

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.
6th Floor Conference Room
Council Office Building

Commission Members Present:

Paul Bessel, Chair
Wendy Cohen
Sharon Freeman
Larry Lauer
Timothy Lighter
Joshua Lipsky
Ed Wisneski

Staff:

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

Guest:

Barbara Braswell
Mary Lanigan, League of Women Voters of
Montgomery County

Commission Members Absent:

Randy McDonald
Aryeh Shudofsky
Jonelle Williams

Commission Chair Paul M. Bessel called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

I. Administrative items:

- The agenda was adopted without objection.
- The minutes for the May 10, 2017 meeting were approved without objection.

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

None.

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 Commissioner scheduled to present these possible amendments to the CRC was absent, so the proposals were not substantively discussed. Commissioners discussed the possibility of considering all proposals at the July meeting, and voting on whether to further consider any or all of them. Any of the proposals selected for further consideration would be shared 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 the “nine-vote requirement” for property tax increases “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.” Commissioners agreed to put this matter onto the agenda for the October 11 meeting. Chair Bessel and Commissioners Wisneski and Lauer volunteered to do background research and present the issues and possible amendments to the CRC at that meeting.

V. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.