

AGENDA
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 10, 2019
8:00 a.m.
Council Office Building
6th Floor Potomac Conference Room

(Times are approximate)

8 a.m. I. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- Acknowledgment of Quorum
- Introduction of Larry Lauer and David Hill
- Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2019
- Parliamentary Procedures online training
- Open Meetings Act online training
- Badges/Parking
- Attendance at Commission meetings

8:20 a.m. II. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ISSUES

- Invitation sent to Councilmember/County Executive per discussion on June 12, 2019
- Issue suggested by Council member Hans Riemer (attached)
- Brainstorming Session on issues for CRC to consider for 2019-2020
 - State issue and identify section of Charter
 - Explain in 2-3 minutes
 - Leave debate for next meeting
 - By next meeting, staff will compile, identify overlaps, and note whether issue has been previously studied or recommended before.

9: 30 a.m. IV. ADJOURN

Additional information can be found on the official CRC website at
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/crc/>

As you know, in November 2018, following the recommendation of the Charter Review Commission and the Council, the voters approved an amendment to Charter section 305 to address the "vacancy" contingency. Overriding the Charter limit on property tax revenue now requires the affirmative vote of "all current" Councilmembers rather than "nine" Councilmembers.

When the Council was discussing this amendment in July 2018, I raised a related issue: a "health" contingency, where a "current" Councilmember is incapacitated and thus unable to vote to override the Charter limit. This confluence of events may seem remote, but it could occur: Over the years, several "current" Councilmembers have been incapacitated and unable to vote at critical times.

One possible approach proposed last year, remote voting, is not really responsive, and it is a bad idea in any event. Another proposed approach was to develop a parallel to the 25th amendment to the Constitution, but this too is problematic. Since there was insufficient time last year for the CRC and the Council to fully examine this question, you suggested that the new CRC be requested to include it on their agenda this year.

The CRC and the Council may ultimately conclude that there is no workable solution to the "health" contingency, but as my July 24, 2018 email below notes, it is important to consider it in an orderly way. If you still feel that this course makes sense, do you want to ask the CRC to do so?