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Richmond City Council

Governmental Operations Standing Committee Meeting

March 24, 2021

Richmond City Council is considering revising the Richmond City Charter on behalf of city residents. This is an overview and proposed review process for revision of the Charter. Council must submit any request for changes to the Richmond City Charter to the Virginia General Assembly by no later than the Monday after Thanksgiving. For the 2022 General Assembly session, revisions to the Charter must be submitted by Nov, 29, 2021 and for the 2023 General Assembly session by November 28, 2022.

Decision of Council of Process to Review and Revise the Charter

Council must consider which process would be utilized to revise the Charter.

- Council, as the city's legislative body may establish a charter commission to recommend revisions and appoint members.
- A collaborative committee comprised of various departments and entities of the city working in subcommittees separately to identify revisions for reporting to the larger committee and Council's Governmental Operations Standing committee.
- Considering a hybrid of the two options with a collaborative committee that identifies revisions to the Charter and submits the recommendations to the Commission for final review and consideration.
- Using a consultant to facilitate revisions to the Charter which may include oversight of the commission or the committee's review process.

Required Steps for Review to Revise the Charter

- Prior to the November 29th deadline, steps must be followed to alert the public.
- Recommendations to Council for consideration and final decisions by Sept. 30, 2021.
- O&R submission of final Charter recommendations prior to Oct. 1, 2021.
- In order to meet the Nov. 29th deadline and also comply with the 10-day notice requirement set forth in Va. Code §15.2-202, the Council must introduce the resolution requesting Charter changes by no later than October 11th Council formal meeting.
- Upon introduction, the resolution may be assigned to the October 28, 2021 to Council Governmental Operations Standing Committee.
- Council must provide notice of the time and place of the public hearing on the resolution in a newspaper of general circulation by at least October 29th.
- Resolution must be adopted by Nov. 8th to meet the Nov. 29th submission deadline and advertised in accordance with Va. Code § 15.2-202.

- Requested Changes to the Charter must be submitted to the General Assembly by Nov. 29, 2021.

General Assembly 2022 Session	General Assembly 2023 Session
<p data-bbox="155 277 792 415">Review and deliberation of the Charter over a four month timeframe with the sub group and Council making decisions from April 1, 2021- August 30, 2021.</p> <p data-bbox="155 491 792 592">The assumption is the committee would work parallel with Council for a report of final recommendations.</p> <ul data-bbox="204 634 799 1629" style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and consider the recommendations of the 2009 Commission. • The entire Charter would be reviewed and a draft of proposed revisions prepared by the commission or committee. • The commission or collaborative city committee would submit their recommendations to the Council Governmental Operations Standing Committee and those recommendations reviewed in the Council Organizational Development Standing Committee with Council. • Council's deliberation to consider the proposed revisions would occur monthly but also from August 30 – Sept. 30, 2021 with final recommendations by October 1, 2021. • Requested Changes to the Charter must be submitted to the General Assembly by Nov. 29, 2021. • Public Hearing sessions with comments from the public would occur over the 4 month period as well as August – Sept. 2021. 	<p data-bbox="824 277 1458 449">Review and deliberation of the Charter over a nine month timeframe from May 1, 2021- March 30, 2022 for the subgroup-city collaborative committee and Council's review of the proposed revisions by Council.</p> <p data-bbox="824 491 1458 625">The assumption is the committee would provide a framework and report with recommendations to Council and Council would continue for final recommendations.</p> <ul data-bbox="873 667 1474 1810" style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and consider the recommendations of the 2009 Commission. • The entire Charter would be reviewed and a draft of proposed revisions prepared by the commission or committee. • The commission or collaborative city committee would submit their recommendations to the Council Governmental Operations Standing Committee and those recommendations reviewed in the Council Organizational Development Standing Committee with Council. • Council's deliberation to consider the proposed revisions would occur monthly. • From April 1, 2022 – August 30, 2022. Council deliberation (depending upon Budget schedule), Council Public meetings with public comments for input to Council would occur to inform Council for final decisions for revision of the Charter. • Final recommendations deadline is September 30, 2022. • Requested Changes to the Charter must be submitted to the General Assembly by Nov. 28, 2022. • Public Hearings would occur with coordination during this period.