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PRESS RELEASE

City seeks public input on charter review process

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally-recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (May 21, 2019) The Winter Park City Commission appointed a temporary [Charter Review Advisory Committee](#) to evaluate the [City Charter](#) for potential amendments and make recommendations to the City Commission. The first Charter Review Advisory Committee meeting was held on April 23, 2019. This committee is seeking input at its upcoming meeting **Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 6 p.m.**, held at the **Winter Park Community Center** located at 721 W. New England Ave. Going forward, the committee will meet at 6 p.m., at the same location on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month until the last scheduled meeting Tuesday, September 24, 2019. The public will have multiple opportunities to provide input, prior to the committee making its recommendations to the City Commission.

A municipal charter is the equivalent of a local constitution. It governs the form and powers of the city and the general responsibilities of the legislative and administrative powers. It addresses important topics such as the organization of city government, terms of office, functions of elected officials, election standards, budget adoption, and personnel management (city administration).

Once the Charter Review Advisory Committee makes their recommendations to the City Commission for consideration of a required ordinance, the two public hearings will take place: Monday, November 11, and Monday, November 25, at the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting. If the ordinance is approved, recommended amendments would be voted on by Winter Park residents at the next general election which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

There have been many amendments made to various sections of the charter since its last overall adoption by referendum on November 8, 1983. The city has the ability to evaluate and revise the Charter every 10 years and its last review was held in 2009. If you are unable to attend the committee meetings, please share your input by emailing CharterReview@cityofwinterpark.org before Friday, August 30, 2019.

Additional questions or concerns regarding the Winter Park Charter Review Advisory Committee may be directed to 407-599-3277. For more information regarding the City of Winter Park, please visit the city's official website at cityofwinterpark.org. Like, follow and watch us on [Facebook](#)[®], [Twitter](#)[®], [Instagram](#)[®], [Vimeo](#)[®], and [YouTube](#)[®].

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