

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 12, 2017 – 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
Randy McDonald
Aryeh Shudofsky
Jonelle Williams

Staff:

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

Guest:

Barbara Braswell
Mark Pierzchala, Rockville City Council

Commission Members Absent:

Sharon Freeman
Ed Wisneski

Commission Chair Paul M. Bessel called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

I. Administrative items:

- The agenda was adopted without objection.
- The minutes for the June 14, 2017 meeting were approved without objection.

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

Mark Pierzchala of the Rockville City Council addressed the Commission about certain capital improvements.

III. Discussion of possible amendments to procedural matters related to capital improvements, supplementary appropriations, and special appropriations, as provided in Charter Sections 302, 307, and 308, respectively.

The Commissioners discussed proposals for amendments to Charter Sections 302, 307, and 308, and identified a few issues for further consideration at the September meeting:

- (1) consideration of public-private partnerships in capital improvement projects;
- (2) budget transfer process; and
- (3) current use of any budget surplus.

Staff was directed to share these issues with the Council Administrator and Executive branch representatives from the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of

Finance, along with a request for information on how such proposals, if implemented, would impact the operation of County government.

III. Reports from Research Groups:

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

None.

IV. Other business:

Commissioners discussed and agreed on a date for a public hearing on Charter issues: October 18 at 7:00 p.m. The August and October regular meetings were cancelled, and the September meeting was rescheduled to September 20.

A Commissioner inquired as to whether the County Executive could refuse to spend, or “embargo” appropriated funds. Staff will provide information on this question at the September meeting.

V. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.