

Legislation Text

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An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Article II Of The City Charter Entitled "The City Commission" To Specify The Number Of Regular Meetings The City Commission Shall Schedule And Hold, To Require The City Commission To Conduct Citizens' Comments In Each Calendar Month In Which The Commission Holds A Regular Meeting, To Create A Duty To Disclose When A Commission Member Has Knowledge Of Another Commission Member's Voting Conflict Of Interest, And To Prohibit The City Commission And Its Members From Giving Orders To And Making Requests Of City Employees Except Designees Of The City Manager Or City Attorney, All Subject To Approval By The Electorate At A Referendum To Be Held On November 6, 2018.

Staff Recommends: Approval of the attached Ordinance

Explanation:

The Charter Review Committee was created for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive study of the City Charter. By a vote of two thirds (2/3), the Charter Review Committee may submit proposals to amend or revise the Charter to the City Commission.

The Charter Review Committee must submit to the City Commission any proposed amendments or revisions with associated ballot language no later than the first Tuesday in June. The City Commission shall place the Committee's proposals with the associated ballot language on the ballot.

This ordinance proposes to require the Commission to schedule a minimum of 20 regular public meetings a year and hold at least 18 with Citizens Comments held at least once a month. It would also require any commission member to disclose when he/she has knowledge of another commission member's voting conflict of interest. Language is also added to specify that Commission members shall only make requests or provide direction to the City Manager, City Attorney and their designees.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by: Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager George R. Keller, Jr. CPPT, Assistant City Manager for Public Safety and Interim Assistant City Manager for Finance and Administration Patricia A. Cerny, City Clerk Lorie Mertens-Black, Chief Civic Affairs Officer Charter Review Committee