying, Schedule of Elections, Determination of Election, Canvassing Board

## ❖ Land Description (Sec. 9)

- Boundaries, Council Districts

# ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- ❖ **Qualifying for Office [Sec. 8 (3)]**
  - Length of residency in city
  - Petition, Fees [Sec. 5 (1)(b)a]
- ❖ **Special Election of Mayor [Sec. 8 (5) (a)]**
  - Amount of time remaining in term
- ❖ **City Canvassing Board [Sec. 8 (7)]**
  - Membership

# ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- ❖ **Land Description (Sec. 9 (1))**
  - Delete 48 pages of legal description**
- ❖ **City Council Districts [Sec. 9 (2)(a-d)]**
  - Process for adjustment of districts**
  - Districting Committee**
  - Council to Redistrict**
  - Districting Plan - Criteria**