

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 6 – 7**
- ❖ **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 6-7

- ❖ **Charter Officers (Sec. 6)**
 - **Appointment, Removal, Compensation, vacancies**
[Sec. 6 (1)]
- ❖ **City Manager – qualifications, residency, powers and duties [Sec. 6 (2)]**
- ❖ **City Attorney – qualifications, residency, powers and duties [Sec. 6 (3)]**
- ❖ **Budget and Appropriations (Sec. 7)**

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- ❖ **Add a hearing process for removal of city manager**
- ❖ **Add a provision for a waiver of residency requirement for city manager**
- ❖ **Review powers and duties of city manager**
- ❖ **Add a provision for an acting city manager**
- ❖ **Add information on submission of budget and budget message**

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- ❖ **Review limitation of contracting authority**
- ❖ **Add fiduciary oversight**
- ❖ **Add independent audit**