

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.
6th Floor Conference Room
Council Office Building

Commission Members Present:

Paul Bessel, Chair
Wendy Cohen
Larry Lauer
Timothy Lighter
Joshua Lipsky
Angela Rey
Aryeh Shudofsky
Ed Wisneski

Staff:

Ed Lattner, Office of the County Attorney
Bonnie Kirkland, Office of the County Executive
Marie Jean-Paul, County Council
Josh Hamlin, County Council

Guests:

Barbara Braswell
Paul Geller

Commission Members Absent:

Sharon Freeman
Randy McDonald

Commission Chair Paul Bessel called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

I. Administrative matters

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The minutes for the March 9, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved

II. Issue – comments by members of the public at regular Commission meetings.

A motion was made, to include an agenda item for this and future meetings allowing members of the public wishing to address the Commission to speak. Commissioners voted 7-1 in favor of reserving time at each meeting for members of the public to address the Commission. Commissioners further voted 5-3 in favor of including the agenda item for public comment at the start of the meeting. Three commissioners supported allowing for public comment at the end of the meeting.

III. Public comment.

Paul Geller addressed the Commission regarding the nine-vote requirement for certain tax increases as provided in Section 305 of the Charter.

IV. Issue – reconsideration of the matter of the nine-vote requirement for certain tax increases as provided in Section 305 of the Charter.

A motion was made to reconsider the Commission's decision not to make a recommendation on any amendments to Section 305 of the Charter. The motion failed 0-7.

V. Issue – approval of final draft of the 2016 Commission Report to the County Council.

A motion was made, and carried 8-0, to approve the final draft of the 2016 Report of the Charter Review Commission, with certain technical corrections and stylistic changes.

VI. Next meeting

The next Charter Review Commission is scheduled for May 11, 2016 at 8:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.