



# 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*

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**Monday, December 1, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**City Hall - Jon Netts Community Wing**

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**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 17, 2025, COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Motion by Committee Member Marrero, and seconded by Committee Member Martin, to approve the November 17, 2025, Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.*

**D. CHARTER REVIEW**

*City Attorney Marcus Duffy provided answers to previously submitted legal questions and held discussion with the committee. Topics included: fines for council members violating the charter, censure, council members as contract employees, challenging a vote, the role of the city attorney,*

*recovering attorney fees from lawsuits, removal from office, recall, filing fees, candidate qualifying, council healthcare benefits and salaries, city manager approval authority, and contract limits.*

*Dr. Dumont presented a summary of the November 17, 2025, meeting.*

*Public comment #1*

*Chantal Preuninger asked about changes to the charter and state law, the City Manager's and Governor's salaries, remote meetings, and Council salaries.*

*The committee members and Dr. Dumont responded to public comment and discussed salaries.*

*Dr. Dumont presented an overview of comments from the 3 townhall meetings. Dr. Dumont and the committee held discussion of property rights, density, and resources.*

*Dr. Dumont presented Committee Member Martin's proposed preamble. The committee gave consensus to recommend including the preamble in the charter.*

*Public comment #2*

*Chantal Preuninger shared that she likes the preamble but asked if this would take away from the other things people have to vote for.*

*Dr. Dumont responded to public comment and presented Committee Member Martin's Citizen's Bill of Rights. The committee did not give consensus to include the Citizen's Bill of Rights in the Charter. The Committee suggested that the Citizen's Bill of Rights be presented to Council for adoption as an ordinance.*

*Public comment #3*

*Ken McGevna made suggestions for financial reporting.*

*Dr. Dumont and the committee responded to public comment and held a discussion on financial reporting.*

*Dr. Dumont continued a review of the committee's proposed changes to the charter with Article I: Municipal Powers and Article II: Form of Government. The committee did not propose any changes to Article I. The committee held additional discussion of Article II and gave consensus to propose changes to the language.*

*Dr. Dumont continued the review with Article III: Corporate Limits and Article IV: City Council. The committee did not propose any changes to Article III. The committee held additional discussion of Article IV and gave consensus to propose changes to (1) (b) Qualifications for office regarding petition signatures and qualifying fees.*

*Public comment #4*

*Chantal Preuninger made suggestions regarding fees and signatures.*

*The committee responded to public comment.*

*Dr. Dumont continued the review of Article IV: Qualifications for office. The committee gave consensus to propose additional changes to (1) (b) Qualifications for office regarding residency.*

Public comment #5

*Chantal Preuninger asked about residency requirements.*

*The committee recessed at 7:45.*

*The committee reconvened at 7:49.*

Public comment #6

*James Deen discussed residency requirements and the number of council meetings.*

*Dr. Dumont continued the review of Article IV (b) 3. Chair O'Brien suggested candidates qualifying for Mayor be required to obtain 500 signatures and pay \$500.00. The committee gave consensus to propose 400 signatures and pay \$400.00 and mirror council residency requirements.*

*Dr. Dumont continued the review of Article IV 3 (2) Terms of office. The committee gave consensus to recommend changes to terms of office.*

Public comment #7

*Ken McGevna discussed residency requirements.*

*Chantal Preuninger discussed term limits.*

*Dr. Dumont and the committee responded to public comment, resumed discussion of Art. IV (3). Powers and duties of council, and did not recommend any changes to Art. IV (3).*

Public comment #8

*James Deen discussed declaring a state of emergency.*

*Chantal Preuninger discussed declaring a state of emergency.*

*The committee responded to public comment and continued discussion of emergency ordinances and declaring a state of emergency.*

*Dr. Dumont continued the review of Article IV (4) Powers and duties of the Mayor and (5) The Vice Mayor: election and duties. The committee recommended adding language to (4) and no changes to (5).*

*Dr. Dumont continued the review of Article IV (6) Compensation and expenses. The committee held discussion of (6) and gave consensus to propose changes to compensation, expenses, and benefits.*

Public comment #9

*Chantal Preuninger discussed contract employees, candidates, and benefits.*

*James Deen commented on CPI, compensation, referendum, expenses, and benefits.*

*Ken McGevna discussed that these recommendations will go to the council for approval, and shared suggestions for benefits.*

*The committee responded to public comment and continued discussion of compensation.*

*Dr. Dumont summarized the proposed changes through Article IV: keep the preamble, the bill of rights as an ordinance, ordinance for a city council manual, qualifications for office changes as displayed, qualifying signature and dollar amounts: 100/\$100 for council, 400/\$400 for Mayor, remove 45 weeks per year, update council and Mayor terms of office, add language to powers of the Mayor, and keep all changes for compensation.*

*The committee gave consensus to consider scheduling additional meetings at the 12/15 charter review meeting.*

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*There were none.*

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

*There were none.*

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted by: Alison Palmer  
Deputy City Clerk*