

AGENDA
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 10, 2016
8:00 a.m.
Council Office Building
6th Floor Conference Room

I. Administrative items:

- (a) **Approval of minutes from January 13 meeting**
- (b) **Discussion of future meeting agendas:**
March 9, 2016
April 13, 2016 (final draft report to be approved by the CRC)
- (c) **Reminder of important upcoming dates:**
Final report due to the Council: May 1, 2016
Report presented to the Council: June, 2016

II. Recap of the CRC public hearing on January 20, 2016:

III. Recommendation for amendment concerning County Executive vacancies:

At the November 18, 2015 meeting, a motion passed (10-0) proposing the following tentative language to be considered for a Charter amendment allowing a special election to fill a County Executive vacancy, as included in the agenda:

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. [The] 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.

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IV. Possible next items for CRC study:

- (a) In light of the testimony at the public hearing concerning the Charter Section 305 requirement of nine votes needed on the Council to exceed the Charter tax cap,¹

¹ By June 30 each year, the Council shall make tax levies deemed necessary to finance the budgets. Unless approved by an affirmative vote of nine, not seven, Councilmembers, the Council shall not levy an ad valorem tax on real

does the CRC wish to investigate this subject further, recognizing that any recommendation would not be part of the 2016 CRC report?

- (b) Does the CRC wish to consider recommending a Charter amendment to require open meetings for all boards, committees, and commissions in the County, and establish a commission similar to the CRC with powers to enforce open meetings policies?

V. Other business:

VI. Adjourn

property to finance the budgets that will produce total revenue that exceeds the total revenue produced by the tax on real property in the preceding fiscal year plus a percentage of the previous year's real property tax revenues that equals any increase in the Consumer Price Index as computed under this section. This limit does not apply to revenue from: (1) newly constructed property, (2) newly rezoned property, (3) property that, because of a change in state law, is assessed differently than it was assessed in the previous tax year, (4) property that has undergone a change in use, and (5) any development district tax used to fund capital improvement projects.