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August 3, 2026 Work Session **Old Business:** *Council to consider adopting a resolution creating the City of Jonesboro Charter Review Committee*

Proposed Budget: (Not to exceed \$10,000) City Center 1565-52-1290 Other Professional Serv.

Item	Cost	Notes
Court Reporter	\$4,000	4 meetings @ \$1,000
Committee Member Training	\$2,500	City Attorney Special Project
Meeting Supplies	\$1,500	4 meetings @ \$375
Per Diem (\$50/Meeting)	\$2,000	6 meetings @ \$45 (7 members, \$1890)
Approximate Total:	\$10,000	OR 6 meetings @ \$50 (3 members, \$900)

Summary:

The Georgia Municipal Association can provide technical assistance to the Charter Committee at no charge. This includes discussion & information on the methods, reasons, and process of updating a city charter, and review & discussion on the GMA Model Charter (online, 140 pages). GMA staff members include general counsel and member services associate. The recommended timeline is as follows:

Phase 1:

- Meeting 1: Internal review of existing charter
- Meeting 1: Comparison to GMA Model Charter
- Meeting 2: Identify potential changes
- Meeting 3: Gain consensus of identified changes

City Attorney review of proposed changes

City Attorney recommendations on proposed changes & next steps

Phase 2:

- Meeting 4: Discussion (or updates) with local delegation
- Meeting 5: Develop schedule for adoption & approval, including ratification to present to full City Council in upcoming regular session



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- Meeting 6: Present to City Council in public session for adoption & recommendation to Georgia Legislature

Per GMA, the process usually takes about three to six months. The 2027 Legislative session takes place from January to April and will need to be presented to our local delegation no later than January 15th (or date provided by Local Delegation) for submission to the Georgia Legislature.

Questions:

- Effective date of new Charter
- Meeting Schedule (Every other week? Every Three Weeks?)
- Confirm committee makeup 4/3?
- Permission to proceed