AGENDA

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 18, 2015
8:00 a.m.
Council Office Building
6th Floor Conference Room

I. Any preliminary matters:

II. Issues for CRC action:

   (a) Consider and vote on CRC proposed Charter amendment language for County Executive vacancies, as follows (new language is in italics):

   Sec. 205. Vacancy.

   A vacancy in the office of County Executive shall exist upon the death, resignation, disqualification, or removal of the County Executive. Unless the Council has provided by law for filling a vacancy by special election, the following process for filling a vacancy shall apply. When a vacancy has occurred, the Council, by a vote of not less than five members, shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy within forty-five days of the vacancy.

   (b) Vote to select the date and place of a CRC public hearing on proposed amendment to the Charter for County Executive vacancies and any other Charter amendment proposals.

   Staff has suggested the following possible dates and place:

   Dates: Monday (1/11 or 1/25) or Wednesday (1/13 or 1/20);
   Beginning at 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm;
   Location: Council’s 7th floor hearing room

III. Possible discussion of term limits:

   here is a petition drive to put the issue of term limits for the County Executive and County Councilmembers on the ballot in 2016 – see http://www.bethesdamagazine.com/Bethesda-Beat/2015/Activist-Again-Pushing-Ballot-Question-to-Impose-Term-Limits-on-County-Elected-Officials/.

   Background information on term limits, pro and con, can be found at:
   https://www.termlimits.org/;
   http://politics.as.nyu.edu/docs/IO/4819/egan.municipal.termlimits.2010.pdf; and
   https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Term_limits_in_the_United_States