

Charlotte County Charter Review Commission
Public Hearing and Membership Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 11, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.

Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center
75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, Florida

Commission Members

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Raymond A. Corcoran
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5:00 p.m. Call to Order and Roll Call

- I. Introduction and overview of proposed Amendments under consideration, as attached
- II. 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.
- III. Approval of the April 13, 2016 Charter Review Commission Meeting Minutes and the April 27, 2016 Charter Review Commission Public Hearing Minutes
- IV. Approval of Expenses
- V. Commission Comments
- VI. Adjournment

DRAFT (May 4, 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 in order to establish new ordinances and to amend or repeal existing 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 preceding general 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~~ **delete** 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, work programs and funding requests to the Board of County Commissioners by March 1st of each year?

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, work programs and funding requests by March 1st of each year."

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."