



Charter Review Committee Agenda

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Chair Donald O'Brien

Vice Chair Perry Mitrano

Committee Member Ramon Marrero

Committee Member Mike Martin

Committee Member Patrick Miller

Monday, November 17, 2025

6:00 PM

City Hall - Jon Netts Community Wing

Georgette Dumont, Facilitator

Kaley Cook, City Clerk

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Alison Palmer called the roll. All members were present.

C. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2025, COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion by Vice Chair Mitrano, and seconded by Committee Member Martin, to approve the November 3, 2025, Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

D. CHARTER REVIEW –ARTICLE VII (ELECTIONS), ARTICLE VII (COUNCIL DISTRICTS), AND ARTICLE IX (GENERAL PROVISIONS), ARTICLE X (SEVERABILITY)

Dr. Dumont presented a summary of the November 3, 2025, meeting.

Public comment #1

Jeani Duarte commented on changing the language regarding electors and registered voters. Ms. Duarte provided documents which are attached to these minutes.

Committee Member Martin and Vice Chair Mitrano responded to public comment.

Dr. Dumont provided an overview of Article VII section 6 on Elections. The Charter Review Committee held discussion on section 6.

Public comment #2

Chantal Preuninger asked about write-in candidates.

Jeani Duarte asked about primary ballots based on registration.

Dr. Dumont, Committee Member Martin, and Karen Sousa, Deputy Supervisor of Elections and committee alternate, responded to public comment regarding primary ballots, qualifying as a write-in candidate, and Florida Statute.

Dr. Dumont continued the review with Article VII, canvassing boards.

Public comment #3

Jeani Duarte asked about the canvassing board processes.

Dr. Dumont and Committee Member Martin responded to public comment.

Dr. Dumont continued the review with Article VIII district boundaries.

Public comment #4

Jeani Duarte discussed district and at-large representation.

Chantal Preuninger asked about district boundaries and proposed changes.

The committee resumed discussion of Article VIII, district boundaries, and district versus at-large representation.

Dr. Dumont reviewed Article IX, General Provisions.

The committee held discussion of Article IX reference to section 10 (2) b and 9 (2) b.

Public comment #5

Chantal Preuninger made suggestions regarding the date.

Jeani Duarte commented on changes to the charter being put on the ballot, a prior referendum, and the 2028 election.

Tony Amaral addressed earlier comments regarding delaying action because of council member turnover, and small changes versus substantive changes on the ballot.

Karen Sousa commented on voting on a primary ballot versus the general election ballot.

Donna McGevna suggested memorializing naming alternates to the charter review committee in the charter.

Dr. Dumont and the committee responded to public comment and resumed discussion of Article IX initiatives and referendums.

Public comment #6

Chantal Preuninger discussed timelines and 10% requirement.

Jeani Duarte commented on the 10% requirement and time limits.

Tony Amaral suggested 60 days for the time limit, and not restricting ordinances and only making changes during the next general election.

Chantal Preuninger spoke again on referendums and ordinances.

Dr. Dumont and the committee responded to public comment and resumed discussion of Article IX. The committee will ask the City Attorney for a list of things that cannot be moved forward through initiative and referendum.

Dr. Dumont continued review of Article IX section 4 districts. The committee held discussion on districts, and moving and/or streamlining sections on districts and districting into Article VIII.

Public comment #7

Jeani Duarte asked about redistricting and census data.

Chantal Preuninger asked about Article VIII.

Dr. Dumont and the committee responded to public comment and continued review of Article IX section 4.

Public comment #8

Karen Sousa commented on commission members being registered voters.

Tony Amaral discussed Article XI (4) (f) redistricting ordinance.

Dr. Dumont and the committee responded to public comment and continued discussion of Article IX and Article X on severability.

Dr. Dumont discussed next steps and will prepare a draft report for the committee for discussion at the December 1 meeting.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment #9

Tony Amaral suggested separating clerical issues from substantive issues in the draft report.

F. DISCUSSION BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by: Alison Palmer
Deputy City Clerk*

Original Charter, provision (3)(e) language:

“ Unless authorized by the electors of the city at a duly held referendum election, the Council shall not enter into lease purchase contracts or any other unfunded multiyear contracts, the repayment of which: extends in excess of 36 months; or exceeds \$15,000,000,00.”

