

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, November 9, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**5th Floor Conference Room**  
**Council Office Building**

**Commission Members Present:**

Paul Bessel, Chair  
Wendy Cohen  
Larry Lauer  
Timothy Lighter  
Joshua Lipsky  
Randy McDonald  
Angela Rey  
Jonelle Williams

**Staff:**

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

**Guest:**

Barbara Braswell  
Mark Pierzchala, Rockville City Council

**Commission Members Absent:**

Sharon Freeman  
Aryeh Shudofsky  
Ed Wisneski

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

**I. Administrative items:**

- The agenda was adopted without objection.
- The minutes for the October 5, 2016 meeting were approved without objection.
- The Commission decided unanimously to cancel the scheduled December meeting.

**II. Comments by any members of the public about anything within the jurisdiction of the CRC:**

None.

**III. Discussion and decisions on how the CRC will handle the items listed for future consideration in our 2016 report:**

**IV. Discussion and decision on how the CRC will handle other items in preparation for our next report, which is due by May 2018:**

The Commission discussed the possibility of an amendment eliminating at-large Council seats and redrawing the district map to include nine districts.

The Chair invited any members to draft and circulate a plan to address all considerations for the 2018 report.

**V. Reports from Research Groups:**

- a) **Financial**
- b) **Government Structure**
- c) **Personnel**

None.

**VI. Proposal for staggered terms for Council Members - How and when to handle it?**

The Commission discussed the issue and determined that, because of the timeline for necessary changes to the State law and constitution, a Charter amendment to provide for staggered terms could probably not be approved until after the 2018 election.

**VII. Other business:**

Joshua Lipsky asked to be added to the research group looking into personnel matters. Membership in the research groups is now as follows:

- Financial: Paul M. Bessel, Wendy Cohen, Angela Rey, Aryeh Shudofsky, Ed Wisneski
- Government Structure: Paul M. Bessel, Wendy Cohen, Sharon Freeman, Larry Lauer, Timothy Lighter, Jonelle Williams
- Personnel: Aryeh Shudofsky, Joshua Lipsky

**VIII. Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.