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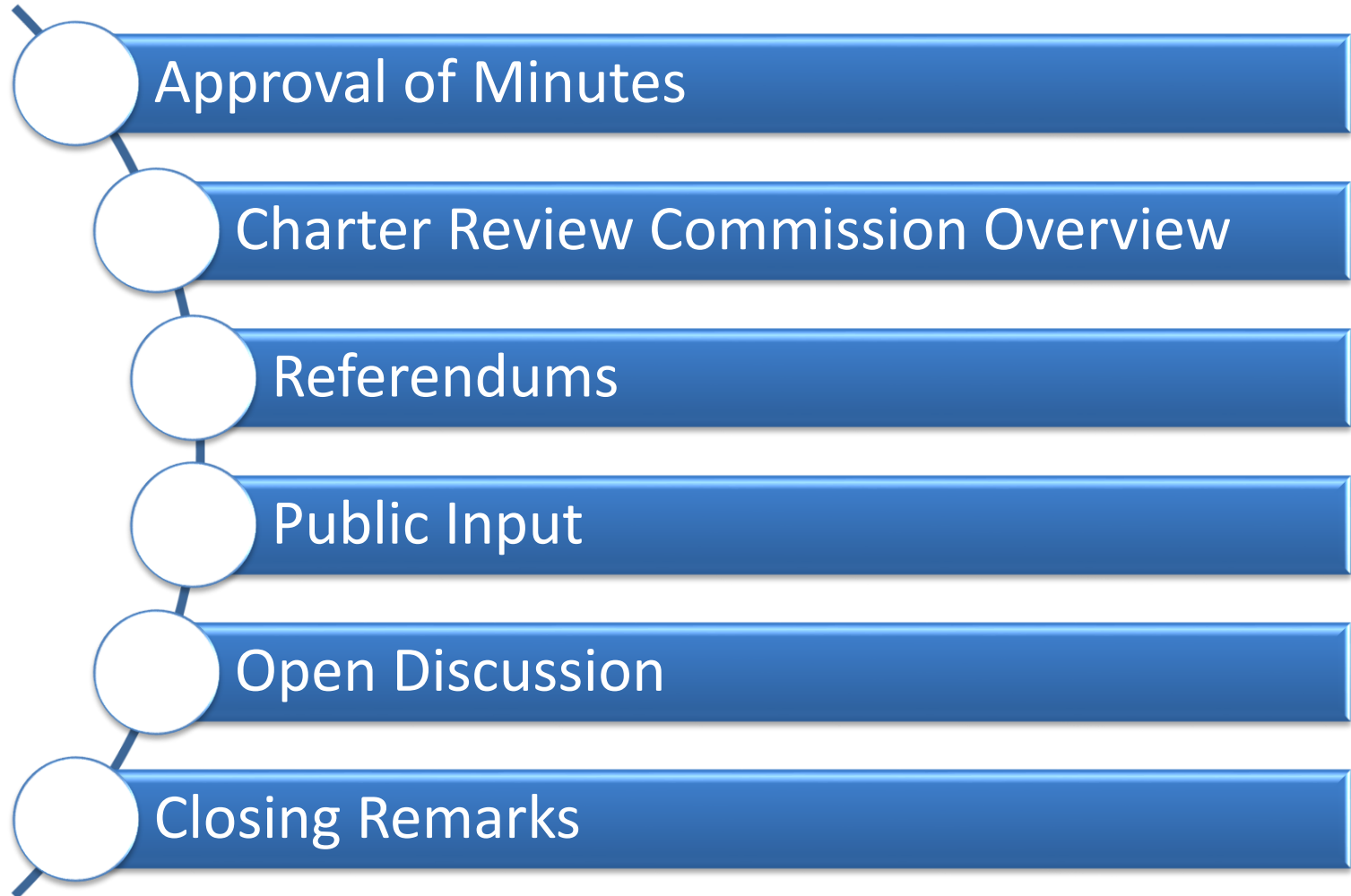
Pinellas County Charter Review 2015 - 2016

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June 15, 2016

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Agenda



CRC Overview – Purpose of Charter

- Specifies the structure of government
- Allows powers of self-government unless inconsistent with the Constitution or State law
- May provide for initiative, referendum, and recall at the county level
- May require an Administrative Code detailing all regulations, policies, and procedures
- May provide that a “municipal utility tax” is levied in the unincorporated area



Overview – CRC Member Selection

- Appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) from pool of applicants
- Independent from the BOCC
- Begins convening in August; Completes review by July 31
- Comprised of Pinellas County representatives:
 - 1 Legislative Delegation Member
 - 1 Constitutional Officer
 - 1 Elected City Official
 - 1 Board of County Commissioner
 - 9 from Public at large (may not be an elected official)



