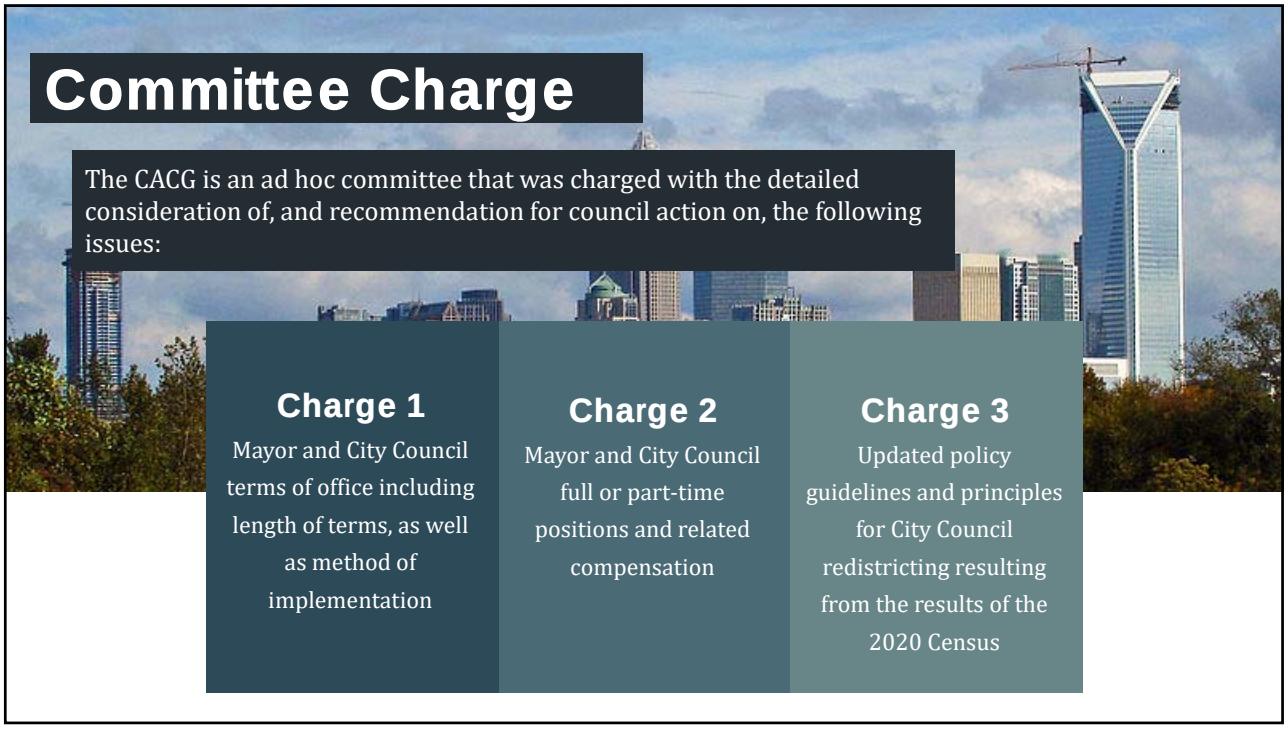
Citizen Advisory Committee on Governance

City of Charlotte

Presented by Committee Co-Chair Amy Peacock

November 2, 2020



Committee Charge

The CACG is an ad hoc committee that was charged with the detailed consideration of, and recommendation for council action on, the following issues:

Charge 1

Mayor and City Council terms of office including length of terms, as well as method of implementation

Charge 2

Mayor and City Council full or part-time positions and related compensation

Charge 3

Updated policy guidelines and principles for City Council redistricting resulting from the results of the 2020 Census

CACG Membership and Meetings

Committee Members

Co-Chair Cyndee Patterson, Lynwood Foundation

Chair Amy Peacock, VirtualAthlete, LLC and Non-profit Board Chair

Kristen Conner, Keller Williams SouthPark

Mimi Davis, Retired Teacher

Christy Long, Wells Fargo

Brandon Pierce, Coca-Cola Consolidated – Culture & Stewardship

Cecy Ramirez, Hispanic Community Leader

Janice Robinson, Cabarrus College

Rev. Eleanor Norman Shell, Presbytery of Charlotte and Non-profit Consultant

Sam Smith, United Way of Central Carolinas

Peter Smolowitz, Eric Mower + Associates

Liz Winer, Winer Family Foundation

Virtual Committee Meetings (10 Total):

March 19; March 26; May 21; June 25; July 23; August 20; September 3; September 17; October 1; October 15





