

Charlotte County Charter Review Commission  
Agenda  
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.

Administration Center  
18500 Murdock Circle, Room #B-106  
Port Charlotte, Florida 33948

**Commission Members**

William C. Abbatematteo  
Katherine D. Ariens  
Jim M. Brown  
Thomas P. Conroy, III  
William Dryburgh, Chair  
Paula Hess

John Hitzel  
Julie Mathis  
Donald McCormick, Vice Chair  
Jerry J. O'Halloran  
Thomas J. Rice  
W. Kevin Russell

Thomas J. Thornberry  
Stephen J. Vieira  
Frank C. Weikel  
**Alternates**  
Raymond A. Corcoran  
John M. Davidson

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3:00 p.m. Call to Order and Roll Call

- I. Citizens Input  
Remarks shall be related to the Charter, be limited to five (5) minutes and shall be addressed to the Commission as a body, not to individual members. There will not be any discussion.
- II. Approval of March 16, 2016 meeting minutes
- III. Approval of Expenses
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
  - a. Proposed Public Hearing Dates and Locations
  - b. Proposed 2016 Charter Review Ballot Questions
- VI. Discussion
  - a. Room Set Up For Public Hearings
- VII. Citizens Input  
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- VIII. Adjournment

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Wednesday, April 13, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Proposed Public Hearing Dates and Locations**

Date/Location - April 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm

Port Charlotte Administration Bldg, Room B-106

Date/Location - May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm

Tringali Recreation Center in Englewood

Date/Location - May 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm

Punta Gorda Event Center

Discussion as to Room Set Up for Public Hearings

## **DRAFT (March 24, 2016)**

### **Charter Amendment No. 1**

#### **Reduction of percentage of electors needed to initiate county ordinances.**

*Shall Article II, Section 2.2.G.(1) of the Charlotte County Charter be amended to reduce the number of electors needed to initiate county ordinances in order to establish new ordinances or amend or repeal existing ordinances upon petition, from ten (10) percent to seven (7) percent of the number of electors qualified to vote as a whole in the last preceding general election?*

*YES for Approval*

*No for Rejection*

Section 2.2.G.(1) is amended to read: "The people of Charlotte County shall have the right to initiate county ordinances upon petition by a number of electors equal to ~~ten (10)~~ seven (7) percent of the number of electors qualified to vote in the county as a whole in the last election."

### **Charter Amendment No. 2**

#### **Deletion of restriction of reestablishment of MSTU/MSBU Advisory Boards created by petition of electors.**

*Shall Article II, Section 2.2.H. of the Charlotte County Charter be amended to abolish the two (2) year period prohibiting consideration of a petition for the creation of a Municipal Service Taxing or Benefit Unit (MSTU/MSBU) board of advisors upon abolition of a previous board of advisors?*

*YES for Approval*

*NO for Rejection*

Section 2.2.H. is amended by revising the last sentence to read: "The board of county commissioners may abolish a board of advisors by ordinance after a public hearing, ~~and, upon abolition of the board of advisors, no new petition for the creation of a board of advisors, shall be considered for a period of two (2) years.~~"

### Charter Amendment No. 3

#### Annual report of MSTU/MSBU advisory boards.

*Shall Article II, Section 2.2.H. of the Charlotte County Charter be amended to require Municipal Service Taxing or Benefit Unit (MSTU/MSBU) advisory boards to provide an annual report on the unit's activities, objectives and funding requests to the Board of County Commissioners?*

*YES for Approval*

*NO for Rejection*

Section 2.2.H. is amended by renumbering existing section 2.2.H to 2.2.H.(1) and adding a new Section 2.2.H.(2) to read: "Each MSTU or MSBU advisory board shall submit an annual report to the board of county commissioners on the MSTU's or MSBU's activities, objectives and funding requests."

### Charter Amendment No. 4

#### Creating term limits for Charter Review Commission members.

*Shall Article IV, Section 4.2.C.(1) of the Charlotte County Charter be amended to limit the number of terms a Charter Review Commission member may serve to three (3) full terms as a voting member?*

*YES for Approval*

*NO for Rejection*

Section 4.2.C.(1) is amended by amending the second sentence to read: "No elected officer shall be a member of the charter review commission, and no member may be appointed who has served three (3) full terms as a voting member of the charter review commission."