

**Citizen Charter Review Committee
November 6, 2025
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Leon County Main Library
Programming Room A**

The Leon County 2025-2026 Citizen Charter Review Committee (CCRC) met on November 6, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. in the Leon County Main Library with Committee members Mary Ann Lindley, Chauncy Haynes, Darryl Jones, Linda Bond Edwards, Henry Lewis, III, Bruce Strouble, Jr., Howard Kessler, Ryan Ray, Liz Ellis, Joey Davis, Anita Favors, Barry Wilcox, Katrina Tuggerson, Slaton Murray, Temple Robinson, Max Herrle, Shamarial Roberson, Heidi Otway and Jarrett Terry in attendance. Also present were County Administrator Vince Long, Assistant County Administrator Ken Morris, County Attorney Chasity O'Steen, Assistant to the County Administrator for Legislative and Strategic Initiatives Nicki Hatch, Management Analyst Cameron Williams, and Clerks to the Board, Beryl Wood and Daniel J. Antonaccio.

Absent Members: William Smith and Sean Pittman.

Call to Order and Opening Mary Ann Lindley, Chair

Chair Lindley called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. She welcomed Committee Member, Heidi Otway. She gave comments on how they would proceed by turning their name card upright to be acknowledged to speak and make sure microphones are turned on.

Consent

Vice Chairman Chauncy Haynes moved, seconded by Linda Bond Edwards, to approve the consent Agenda as presented.

The motion passed 18 – 0 with Committee Members Ryan Ray, Sean Pittman and William Smith not present.

2. Approval of October 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

3. Approval of Committee Bylaws

4. Receipt & File of Written Public Comments

Presentations

Overview of Leon County Government Vincent S. Long, County Administrator

County Administrator Long gave a brief overview of Leon County Government, including the County's organizational structure, budget, Leon LEADs model, Strategic Plan and Annual Report.

- *Ryan Ray arrived at this juncture of the meeting.*

Overview of Leon County Charter by Article & Recap of Charter Amendment Process

Nicki Hatch provided a brief recap of the Leon County Charter by article as follows:

- Article I – Creation and Relationship with Other Governments
- Article II – County Government Structure
- Article III – Constitutional Officers

- Article IV – Citizen Initiative and Ordinance Process
- Article V – Charter Amendment and Implementation

She continued with a recap of the charter amendment process for the Committee, as detailed in the process summary included in the resource binder provided to Committee members.

Public Comment:

- Ernie Paine, 2006 East Indianhead Drive, appeared before the CCRC to advocate for the establishment of an independent Office of Inspector General to promote accountability in areas such as ethics, fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct, and serve as the statutory agent for whistleblower complaints under state law.
- Stanley Sims, 1420 Avondale Way, appeared before the CCRC to remind members to honor and uphold the interests of Leon County citizens.

General Business

Board Issue for Committee Consideration - Chasity O'Steen & Ken Morris

Agenda Item A: Leon County Ordinances in Relation to Municipal Ordinances

County Attorney O'Steen and Assistant County Administrator Ken Morris introduced and provided a brief overview of the item.

Mr. Jones requested clarification regarding the County's authority related to street renaming compared to street maintenance.

County Attorney O'Steen confirmed that street naming and street maintenance are related, but they're separate jurisdictional issues. The authority to name or rename a road is distinct from the authority to maintain or repair it. She noted they may fall under different statutory and operational frameworks.

Committee discussion followed.

Barry Wilcox moved, seconded by Anita Favors, for Option #2 and to bring back examples and possible solutions to conflict points brought up in this meeting.

Mrs. Favors asked if it could be refined slightly so we're not asking staff to review everything under the sun, but to focus on specific areas of known or likely conflict. Maybe prioritize some examples that have come up today, or ones staff is already aware of, and bring those back with possible solutions.

Mr. Wilcox agreed to amend the motion accordingly, to direct staff to identify existing or recurring points of conflict between County and City ordinances, and provide examples and possible solutions for discussion at a later meeting.

Barry Wilcox moved, seconded by Anita Favors for Option #2 and to bring back examples and possible solutions to conflict points brought up in this meeting. During the next meeting, the committee may discuss other topics.

The motion carried 19 – 0 with Committee Members William Smith and Sean Pittman not present.

Committee Discussion on Proposed Charter Amendments

Chair Lindley welcomed members to begin discussion and offer ideas for a proposed charter amendment for consideration by the committee.

The following topics were offered for CCRC consideration:

1. Offered by Howard Kessler:

Howard Kessler moved, seconded by Bruce Strouble, to bring back information on establishing an Office of Inspector General in the County Charter.

The motion carried 19 – 0 with Committee Members William Smith and Sean Pittman not present.

2. Offered by Max Herrle:

Max Herrle moved, seconded by Joey Davis, to bring back information on the matters included in the material distributed by Max Herrle during the meeting, as follows:

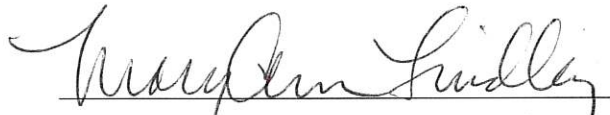
- Voting Threshold to Select or Terminate the County Administrator
- County Commission Compensation
- Funding Mechanism for Affordable Housing
- Funding Mechanism for Fire Services
- Leon County Bill of Rights

The motion carried 19 – 0 with Committee Members William Smith and Sean Pittman not present.

Adjournment:

Chair Lindley adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mary Ann Lindley, Chair
Leon County Citizen Charter Review Committee


Beryl Wood, Clerk to the Board for
Gwen Marshall Knight, Clerk of Court