Proposed language going on the ballot:

Shall Article VI of the Charter be amended by removing provision (3)(e) related to fiscal Contracting Authority that limit the City’s ability to enter into public private partnerships, have the ability to address growth by having future residents contribute to infrastructure costs, respond to emergencies and use available financial instruments including, but not limited to, bonds.

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- Let's protect our right to vote on the who, what, why, where, when and how we handle any and all future expansions.
 - Let's keep Article V1 Charter provision (3)(e) 's, 36 month deadline
 - Let's maintain the set cap of \$15,000,000.00
 - Let's insist on transparency and accountability

If they want more money and or time, they can ask then we can vote.

And let's say "NO" to ALFIN BONDS !!!!!

City of Palm Coast Charter Amendment 1
Enmienda a los estatutos de la ciudad de Palm
Coast 1

CHARTER AMENDMENT TO UPDATE
PROVISIONS RELATED TO CITY COUNCIL'S
CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.

Shall Article VI of the Charter be amended by removing provision (3)(e) related to fiscal Contracting Authority that limits the City's ability to enter into public private partnerships, have the ability to address growth by having future residents contribute to infrastructure costs, respond to emergencies and use available financial instruments including, but not limited to, bonds.

ENMIENDA A LOS ESTATUTOS PARA
ACTUALIZAR LAS DISPOSICIONES
RELATIVAS A LA AUTORIDAD DE
CONTRATACIÓN DEL AYUNTAMIENTO.

¿Debe Enmendarse el Artículo VI de la Carta Constitutiva eliminando la disposición (3)(e) relacionada con la Autoridad de Contratación fiscal que limita la capacidad de la Ciudad para celebrar asociaciones público-privadas, tener la capacidad de abordar el crecimiento haciendo que los futuros residentes contribuyan a los costos de infraestructura, responder a emergencias y utilizar los instrumentos financieros disponibles, incluidos, entre otros, los bonos.

Yes / Si

No / No

Proposed language for the ballot

Shall **When**

Article VI **the binding terms**
of the Charter **of the Sovereign Power**
be amended **gets changed**

by **in way of**
Removing provision (3) (e) **Eliminating provision (3) (e)**
related to **having to do with**

Fiscal **government revenue, taxes, monetary and fiscal policy.**

Contracting Authority **Pertaining to unfunded projects / requires a subsequent appropriation or offset to pay for**
that limit **which Set boundaries**

the City's **for the Council**
Ability **To be able to Access or have the power to**
to enter into **agree to**

public private partnerships, **any long term arrangements between a government and private sector,**
The Council will then,,,, (MISSING!!!)

Have **possess**
the ability **the power**
to address **to decide**
growth **expansions**

By **in way of**
having future residents **forcefully mortgaging the future of Palm Coast**

Contribute **to pay for**
to infrastructure costs, **charges imposed on new buildings, development and maintenance of public infrastruc-**
ture, such as roads, water supply networks and sewage treatment facilities,

Respond **react** to emergencies **????????????????????????????**
and **as well as** Use **Consume**

Available **Accessible**
financial instruments, **stocks, Bonds, Real Estate, Bank Deposits, Contracts, loans, CDs Mutual Funds, etc,**
including, **which include(s)**
but not limited to, **without limit, size or quantity,**
bonds. **ALFIN BONDS !!!**

Our Mayor and Council are

Engaging in Unethical Practices

To Change our Charter Law.

By Knowingly and Willfully

Placing Deceptive Language on a Ballot for Vote

For the Upcoming Election.

By REFERENDUM Vote

it will REMOVE or CHANGE Charter Provision (3)(e)

Which will

Eliminate citizens right to vote,

Eliminate need for referendum,

Eliminate the Spending Cap,

Eliminate the Repayment Deadline,

Eliminate the need for Public Council Meetings,

Eliminate Restrictions to the City from entering into lease purchase contracts,

Eliminate Restrictions to the City from entering into unfunded multiyear contracts.

Eliminates the Public's Voice concerning issues in our community.

It will Allow the City Unlimited Access to Available and Future Funds

It will Allow the City to enter into Lease Purchase Contracts without limits.

It will Allow the City to enter into Unfunded Multiyear Contracts without limits.

It will Allow the City to be Controlled by Developers with No Limits.

Provide No Accountability for damages already done

Provide No Accountability for damages that which may occur in the future.

Thus, harming the Citizens of Palm Coast and its Future Generations.