

CITY OF BELLE SLE, FLORIDA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 20, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Rick J. Rudometkin, City Manager

Subject: Discussion on establishing a Citizens Committee for City Charter and Code Review

Background:

This is a request for Council to consider establishing a Citizens Committee for Charter and Code Review, with one representative from each district. The key here is to emphasize community input, transparency, and ensuring residents have a voice before any potential changes or decisions are made to the City Charter or City Code.

The proposed advisory committee could include one resident representative from each district to help ensure that all areas of our city have a voice in the process. This advisory committee could review proposed changes, gather community input, identify concerns, and provide recommendations to Commissioners for consideration.

The purpose would be to create an opportunity for residents to become more involved in a process that can have a lasting impact on how our city is governed and how its laws and procedures are administered. It will help promote transparency, encourage public participation, and ensure that a variety of perspectives are considered before any proposed changes are finalized.

One important distinction: The committee's role should be clearly defined so that it assists with review and public engagement without replacing the Council's legal responsibilities or any procedures required for charter amendments.

- **Represent every district:** One citizen representative from each district, with a transparent process for selecting members.
- **Have a clear purpose:** Review proposed amendments to the City Charter and changes to the City Code.
- **Gather public input:** Provide opportunities for residents to share concerns, questions, and recommendations.
- **Make recommendations:** Submit findings to Commissioners while leaving final decisions with the appropriate city authorities.
- **Operate transparently:** Hold meetings and provide public access to agendas, minutes, and recommendations, consistent with applicable public-meeting requirements.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve a Citizens Committee

Suggested Motion:

I move to approve establishing a Citizens Committee for Charter and Code Review.

Alternatives: Do not approve

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachments: N/A