



# City of CHARLOTTE

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lewis and City Council Members

FROM: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

SUBJECT: Revised Charter Amendment Language

DATE: July 20, 2017

You will find in your agenda packet revised language for the proposed Charter amendment related to the O-I settlement funds. The following is the text of the email from City Attorney Tom Hitch that accompanied this resolution.

To: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager

From: Thomas M. Hitch, City Attorney

The purpose of this email is to transmit a revised resolution and ballot language for the purpose of amending section 7.6 of chapter 7 of the charter of the city of Charlotte. As you and I discussed, I had a phone conversation with attorneys from the State Affairs section of the Atty. Gen.'s office regarding our proposed amendment to section 7.6 of the city charter.

During the discussion, there were several areas where the attorneys believed the resolution could be made clearer. In addition, there were a couple of typos that were identified. Based upon those discussions, I made revisions and forward those to the attorneys for their review. With two minor changes from my initial revisions, the Atty. Gen. has essentially signed off on the language in this amendment.

it is now necessary for City Council to readopt this resolution so that it may be forwarded to the Atty. Gen.'s office. The Atty. Gen.'s office, because it has already approved this language, is now working on the letter and the approval process with the governor's office. With this, I anticipate that we will easily make the cut off deadline for the County Clerk in placing this language on the ballot.

In my experience, it is not uncommon for the charter language that is proposed to be revised based on comments from the Atty. Gen. That is why I think it is important, as we have done, to start this revision process as we did, in order to give the City Council time to approve any necessary changes.

Please place this on this coming Monday's agenda so that, upon certification by the clerk, I can forward this adopted resolution to the Atty. Gen.'s office.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this.

Because time is of the essence with regard to obtaining approval so that the language can be added to the November ballots, we are asking that Council approve this with a single reading.