



CITY OF
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Charter Revision Board – Workplan Overview & Direction



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Agenda

- Charter Revision Board (CRB) Summary
- Amended Section Overview
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Charter Revision Board Summary

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

- Section 3.03
- Section 3.04
- Section 3.08
- Section 3.09
- Section 3.10 (deleted)
- Section 3.12
- Section 3.15
- Section 3.16 (deleted)
- Section 3.17 (deleted)
- Section 3.18 (deleted)
- Section 3.19 (deleted)
- Section 3.20 (deleted)

Charter Revision Board Summary

Article VII – Election; tie vote; ~~primary election to fill one vacancy.~~

- Section 7.16

Charter Revision Board Summary

Article VII – Public Property.

- Section 8.01
- Section 8.02
- Section 8.04
- Section 8.07 (deleted)
- Section 8.09
- Section 8.21

Charter Revision Board Summary

Article X – Miscellaneous Provisions.

- Section 10.03 (deleted)

Amended Section Overview

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

Section 3.03 – Qualifications of members; ~~forfeiture of office.~~

Summary:

The qualifications for office have been divided into subsections. The minimum age of 21 for qualification was replaced with being an elector of the City at the time of qualification. For city commissioner, the requirement would be that the candidate shall have resided continuously as a permanent resident of the city commission district for which such candidate seeks office (rather than in the City) for at least six months immediately preceding the date of qualification for such office. However, in any year in which there has been a reestablishment (reapportionment) of city commission districts, a candidate whose permanent residence in the City is in a different district as a result of the reapportionment may seek office in the district of his or her permanent residence that results from the reapportionment.

Amended Section Overview

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

Section 3.04 – Judge of elections and qualifications of members.

Summary:

Leaves the City Commission as the judge of municipal elections and referendums and qualifications of its members, subject to review by the courts, and deletes the provision that allows any registered elector to file an affidavit.

Amended Section Overview

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

Section 3.08 – Forfeiture of office; absence.

Summary:

Absence by a commissioner from four consecutive regular meetings would not operate to vacate the seat of such member if good cause is shown and such absence is excused by the City Commission.

Amended Section Overview

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

Section 3.09 – Organizationala meeting.

Summary:

Section outlines when newly elected officials take office. This will remove the specific reference to December and stipulates that the oath of office and assumption of duties by newly elected officials will take place at the 1st regular City Commission meeting following certification of election results by the Broward County Canvassing Board.

Amended Section Overview

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

Section 3.12 – Special meetings – How called.

Summary:

Section outlines how special meetings are called by the mayor or city manager. The amendment would replace the 6-hour notice requirement with a 72-hour notice requirement, except that in the event of an emergency, the notice requirement would be upon such notice as is practicable under the circumstances. In addition, language explaining the validity of the meeting as it relates to calling a special meeting would be removed.

Amended Section Overview

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

Section 3.15 – Initiative and referendum; petition for proposed ordinance.

Summary:

The proposed amendment would reduce the number of electors needed to start the initiative/referendum process from 1,000 to 10. Ordinances affecting budgeting, salaries, taxes, and zoning, are excluded.

The ordinance would be submitted to the electors if the City Commission doesn't adopt the proposed ordinance within 45 days or doesn't repeal an ordinance within 30 days.

Amended Section Overview

Article VII – Elections.

Section 7.16 – Election; tie vote; ~~primary election to fill one vacancy.~~

Summary:

This proposed "clean-up" amendment removes residual language related to primary elections.

Amended Section Overview

Article VIII – Public Property.

Section 8.01 – Sale of personal property; ~~procedure; public notice.~~

Summary:

Amendment clarifies that all personal property sold by the city shall be pursuant to ordinance.

Amended Section Overview

Article VIII – Public Property.

Section 8.02 – Sale or lease of city ~~public lands and of public property~~ to public bodies.

