

2020 Alachua County Charter Review Commission
Public Hearing Agenda
Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

Commission Members-Douglas Bernal; K Richard Blount; Scott Camil; James Ingle; Nicholas Klein; Pradeep Kumar; Joe Little, Vice-Chair; Erroll “Stanley” Richardson; Tamara Robbins; James Thompson; Penny Wheat, Chair and Kristen Young

This meeting is a virtual meeting, as authorized by the Florida Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-69, and Alachua County Emergency Order No. 2020-10.

The public may attend virtually through Cox Cable Channel 12, Facebook, and the County’s Video on Demand Website. For meeting audio only, call **301-715-8592**, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID **670 695 3024**.

The public may submit comments to the CRC through email (CharterReview@alachuacounty.us) or by calling into the public comment message line when prompted to call during the meeting.

Public comment will be taken by telephone for all Public Hearing items, on all non-ministerial items on which the CRC votes, and on CRC-related matters not on the agenda.

Once public comment is opened for an item under discussion, please call **929-205-6099**, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID **273 174 8038**. Callers will be put in a queue, and prompted when it is their turn to speak. **TO AVOID FEEDBACK, SPEAKERS MUST TURN DOWN THEIR MEETING SOUND WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMISSION.**

Callers should state their name and limit comments to three minutes.

The public is encouraged to submit any written or photographic documents prior to the meeting to CharterReview@alachuacounty.us. Any questions regarding participation should be directed to the Alachua County Communications Office at (352) 374-5204.

Backup documents for indicated agenda items, including all charter amendments for which public hearings are being held, may be accessed online at the following web address:
<https://alachuacounty.us/charterreview/>.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes – May 13 (*Backup document*)
4. Public Hearing – Question #A¹ – County Charter Amendment Establishing County Growth Management Area (*Backup document available*)

COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING
COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT AREA

Shall the Alachua County Charter be amended, effective countywide, to establish a County Growth Management Area (“Area”), provide that the County’s comprehensive plan and land development regulations will exclusively govern land development in the Area, whether inside or outside municipal boundaries, authorize implementing ordinances, provide for removal of lands from the Area, and provide that the charter and implementing ordinances shall prevail over conflicting municipal ordinances?

5. Adoption of CRC Resolution 2020-01 - A Resolution of the Alachua County Charter Review Commission Adopting a Proposed Amendment to the Alachua County Home Rule Charter Establishing a County Growth Management Area (*Backup document available*)
6. Public Hearing – Question #B – County Charter Amendment to Identify and Eliminate Racial, Economic, and Gender Bias in County Policies (*Backup document available*)

COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO IDENTIFY AND
ELIMINATE RACIAL, ECONOMIC, AND GENDER BIAS
IN COUNTY POLICIES

Shall the Alachua County Charter be amended to require reviews of new and existing County ordinances, regulations, policies, and programs (“County Policies”), conducted by a committee of residents appointed by the County Commission, to identify elements of racial, economic, and gender bias and revisions to eliminate such biases, require presentation of such revisions to relevant decision makers, and require the County Commission to

¹ The Questions referenced herein are lettered for identification purposes only, and will be subsequently renumbered with the Alachua County Charter Review Commission’s specified ballot numbering.

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consider and take action on each such revision to existing County Policies?

7. Adoption of CRC Resolution 2020-02 - A Resolution of the Alachua County Charter Review Commission Adopting a Proposed Amendment to the Alachua County Home Rule Charter to Identify and Eliminate Racial, Economic, and Gender Bias in County Policies (*Backup document available*)
8. Public Hearing – Question #C – County Charter Amendment Creating Environmental Protection Officer as Charter Officer (*Backup document available*)

COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT CREATING
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER AS
CHARTER OFFICER

Shall the Alachua County Charter be amended to create an Environmental Protection Officer, who shall be hired, fired, and responsible directly to the County Commission (rather than the County Manager), and who shall serve as department head for the County's Environmental Protection Department, with authority to propose Department budgets and hire and fire Department employees, while also providing that transfers of authority from the Department must be approved by supermajority vote of the County Commission?

