

CITY OF DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Proposed Revision to 5-101 (Mayor) and New Section 5-110 (Community Meetings)
For Consideration at Thursday, April 21, 2011 Commission Meeting

Sec. 5-101. Mayor

The Mayor is the chief executive of the City and, as provided by this Charter, has control of and is accountable for the executive branch of City government in addition to being directly responsible and accountable to the citizenry.

COMMENTARY: This section has been amended to indicate that the Mayor is accountable to the citizens of the City of Detroit.

Sec. 5-110. Community Meetings

Each calendar year the Mayor shall hold at least one community meeting in each of the City Council districts, exclusive of the at-large district. A city-wide community meeting shall be held not later than September 30 of each calendar year at auditorium of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center or other location suited to accommodate an equal number or more citizens. Meetings shall occur between seven (7) o'clock P.M. and eight (8) o'clock P.M. on a day other than when a City Council meeting is held.

The meetings shall be published and noticed in the manner set forth in the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Meetings shall be conspicuously posted on the City of Detroit's website or then existing medium of electronic or non-print communication and on other forms of media owned or operated by the City of Detroit, including its cable television stations.

COMMENTARY: This new section requires the Mayor to hold community meetings in the City Council election districts, exclusive of the at-large districts, and one city-wide meeting. To allow for maximum citizen participation they are to be held in the evenings and on days when City Council has not scheduled meetings. It is intended that maximum publication and notice of the meetings be given, which the language seeks to accomplish.