Methodology

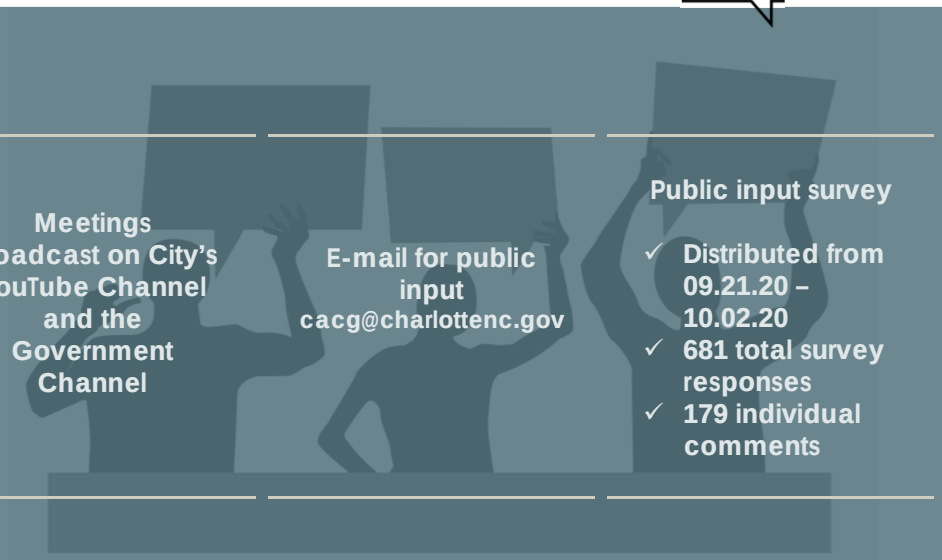
What data did the Committee review?

The Committee began regular meetings on June 25, 2020, and requested information concerning methods of election, compensation, and length of terms for cities comparable to Charlotte and for North Carolina jurisdictions. Main sources of data the Committee reviewed included:

- Surveys of Charlotte's 20 peer cities
- Surveys of U.S. Top 10 Council-Manager
- Surveys of North Carolina cities
- Data from the Institute of Government on all cities in North Carolina (looking at jurisdictions will populations over 50,000)
- Data from Mecklenburg County's Board of Elections
- City of Charlotte historical records

Public Feedback

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Meetings broadcast on City's YouTube Channel and the Government Channel

E-mail for public input cacg@charlottenc.gov

Public input survey

- ✓ Distributed from 09.21.20 – 10.02.20
- ✓ 681 total survey responses
- ✓ 179 individual comments

Committee Recommendations: Charge 1: Terms of Office

Mayor and City Council terms of office including length of terms, as well as method of implementation

Item	Recommendation	Vote Count
Elected officials' terms of office	• Four-year terms • Staggered elections • Two-term limit contingent on four-year terms	• 8-3 • 10-1 • 10-1
Method of implementation	• Citizens' Referendum	• 7-4
Election method	• Non-partisan elections	• 6-5

Committee Recommendations: Charge 2: Compensation

Mayor and City Council full or part-time positions and related compensation

Item	Recommendation	Vote Count
Elected officials' compensation	• Increase Mayor and City Council Compensation • Increase Mayor and City Council Compensation to be comparable to that of the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners	• Unanimous • Unanimous

Committee Recommendations: Charge 3: Districts

Updated policy guidelines and principles for City Council redistricting resulting from the results of the 2020 Census

Item	Recommendation	Vote Count
Representation	• Keep City Council as a 12-member body, 11 members + mayor. • Add a district representative and remove an at-large representative (8 district representatives and 3 at-large representatives	• 7-4 • Unanimous
District Criteria	• The Committee developed a list of factors to consider in redistricting available on page 17 of the CACG Report	

Procedures for Modification

State Law (G.S. 160A-101) authorizes the Council to change the length of terms

- Mayoral term may not be less than two years nor more than four (does not have to be the same as Council)
- Council Terms by be two or four years, and need not be all the same length
- Four-year Council terms may be concurrent or staggered

How to change

- The General Assembly may amend the Charter by local act
- The Council may amend by ordinance subject to approval by the voters at a referendum (what Committee recommends)
- The Council may amend by ordinance without a referendum – however, 5,000 signatures on a petition filed within 30 days forces a referendum

Thank you!

Questions?

CACG Website
https://charlottenc.gov/Mayor/Pages/Citizen-Advisory-Committee-on-Governance.aspx

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