# 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 1 5
- 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

- \* 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 1 - 5

- Identifies the form of government
  - Council Manager (Sec. 3)
- Gives power to the city (Sec. 4)
- **Establishes the City Council** (Sec. 5)
  - Composition, Qualifications, Terms of Office, Powers and Duties, Compensation, filling of Vacancies, Forfeiture of Office, Procedures

### **ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

- Reformatting
- Adding a preamble
- Deleting Obsolete sections 1 and 2
- Revising Section 3
- Revising Section 4 by adding paragraph addressing intergovernmental relations

# SECTION 5 CITY COUNCIL

#### Qualifications for Office – (1) (b)

- Residency requirements (1) (b) 2. b. and (1) (b) 3. b.
- Delete obsolete portions (1) 4.

#### Terms of Office

- Delete obsolete portions (2) (a), (2) (c)
- ❖Vice Mayor: election (5) (a)
  - Organizational meeting

- Compensation (6) (a) (1) and (3)
- **❖** Vacancies: forfeiture, suspension, recall, filling − (7)
  - Forfeiture (7) (b)
  - Filling vacancy in office of Mayor (7) (e) 1.
- Investigations
- **❖** Quorum − (8) (b)
- Prohibitions (10)
- **❖** Noninterference (11)