





TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: John McDonough, City Manager  
DATE: December 14, 2010  
ITEM: Charter Commission Appointment

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***Background:***

Pursuant to Section 6.04 of the City Charter, five (5) years following the incorporation of the City, a Charter Commission shall be appointed to review and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the City Charter. Section 6.04 states as follows:

Sec. 6.04. Charter Commission

At the first regularly scheduled city council meeting, five years after the inception of the City of Sandy Springs, the mayor and city council shall call for a Charter commission to review the City's experience and recommend to the General Assembly any changes to the city Charter.

As to the appointment of members of the Charter commission, Section 6.04 states:

Members of the Charter commission shall be appointed as follows: one by the mayor, one by the city council, and one by each member of the Georgia House of Representatives and Senate whose district lies wholly or partially within the corporate boundaries of Sandy Springs. All members of the Charter commission must reside in Sandy Springs.

Finally, Section 6.04 provides that the Charter commission must complete its recommendations within six (6) months of its creation.

***Discussion:***

Based upon the above, the Mayor and the City Council each need to appoint one member to the Charter commission.

In addition, House Representatives Harry Geisinger (District 48), Wendell Willard (District 49), Joe Wilkinson (District 52), and Edward Lindsay (District 54) will each have an appointment to the commission. Senator Judson Hill (District 32) and Senator John Albers (District 56) will also appoint members creating a commission of eight (8) members.

Once created, the commission will review the Charter and provide recommendations to the General Assembly no later than June 2011.

***Alternatives:***

The Charter directs the Mayor and City Council to make appointments to the commission.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY FULTON**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CHARTER COMMISSION FOR  
THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA**

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Section 6.04 of the City Charter, five (5) years following the incorporation of the City, a Charter Commission shall be appointed to review and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council may each appoint one member to the Charter commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council have determined that their appointees shall be as set forth below;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia while in regular session on \_\_\_\_\_, at 6:00 p.m. as follows:

The Mayor hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ to serve on the City of Sandy Springs' Charter Commission.

The City Council hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ to serve on the City of Sandy Springs' Charter Commission.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

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Michael Casey, City Clerk  
(Seal)