CRC Overview – CRC Members

Chairman, Dr. Jim Olliver

Retired, Provost St. Petersburg College

Vice Chairman, Tom Steck

Realtor

Member, Larry Ahearn

Florida House Representative, District 66

Member, Johnny Bardine

Practicing Attorney

Member, Keisha Bell

Practicing Attorney and Author

Member, Sandra Lee Bradbury

Mayor, Pinellas Park

Member, Ken Burke

*Pinellas County Clerk of Court and
Comptroller*

Member, Ashley Caron

*Associate Director Accreditation, Assessment
St. Petersburg College*

Member, Barclay Harless

Business Development Officer, C1 Bank

Member, Janet C. Long

Pinellas County Commissioner, District 1

Member, Todd Pressman

Consultant specializing in Land Use and Zoning

Member, Dr. Jim Sewell

Author and Consultant, Retired FDLE

Member, Josh Shulman

Certified Financial Planner



The Charter Review Committee is an independent board that was assisted by the following organizations and staff:

Diane Meiller and Associates – Facilitation Team

Diane R. Meiller-Cook, President

Flo Sena, Principal Consultant

Vose Law Firm - Charter Review Legal Expert

Wade Vose, Esquire

Pinellas County Administrator's Office

Mary Scott Hardwick, Intergovernmental Liaison

CRC Overview – Ways to Amend Charter

3 Methods

- ❑ The Board of County Commissioners can pass an ordinance to propose an amendment to the Charter.
- ❑ An amendment can be proposed via petition signed by registered voters.
- ❑ The Charter Review Commission, which convenes once every 8 years, can propose amendments.



CRC Overview - Process

Identification of charter amendment topics

Education and consideration of topic(s)

Determination on whether to develop a referendum on the topic

Approval on language for the specific charter amendment(s) and for the ballot language

Hold 2 mandatory Public hearings before final report to BOCC

Upon completion of the process, referendum(s) are added to the November election ballot.



6 Referendums Resulted

1. Lowering Signature Percentage and Expanding Time Period for Petition Drive to Propose County Charter Amendments
2. Financial Impact Statement for Proposed Charter Amendments
3. Creation of County Redistricting Board
4. Selection, Termination, and Annual Review of County Attorney by County Commissioners and Constitutional Officers
5. Charter Review Commission Members Residence Requirements
6. Pinellas Charter Cleanup Amendment



Ballot Question 1

Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and summary for Question #1 are as follows:

LOWERING SIGNATURE PERCENTAGE AND EXPANDING TIME PERIOD FOR PETITION DRIVE TO PROPOSE COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to lower the number of signed petitions necessary to propose an amendment to the Pinellas County Charter from ten (10) percent of the registered voters in the county to eight (8) percent, and to expand the length of time during which petitions can be gathered from 180 days to 240 days?

_____ Yes
_____ No



Ballot Question 2

Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and summary for Question #2 are as follows:

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to provide that for each proposed charter amendment placed on the ballot, a brief financial impact statement prepared by the county auditor shall be placed after the ballot summary for the amendment, estimating the increase or decrease in revenues or costs to the county resulting from approval of the proposed charter amendment?

_____ Yes
_____ No



Ballot Question 3

Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and summary for Question #3 are as follows:

CREATION OF COUNTY REDISTRICTING BOARD

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to create a County Redistricting Board, appointed by the County Commission every ten years after the Census, to provide advisory recommendations to the County Commission on redrawing county commission districts, and providing parameters for such recommendations, including not favoring political parties or incumbents, not denying racial or language minorities equal opportunity for political participation, and where feasible, consideration of unincorporated areas and municipal boundaries?

_____ Yes

_____ No



Ballot Question 4

Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and summary for Question 4 are as follows:

SELECTION, TERMINATION, AND ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNTY ATTORNEY BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to provide that the County Attorney shall be selected by, serve at the pleasure of, and be subject to annual review by, a committee consisting of the seven county commissioners and the five county constitutional officers (sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, and clerk of the circuit court and comptroller) rather than the board of county commissioners alone?

_____ Yes
_____ No



Ballot Question 5

Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and summary for Question #5 are as follows:

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS RESIDENCE
REQUIREMENTS**

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to specify that each of the seven county commissioners shall nominate to the Charter Review Commission a member who resides in the commissioner's district?

_____ Yes
_____ No



Ballot Question 6

Ballot Proposal: The ballot title and summary for Question #6 are as follows:

PINELLAS CHARTER CLEANUP AMENDMENT

Shall the Pinellas County Charter be amended to remove certain provisions found unconstitutional by court ruling, remove certain transitional provisions that have since occurred, revise certain references to be consistent with Florida Statutes, and remove references to certain organizations that no longer exist?

_____ Yes
_____ No



Open Discussion



Public Input



Closing Remarks

Dr. Jim Olliver
Chairman, Charter Review Commission

