

City of Opa-locka

*Commission Chambers
215 Perviz Avenue
Opa-locka, FL 33054*



CHARTER REVIEW BOARD CITIZENS' INPUT WORKSHOP

Agenda

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022
6:00 PM**

Charter Review Board Members

**Chair Jannie Russell
Vice Chair Nikisha Williams
Board Member Christina Banks
Board Member Mykeisha Fenn
Board Member John Riley
Board Member Audrey Edmonson
Board Member Frank Vega**

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AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:**
- 2. ROLL CALL:**
- 3. INVOCATION:**
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- 5. ADDITIONS/CHANGES/DELETIONS:**
Request to add, change or delete items from the agenda
- 6. REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CHARTER REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS:**
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Please limit to no more than three (3) minutes
- 8. DISCUSSION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHARTER AMENDMENTS:**
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Please limit to no more than three (3) minutes
- 10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**CHARTER REVIEW BOARD
AMENDMENT
RECOMMENDATIONS**

CHARTER REVIEW BOARD AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Section 1.1. - Incorporation

Citizen Input - Ms. Dorothy Johnson

Recommended Dade County be updated to Miami-Dade County and references to township be corrected.

Section 1.3. - Form of Government

Board Chair Russell

Said she isn't sure Mayor is truly equal to Commission.

Board Vice Chair Williams

Recommended Mayor, Commission, Manager form of government and outlining role of Mayor.

Board Member Riley

Explained multiple reasons why it was beneficial to establish the office of strong Mayor.

Section 2.1. - Election and Term of Office

Citizen Input - Ms. Dorothy Johnson

Recommended the Commission be elected according to single member districts.

Section 2.3. - Mayor and commission compensation

Board Chair Russell

Stated that elected officials should be compensated, including health and life insurance, in addition to being provided a vehicle.

Board Vice Chair Williams

Recommended establishment of formula for Commission's salary and suggested a car stipend.

Board Member Banks

Stated that elected officials are not elected to make money as public servants, but put it on the record that she recognizes the Commission salaries need to be adjusted and recommended that it be done after the City is out of its financial emergency.

Board Member Riley

Proposed that Commission's salary not exceed \$18,000/ year providing health insurance.

Board Member Fenn

Supports increasing the Commission's salary to less than \$18,000 with health or life insurance and a vehicle stipend. She also suggested that language about additional benefits such as the provision of a City cell phone, be included in the Charter.

Citizen Input - Ms. Dorothy Johnson

Recommended a progressive formula to calculate the Commission's salary in addition to a carpooling fleet.

Section 3.3. - Powers and Duties of the City Manager

Board Chair Russell

Recommended that City Manager not have power over Chief of Police.

Board Member Edmonson

Recommended against making the hiring of the Chief of Police political.

Board Member Riley

Recommended the establishment of a committee for the hiring of the Chief of Police and/or the establishing of consent from the Commission for the firing of the Chief.

Citizen Input - Ms. Dorothy Johnson

Suggested that the Chief of Police should be elected.

Section 3.4. - Acting City Manager

Board Chair Russell

Recommended that the language in the Charter pertaining to the Interim/Acting City Manager be clarified.

Section 3.9. - City Boards and Agencies

Board Member Riley

Recommended that Civil Service Board be once again included in the Charter.

Citizen Input - Ms. Dorothy Johnson

Suggested that the Civil Service Board is a better fit for the City's Code of Ordinances.

Section 4.7. - Appropriation Amendments During the Fiscal Year

City Staff Input – Budget Administrator Bob Anathan

Recommended that budget amendments be approved by resolution and not by ordinance.

Citizen Input - Ms. Dorothy Johnson

Stated that public hearing for ordinances proposing budget amendments were critical.