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Subject: RE: City Charter Review Commission - Updated Timeline

Hello Chair and Members of the City Charter Review Commission –

At the General Policy Committee Meeting on December 12th, the City Commission discussed the proposed timeline I provided to you via email on December 11th and directed this Office to prepare the draft ordinances (which will include the ballot questions) PRIOR to your three public hearings required by the Charter. In addition, a member of the County Charter Review Commission sent an email questioning the date for providing the ballot questions to the Supervisor of Elections and the City Clerk of the Commission followed up with the Supervisor of Elections on that question. As a result, I am providing an updated timeline that incorporates both the direction of the City Commission and the two dates for the Clerk to provide information to the Supervisor of Elections.

By January 31, 2020	CRC complete review of the Charter and agree upon final proposed amendments
February 3 -28, 2020	Charter Officers prepare/submit written analysis to CRC (Note: the Charters will forward the written analysis for each amendment as soon as they have completed same) and, if desired, CRC meeting(s) to review the analysis and discuss with the Charter Officers
March 2 -27, 2020	Staff prepare/submit draft ordinance(s) to CRC and CRC meeting(s) to review the draft ordinances and address any questions/clarify language or intent
Week of April 6, 2020	CRC hold 1 st public hearing on final proposed amendments (each hearing must be 7 days apart)
Week of April 13, 2020	CRC hold 2 nd public hearing on final proposed amendments (each hearing must be 7 days apart)
Week of April 20, 2020	CRC hold 3 rd public hearing on final proposed amendments (each hearing must be 7 days apart) and take final vote on amendments to submit to the Commission and Electorate
April 29, 2020	Agenda item/back-up deadline for May 7th Commission Regular Meeting
May 7, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting and/or a Special Meeting to be held anytime May 4-May 15, 2020	Commission review draft ordinances and either 1) veto; or 2) direct the City Attorney to advertise for first reading
May 20, 2020	Ordinance advertisement to Gainesville Sun/ deliver final ordinances to Clerk of Commission
June 4, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting	First reading of ordinance(s)
June 15, 2020	Clerk to provide the Supervisor of Elections with exact count of the ballot questions and enough information to determine ballot space needed, so that the SOE can place paper order with printer

June 18, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting	Second reading of ordinance(s)
By July 3, 2020	Clerk to deliver adopted ordinance(s) to the Supervisor of Elections

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Subject: City Charter Review Commission - status of Workplan and recommended Timeline

Hello Chair and Members of the City Charter Review Commission –

I am sending this email on behalf of the City Charter Officers. Last Wednesday, we discussed the status of your Work Plan and how we might approach the written analysis that the Charter requires us to provide for each of your proposed Charter Amendments. In addition, as the City Attorney’s Office will be required to draft an ordinance for each proposed Charter Amendment that is not vetoed by the City Commission, I reviewed your Work Plan Timeline (updated 11/15/2019) to determine any timing issues relative to making sure that after the Commission reviews your proposed amendments, there would be sufficient time remaining to prepare, advertise and hold first and second readings of those ordinances.

Workplan: The Charter Officers determined that we will meet and prepare one analysis document (from all Charters) for each of the proposed Charter Amendments that you intend to present to the City Commission. From your Work Plan (updated 11/18/2019) and your meeting of December 2nd, it appears that to-date you have approved the following ten proposed Charter Amendments. As such, we will begin our analysis on each of these:

2.03 Eligibility: (8/5) Motion to add to end of section language "The City Commission shall define resident and residency as it applies to Section 2.03.

2.04 Election and terms: (7/1) Motion to change term limit to three full terms (consecutive).

Article II City Commission: (8/5) add a provision for City Commission candidates the option to collect petitions in lieu of paying the filing fee to qualify for office and include same provisions on population used by the County.

New Charter language to allow electorate to petition for an ordinance: (11/4) set threshold of signatures for an ordinance petition at 15%

5.01 Charter Amendments: (11/4) increase the percentage required for charter amendments to 20%.

Article III Charter Officers: amend the language in 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 3.08 to state that the commission “shall” (rather than “may”) appoint these positions to serve at the will of the commission.

3.06 General manager for utilities: (9/16) lower the GRU Manager from a Charter Officer to be under the City Manager’s Office.

Article II – new Charter language to set Commissioner compensation: (12/2) add language to the effect of: “Each member of the City Commission shall receive an annual salary based on the City of Gainesville population as indicated in FL statutes 145.031 and 145.19. The Mayor shall receive an additional amount equal to \$10,000 that of the base salary. Shall be implemented evenly over a five-year period beginning October 1, 2021.”

5.04 Disposal of utilities: (12/2) amend the section as follows “The Commission may not, in any manner, dispose of or agree to dispose of the city’s electrical, water, wastewater, reclaimed water production or distribution facilities or GRUCOM or future utility-related enterprises or intellectual processes, or any part thereof ~~so as to materially reduce the capacity of the city to provide~~ unless the commission does so by ordinance with the prior approval of a majority vote of the qualified electors of the city voting at an election for the purpose of approving the ordinance.”

5.06 Funds for construction of paved surfaces in designated areas: (12/2) Delete the entire section.

Timeline: In order to ensure that your proposed amendments (not vetoed by the Commission) make it on to the November 3rd ballot, we suggest that you consider updating your timeline as follows (to allow time for Commission agenda deadlines, drafting multiple ordinances and the advertising and public hearing requirements to adopt those ordinances):

By end of February 2020	CRC complete review of the Charter and agree upon final proposed amendments
By end of February 2020	Charter Officers provide final written analysis to CRC (Note: the Charters will provide each analysis when completed)
By March 13, 2020	CRC prepare/approve written document containing final proposed amendments
Week of March 16, 2020	CRC hold 1 st public hearing on final proposed amendments (each hearing must be 7 days apart)
Week of March 23, 2020	CRC hold 2 nd public hearing on final proposed amendments (each hearing must be 7 days apart)
Week of March 30, 2020	CRC hold 3 rd public hearing on final proposed amendments (each hearing must be 7 days apart)
April 8, 2020	Agenda item/back-up deadline for April 16 th Commission Regular Meeting
April 16, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting and/or a Special Meeting to be held in April 2020	Commission review final proposed amendments and either 1) veto or 2) direct the City Attorney to draft the necessary ordinance(s)
April 22-May 19, 2020	Staff drafting ordinance(s)

May 20, 2020	Ordinance advertisement to Gainesville Sun/ deliver final ordinance to Clerk of Commission
June 4, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting	First reading of ordinance(s)
June 18, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting	Second reading of ordinance(s)
By July 3, 2020	Deliver ordinance(s) to the Supervisor of Elections

I have also copied the City Commission on this email, so that they are aware of our communication to you and the recommended timeline and can discuss if they have any questions or concerns. Thank you and let us know if you have any questions.

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