



⌘ Charter Review ⌘

Per Section 134 of the Tallahassee City Charter, a Charter Review Committee (CRC) was appointed by the Mayor and City Commissioners to review the roles, duties, and functions of the Mayor and City Commissioners. They were diligent in their research and forward thinking about the future of our community. Some of the questions they posed to us as elected officials included:

1. Do you believe that a change in organizational structure would benefit the effectiveness of the City organization? If yes, do you have any recommendations?
2. Elaborate on your individual job responsibilities and those in which you feel you currently provide the most “bang for the buck.” Do you feel you should have other (or different) management responsibilities that would result in a more effective and/or efficient delivery of services?
3. Discuss your style of management and its pros and cons – in other words, what works well and what could be improved?
4. The issue of a separate authority for: all utilities; just the electric utility; the airport; or the bus system comes up from time to time. What are your thoughts on this issue?
5. What performance outcomes are most identified with your role in city government? How are these outcomes measured?
6. In your opinion, what are the pros and cons with having a strong mayor form of government, where the mayor is elected as a full time executive?
7. In your opinion, what are the primary pros and cons with moving to a consolidated form of city and county government? How do you think this would impact quality, efficiency and cost of services?

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As you can imagine, these questions generated a mixed bag of thoughts and intense discussion by the CRC. Visit the talgov.com website to review their agendas, meeting summaries and/or listen to audio recordings of their meetings. I appeared before the CRC at their [March 16 meeting](#). Some highlights of my response are noted below:

- Our existing process is functioning productively. We have a highly competent City Commission and City Manager.
- It is worthy to take a long deliberate look at our leadership mayor form of government and explore what a strong mayor in this community might look like. There are various benefits to having a direct point of contact and empowering the Mayor to have an agenda and be held accountable for it.
- We need to have serious discussion on how consolidation might work. We should consider a phased, functional form of consolidation before undertaking the overall consolidation of the governments. Some areas that lend themselves to possible consolidation at this time are parks and recreation, stormwater and animal services.
- Although we have some mechanisms in place to allow City Commissioners to represent the City regarding negotiating agreements with county officials, university and community organizations, we ought to also have a way of being held accountable to doing more work beyond the scope of City Commission meetings.

The CRC presented their recommendations to us at our April 22 [City Commission Meeting](#). The City Commission is planning a special meeting (date to be determined) to further discuss the CRC’s report. Subsequently, there will be a public hearing and then final decisions made by the City Commission. The meetings will be noticed to the public.

FAQ's About My Role

"Some Frequently Asked ???"

- **What's your district – the Southside?**

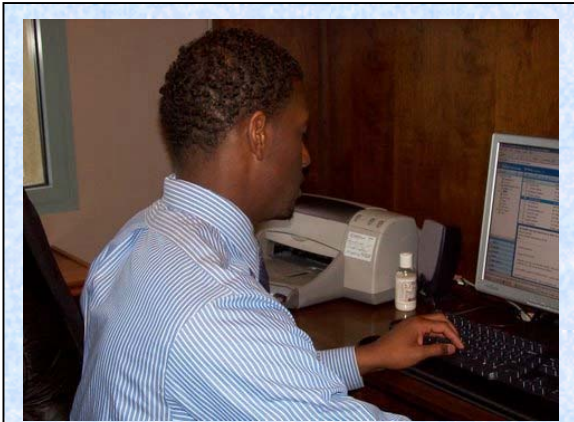
Answer: The Mayor and the four City Commissioners each serve at-large. Thus, a constituent can contact either of them with a concern regarding the incorporated area of our community.

- **Are the Mayor and City Commissioners part-time or full time employees?**

Answer: At times it seems like a 24 hours-a-day/7-days-a-week operation, yet we are part-time City employees.

