

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**6th Floor Conference Room**  
**Council Office Building**

**Commission Members Present:**

Paul Bessel, Chair  
Sharon Freeman, Vice-Chair  
Wendy Cohen  
Jennifer Hunt  
Lawrence Lauer  
Joshua Lipsky  
Timothy Lighter  
Angela Rey  
Aryeh Shudofsky  
Edward S. Wisneski

**Commission Member Absent:**

Randy McDonald

**Staff:**

Ed Lattner, Office of the County Attorney  
Marie Jean-Paul, County Council  
Amanda Mihill, County Council  
Justina Ferber, County Council  
Josh Hamlin, County Council

**Guests:**

Barbara Braswell

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Commission Chair Paul Bessel called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**I. Administrative matters**

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The minutes for the October 14, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

**II. Action items**

- 1. Motion:** A motion was made proposing 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. 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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After discussion, the motion passed, 10-0.

**2. Public Hearing date and time:** Staff identified the following possible dates and place for the Charter Review Commission's public hearing in January 2016:

- 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

The dates were discussed, and Wednesday, January 20 at 7:30 pm was agreed upon as the first choice, with Monday, January 25 selected as the alternative date in case of cancellation due to weather. Staff was directed to draft a press release to publicize the hearing.

### **III. Administrative Items**

The next Charter Review Commission is scheduled for December 9, 2015 at 8:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.