

*Charter Review
Committee
Town Hall*

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Charter Review Committee

- Resolution 2023-267
- Five (5) members, appointed by the City Commission.
- Two (2) Town Hall meetings; City Commission discussion, joint Sunshine meeting; committee meetings.

What is a Charter?

- A concise and workable legal framework for the municipal government.
- With municipal Home Rule a municipal government is not limited to those powers listed in its charter.
- A Charter should prescribe the form of government and clearly define the responsibility for legislative and executive functions.
- A Charter cannot prohibit the City Commission from levying any tax authorized by the Constitution or general law.

Article I. City Commission and Mayor

- Section 1.- Creation, composition, election, terms, vacancies, qualifications.
- Section 1.1.- Run-Off Election.
- Section 2. -Term Limits.
- Section 3. - Election to Office, Requirements, Qualifying.
- Section 4. – Incapacity
- Section 5. – Form of Ordinances, Publication
- Section 6. – Duties of the Mayor

Article I. City Commission and Mayor

- Section 7.- Compensation of Commissioners, Mayors.
- Section 8. - Appointment of City Officers, Record of Proceedings.
- Section 9. - Authority to Provide a Pension Plan.
- Section 10.- Initiative and Referendum.

Article II. City Manager

- Section 11.- City Manager.
- Section 12.- Responsibility, Duties, Authority, Appointments, generally.
- Section 13. - Authority Over Officers and Employees; Removal, Suspension, Reduction.
- Section 14.- Lines of Authority between Manager and Commission.

Article II. City Manager

- Section 15.- Specific Powers and Duties.
- Section 16.- Participation in Commission Meetings.
- Section 17.- Authority of Commission over Departments.

Article III. Finance

- Section 18. – Budget Estimate of Expenditures and Revenues of All City Departments, Divisions, and Offices.
- Section 19.- Appropriation Balances, Transfers Between Items.
- Section 20.- Unappropriated Accruing Revenue, Unexpended Balances.
- Section 21.- Appropriations Necessary for Withdrawals, Notice to the City Manager; Revision of Unencumbered Balance.
- Section 22.- Accounting Procedure, Financial Reports.

Article IV. Taxation

- Section 23.- Disposition of Revenues.
- Section 24.- Public Works of Improvements- Direct Labor, Contracts, Bidding.

Article V. Administration

- Section 25.- Bonding of Officers, Clerks, and Other City Employees, Authority of Commission to Determine and Regulate.
- Section 26.- Advisory Boards, Authority of Commission to Appoint.
- Section 27.- Compensation of Officers and Department Heads; others.
- Section 28.- Saving Clause.
- Section 29.- Names of Municipal Corporation Not to Contain the Term “Coral Gables”.
- Section 30.- Repealing Clause.

Article VI. General Provisions

- Section 31. -Boundaries- Metes and Bounds.
- Section 32. -Same- Illegally Included Land, Liability for Taxes, Excluded Property.
- Section 33.- General Powers.
- Section 34.- Additional Powers.
- Section 34a.- Special assessments.

2015 Charter Review Committee

- Submitted 5 proposals to the City Commission.
- 5 were submitted to the electors in a referendum.
- 4/5 were approved by the voters.
 - *Run-Off Elections
 - * Expulsion of Members
 - * Appointment of Vice Mayor
 - *Incapacity of Members