9. Adoption of CRC Resolution 2020-03 - A Resolution of the Alachua County Charter Review Commission Adopting a Proposed Amendment to the Alachua County Home Rule Charter Creating an Environmental Protection Officer as a Charter Officer (*Backup document available*)
10. Public Hearing – Question #D – County Charter Amendment Establishing Alachua County Affordable Housing Trust Fund (*Backup document available*)

COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING
ALACHUA COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST
FUND

Shall the Alachua County Charter be amended to establish an Alachua County Affordable Housing Trust Fund used to create and sustain affordable housing, which may be funded by fees from new commercial and residential development and other sources, all as directed by the County Commission, and to provide for the

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purposes, revenue sources, appropriation and expenditure of funds, continuing nature, implementation by ordinance, and administration and oversight of the Trust Fund?

11. Adoption of CRC Resolution 2020-04 - A Resolution of the Alachua County Charter Review Commission Adopting a Proposed Amendment to the Alachua County Home Rule Charter Establishing an Alachua County Affordable Housing Trust Fund (*Backup document available*)
12. Public Hearing – Question #E – County Charter Cleanup Amendment Removing Unconstitutional Provisions (*Backup document available*)

COUNTY CHARTER CLEANUP AMENDMENT
REMOVING UNCONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

Shall the Alachua County Charter be amended to remove two unconstitutional provisions, one unconstitutionally prohibiting protections based on sexual orientation, sexual preference, or similar characteristics, and another imposing unconstitutional residency requirements for county commissioner qualifying?

13. Adoption of CRC Resolution 2020-05 - A Resolution of the Alachua County Charter Review Commission Adopting a Proposed Amendment to the Alachua County Home Rule Charter Removing Unconstitutional Provisions (*Backup document available*)
14. Public Hearing – Question #F – County Charter Amendment Concerning Candidate Treasurer Report Requirements (*Backup document available*)

COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT CONCERNING
CANDIDATE TREASURER REPORT REQUIREMENTS

Shall the Alachua County Charter be amended to remove any requirement that candidates file treasurer reports on paper, while retaining the existing requirement that they must file treasurer reports electronically?

15. Adoption of CRC Resolution 2020-06 - A Resolution of the Alachua County Charter Review Commission Adopting a Proposed Amendment to the Alachua County Home Rule Charter Concerning Candidate Treasurer Report Requirements (*Backup document available*)
16. Tabled motion re: order of ballot proposals / Adoption of CRC Resolution 2020-07 - A Resolution of the Alachua County Charter Review Commission Providing the Board of County Commissioners with the Charter Review Commission's Preferred Ballot Order for

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CRC-Initiated Charter Amendments – Remove tabled item and discuss order of ballot proposals (December 11, 2019 tabled motion: Commissioner Thompson moved and Commissioner Robbins seconded that “the Charter Review Commission shall clearly indicate to the Board of County Commissioners and the Supervisor of Elections its preferred order of appearance on ballot for proposed amendments.”) (*Backup document available*)

17. Agreement with Alachua County Clerk of Court – Approve Memorandum of Understanding for staff support through November 3 (*Backup document available*)
18. Referral of eliminated proposals – Approve letters to Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, all 9 municipalities and Alachua County Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization; and authorize Chair to sign (*Backup document available*)
19. Final Report – Approve Final Report and authorize Chair to send to Alachua County Commission, all 9 municipalities, School Board and County Constitutional Officers; authorize Chair and CRC staff to work with County Communications staff to digitize the report and authorize the Attorney to correct scrivener’s errors.
20. Attorney Invoice – Vose Law Firm (*Backup document available*)
21. Public Comment – on any CRC-related matter not on the Agenda (not to exceed 30 minutes)
22. Member Comments
23. Attorney and Staff Comments
24. Information Items (*Backup document - if available*)