

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Meeting Agenda - Final

September 24, 2013

6:00 PM

City Commission Special Meeting

City Hall Auditorium

City Commission

*Mayor Ed Braddy (At Large)
Commissioner Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins (At Large)
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls (District 1)
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)
Commissioner Susan Bottcher (District 3)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Randy Wells (District 4)*

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

AGENDA STATEMENT

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ROLL CALL

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Overall Charter Review Process Referral (B)

Explanation: Based on a recommendation from the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee, the City Commission discussed the Overall Charter Review Process Referral on April 18, 2013 and directed the Clerk of the Commission to schedule a series of special City Commission meetings and public forums to provide opportunities to review and discuss the City's Charter and evaluate possible changes. The City Commission also directed the City Attorney to provide presentations on the City's Charter for the City Commission and the public at the introductory special meetings and public forums.

On July 29, 2013, the City Commission received an overview of the City's Charter from the City Attorney's Office and asked for future presentations on the following issues:

- 1. Background information regarding the Hogtown Greenway Charter language (Legistar item #130209);*
- 2. Background information regarding the proposed March 2013 Charter amendment on City elections (Legistar item #130251);*
- 3. Information regarding 4/5th's vote requirements or any possible scrivener's errors in the Charter (Legistar item #130248);*
- 4. Charter Officer roles and responsibilities established in the Charter (Legistar item #130227); and*
- 5. Information on forms of municipal government (Legistar item #130250).*

On August 20 and August 27, 2013, the City Commission received presentations from appropriate staff regarding each of the five issues (Legistar item #'s listed above) but took no action in anticipation of two public forums on the Charter Review Process scheduled for September 24 and October 29, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission hold a public forum

regarding possible changes to the City's Charter.

Legislative History

6/7/12	City Commission	Referred to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee
1/29/13	Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee	Retained in Committee
3/14/13	Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee	Approved as Recommended, as Modified
4/18/13	City Commission	Approved as Recommended
7/29/13	City Commission	Approved, as shown above

[Draft Charter Review Process Overview.pdf](#)

[Current Charter Laws.pdf](#)

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