

AGENDA

CHARTER COMMISSION

April 3, 2013

**Commissioners Duval, Girard,
Martin, D'Allesandro, Lopez, Pappas,
Clayton, Ashooh, Infantine**

6:00 p.m.

**Walter Stiles Conference Room
City Hall (2nd Floor)**

1. Chairman Duval calls the meeting to order.
2. The Clerk calls the roll.
3. Minutes from meetings held March 13, 2013, and March 27, 2013.
(Note: Previously distributed to the board via email for review)
A motion is in order to accept the minutes.
4. Chairman Duval advises that legal counsel is present to answer questions.
5. Consideration of proposed revisions to the charter.

TABLED ITEMS

A motion is in order to remove items from the table

6. Education Discussion:
 - Timeline of the school budget
(Note: Communication from William Sanders, Finance Officer, is attached)
7. Proposed motions by commissioners:
 - Eliminate the tax cap, while maintaining the expenditure cap.
(Commissioner Martin)
 - The restriction of using "one time funds" to balance an operating budget.
(Commissioner Ashooh)
 - A person running for mayor needs to be a resident of the City for at least 3 years. *(Commissioner Infantine)*
8. Chairman Duval advises if there is no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.



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M E M O R A N D U M

Date: March 25, 2013
To: Honorable Charter Commission
From: William E. Sanders
RE: *Amendments Regarding Budget Timeline*

This letter serves to respond to your request for my comments regarding the proposed changes to the current budget timeline. I refer the Commission to my comments of February 6, 2013 regarding this matter. I have reviewed each proposal and my concern is applicable to both. I am uncomfortable with the application of accelerated arbitrary deadlines on the preparation and consideration of the City's annual budget. I believe the current deadlines of March 31st for the Mayor's proposed budget and the second Tuesday in June for the Board of Aldermen are reasonable. If the Mayor and/or the Board of Aldermen, after due and careful consideration, decide to propose and/or appropriate budgets before the prescribed dates, that is their prerogative. I do not see any advantage to advancing the current dates.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Sanders
Finance Officer