

# MINUTES

## **Charter Review Committee City Council Subcommittee March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 5:30 PM**

### **Meeting Attendees:**

- Rikki Spector, Co-Chair
- Earl Adams, Co-Chair
- Josh Greenfeld
- Tyson King-Meadows
- Kara Kunst
- Enoch Bevel
- Michael Middleton
- Andrew Aleshire, staff

### **Topics Discussed:**

- The subcommittee unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Housekeeping item: There will be no meeting the week of March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Subcommittee concurred that future meeting items should include:
  - Independent Commission on redistricting
  - Standard for setting new council district boundaries
  - Council District arrangement (multi-member, at-large and overall number of members)
- Subcommittee opens conversation on number of votes required for a veto
  1. Some members felt that the City Council's veto number (75%) was too high
  2. Some members felt that the City Council's veto number reflected a strong-mayor system which was preferred.
- Subcommittee discussed the legislative/budget process and should the Council have more authority regarding the budget; ultimately, it was decided to not make a recommendation since there was another Charter Review Subcommittee with the purview to look at the budget process.
- Committee adjourned at 7:00 PM

**COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST  
FOR MEETINGS SUBJECT TO THE MARYLAND OPEN MEETINGS ACT \***

Name of public body Charter Review Commission  
Subcommittee City Council + Leg. Process Date of Meeting: 3-8-18

1. ☒ Did you give "reasonable advance notice" and keep a copy or screenshot?
2. ☒ Did you make an agenda available when notice was posted, or, if not yet determined, as soon as practicable, but at least 24 hours before the meeting?
3. ☒ Did you make arrangements for the public to attend?
4. ☒ Is someone prepared to keep minutes in writing or, otherwise, to run the equipment for minutes in the form of live and archived video or audio streaming?
5. Na If part of this meeting might be closed to the public, have you first:
  - ☐ Made sure that the public body designated a member to take training in the Act? (eff. 10/1/17)
  - ☐ Made sure that the topic to be discussed falls entirely within one or more of the 14 "exceptions" that allow the closed session? (see over for the list)
  - ☐ Given notice of the open meeting to be held right before the closed session, so that the presiding officer can hold the required public vote to close?
  - ☐ Made sure that the initial open meeting will be attended by a member designated to take training in the Act, and, if a designated member cannot attend, made sure that the public body is ready to complete this compliance checklist at the open meeting and keep it to attach to the minutes? (eff. 10/1/17)
  - ☐ Equipped the presiding officer to prepare a written statement with the required disclosures? (for a model form with instructions, go to <http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/OpenGov/Openmeetings/default.aspx> )
  - ☐ Equipped the presiding officer to limit the closed session discussion to the exceptions and topics cited on the written closing statement?
  - ☐ Arranged for closed-session minutes to be kept and adopted as sealed?
  - ☐ Equipped someone in the closed session to keep a record of each item of information that must be disclosed in the minutes of the next open meeting? (for the list, see the model closing statement).
  - ☐ For a meeting recessed to hold a closed administrative session, arranged to disclose, in the minutes of the next open meeting, the date, time, and place, persons present, and subjects discussed?
6. ☒ Have you arranged for the preparation, the adoption as soon as practicable, and posting online if practicable, of minutes of the open meeting, including summaries of any prior closed sessions, and this form (when required), completed on this side?

*\*This checklist is designed for general use as well as for use at open meetings of public bodies that hold closed meetings on or after 10/1/2017, when a member designated for training cannot attend the initial open meeting. See GP § 3-213(d). Like the earlier checklists, this checklist gives general guidance, does not guarantee "compliance" with every provision of the Open Meetings Act, and will be revised occasionally.*

(Revised June 2017)