

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.
Remote/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Commission Members Present: George Margolies, Chair Laura Goddeeris, Vice Chair Christopher Danley Katherine Gugulis David Hill Ruth Kirinda Larry Lauer Ronald Stubblefield Nichole Thomas Susan Miles Perry Paylor	Staff Present: Ed Lattner, Office of the County Attorney Christine Wellons, Office of the County Council Marie Jean-Paul, Office of the County Council
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Commission Chair George Margolies called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Mr. Margolies acknowledged the presence of a quorum. The agenda was approved without objection. The minutes for April 14, 2021 were approved without objection.

II. PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS

Commission members discussed plans to hold several Public Listening Sessions on potential Charter amendments. Mr. Margolies discussed various options, including options of having: (a) two sessions, one up-county and one down-county; or (b) five sessions, one in each Council district. Virtual sessions are an additional option. Mr. Margolies stated that there should be a press release regarding the sessions, and that the website should invite those who are not available to attend a session to submit written comments.

Ms. Kirinda suggested that there should be at least one session at the Council's Central Office Building. Ms. Gugulis suggested having one session in each district, in addition to having virtual sessions. Ms. Miles stated a concern that individuals might not have enough time to speak if there are fewer than five sessions. Mr. Danley suggesting holding four sessions, and Ms. Kirinda suggested a minimum of five sessions.

Commission members arrived at a consensus to hold a hybrid of in-person and virtual sessions.

Commission members voted on whether to hold five in-person sessions, one in each Council district. In favor were Ms. Gugulis, Ms. Kirinda, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Danley, and Ms. Miles. Opposed were Mr. Paylor, Ms. Goodeeris, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lauer, Mr. Margolies, and Mr. Stubblefield. Therefore, the Commission will not hold a session in each Council district.

Commission members then voted on whether to hold two in-person sessions, one up-county and one down-county. In favor were Mr. Paylor, Ms. Goddeeris, Mr. Lauer, Mr. Hill, Mr. Stubblefield, and Mr. Margolies. Opposed were Ms. Gugulis, Ms. Kirinda, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Danley, and Ms. Miles. Accordingly, the Commission will have two in-person sessions, one up-county and one down-county.

The Commission members then discussed how many virtual sessions to hold. After discussion, Ms. Kirinda moved to hold three virtual sessions. Mr. Lauer seconded the motion. There was no dissent.

Therefore, the Commission will hold five sessions, consisting of: (a) three virtual sessions; and (b) one in-person session up-county; and (c) one in-person session down-county. Commission members discussed that the sessions should be spaced apart starting this fall, and that at least one in-person session should occur on a weekend. Ms. Miles requested that one session occur on a Sunday afternoon.

III. VIDEOTAPING OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

Commission members continued their discussion of the potential of videotaping Commission meetings. Ms. Miles supported the idea of audio recording. Ms. Gugulis, Ms. Kirinda, and Ms. Thomas supported videotaping. Mr. Hill opposed videotaping or audiotaping. Commission members asked staff for more information on options at the next meeting.

IV. CONCLUSION

Mr. Margolies reminded the Commission that the next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

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