Summary:

Amends the ability of the City Commission to approve the sale, lease, or conveyance of real property to government entities for a public purpose from a simple majority to at least 4 commissioners.

Public purpose is an activity that is essential to the health, morals, safety, or general welfare of the City, as determined by the city commission, notwithstanding an incidental benefit to a private party.

Amended Section Overview

Article VIII – Public Property.

Section 8.04 – Sale of real property to private parties ~~persons, firms or corporations.~~

Summary:

The sale of real property owned by the City to a private party would be as provided by ordinance and consistent with applicable law

- Pursuant to a resolution containing a finding that such transaction would be in the City's best interest adopted by at least four commissioners.
- Exception: land zoned Parks, Recreation and Open Space

Amended Section Overview

Article VIII – Public Property.

Section 8.09 – Leases, licenses, concessions, and use agreements for more than one year and not more than fifty years.

Summary:

Amends language to authorize the City to enter into lease, license, and use agreements for a period of not more than 50-years (including extensions and renewals), and adds a threshold of at least 4 commissioners for any such agreement over 1 year for a finding that the use of the property would be in the City's best interest based on a market analysis, and requiring a business viability report if exceeding 10 years.

Amended Section Overview

Article VIII – Public Property.

Section 8.21 – Disposing of ~~public~~park property.

Summary:

Amendment would replace the requirement of a unanimous vote to sell or transfer land zoned park with approval in a special election referendum. Further, the amendment will require unanimous vote of the City Commission for any use agreement exceeding 1 year on land zoned park and requires a unanimous vote of the City Commission to remove park zoning designation.

Deleted Section Overview

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

Section 3.10 – Special meeting to seat a new member.

Summary:

Section recommended for deletion due to language incorporated into section 3.09.

Deleted Section Overview

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

Section 3.17 – Commission required to take action.

Summary:

Section recommended for deletion in favor of revised language in section 3.12 -
Special meetings – how called.

Deleted Section Overview

Article III – Government of City and Form of Government.

Section 3.20 – Referendum elections.

Summary:

Recommended for deletion in favor of revised language in section 3.12 - Special meetings – how called.

Deleted Section Overview

Article VIII – Public Property.

Section 8.07 – Leases with government entities or agencies for governmental purposes.

Summary:

Recommended for deletion in favor of revised language in section 8.02 - Sale of public lands and of public properties to public bodies.

Deleted Section Overview

Article X – Miscellaneous Provisions.

Section 10.03 – Public hearings and public notice.

Summary:

Recommended for deletion due to state statutes that regulate notice of public meetings.

Charter Sections Remaining

Article V – Administrative Organization

- Section 5.01 – Departments and duties

Article VI – Civil Service System

- Section 6.01 – Civil service established.
- Section 6.02 – Classified and nonclassified service.
- Section 6.03 – Status of present employees and offices.
- Section 6.04 – Civil service board; created; composition.
- Section 6.05 – Pay plan and personnel rules.
- Section 6.06 – City commission involvement prohibited.

Charter Sections Remaining

Article IX – Annual Budget and Levy

- Section 9.01 – Fiscal year
- Section 9.02 – City manager’s budget message and recommendations
- Section 9.03 – Adoption of budget and millage rates.
- Section 9.04 – Transfer of funds during current year.
- Section 9.05 – Unencumbered balance at end of fiscal year

Article X – Miscellaneous Provisions

- Section 10.01 – Reserved.
- Section 10.02 – Independent annual audit.
- Section 10.03 – Public hearings and public notice.

Charter Sections Remaining

Article XI – Transition Schedule

- Section 11.01 – Former charter revisions
- Section 11.02 – Ordinances preserved
- Section 11.03 – Rights of officers and employees
- Section 11.04 – Pending matters

Future Charter Review Board Workplan

CRB would like guidance on further Charter revision work.

2026 Ballot

CAO would like guidance on items for consideration on the 2026 ballot.

Thank You



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