- **As a Commissioner what do you do?**

Answer: I, along with the Mayor and the three other City Commissioners, serve as the legislative and governing body of the City of Tallahassee to set policies and rules by which the City is operated, including establishing city goals, target issues, and setting city tax rates. Contacts are made through office meetings and e-mails with citizens, staff, and business leaders, as well as at community events with the general public.



Gillum at City Hall office checking e-mails.

- **Can you help me with utility bill assistance?**

Answer: The City has utility customer service representatives specialized to review accounts and provide options for resolution to concerns. Call Customer Account Services at 891-4YOU (891-4968) and follow the prompts for information about your account. A rep will be available to speak with you between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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- **What's a Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT)?**

Answer: The MPT, a.k.a. Mayor Pro Tem, serves in an officiating capacity in the absence of the Mayor primarily for ceremonial functions, document signatures, and presiding at City Commission meetings. The MPT is elected by Commission colleagues to serve a one-year term. I was elected to serve in this capacity in November 2004 and again in November 2008.



Gillum presents proclamation to Comcast for sponsorship of free Internet access to R. Frank Nims Digital Harmony Program - KC McWilliams, Stefanie Bowden and Brianna House.

- **Do you work full-time elsewhere?**

Answer: Yes. I am the Founder and National Director of the [Young Elected Officials \(YEO\) Network](#) with the [People For The American Way](#). I manage, develop strategic concepts and plans, build partnerships, and fundraise for a program that outreaches to over 500 elected officials age 35 and under in over 45 states around the country. This network supports them with leadership and personal development training and public policy support. Our [4th Annual YEO National Convening](#) will be June 12 – 14, 2009. Our theme is: Progressing Into A New Dawn.

ALERT

- City Commission Summer Recess is July 3 – August 18.
- The next issue of ADG E-News will be presented in the Fall of 2009.

"Serving is Leading"

🌀 Harvard Kennedy School 🌀

“Senior Executives in State and Local Government”

How will you spend your summer vacation? A family reunion, a volunteer project, a trip to the mountains, an international excursion — all can be appealing and offer fun, fellowship, relaxation and more. As an advocate of life-long learning, I will participate in a three-week Harvard Kennedy School of Government education program during part of the City Commission summer recess, which will span July 5 through July 24. My participation is funded entirely through personal funds and networking sponsorships.

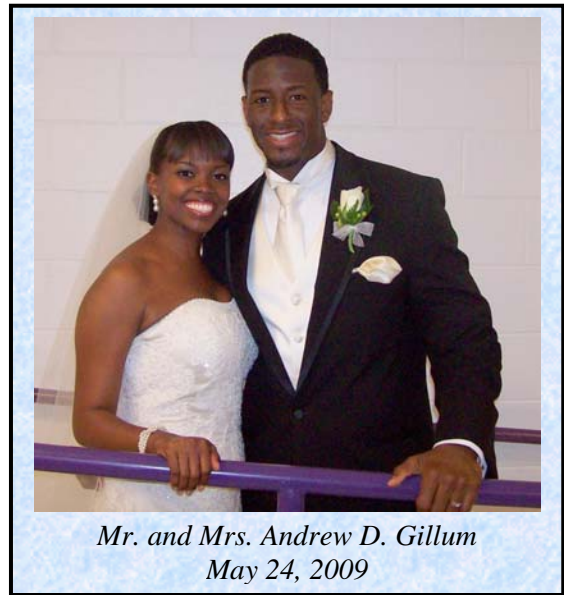
As your Mayor Pro Tempore and City Commissioner, I am always looking for new ways to better serve you and the community in which we live. This educational experience will supply me with innovative and solution-oriented methods for leading. It also will allow me to network with outstanding nationwide officials who face similar challenges and struggles as I while serving in public office.

The *Senior Executives in State and Local Government* program is an educational experience that will bring together a diverse group of prominent public leaders. All of the attendees work to find solutions to the critically important challenges they face to lead their communities, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations toward effective results. The program will provide opportunity to:

- Develop new conceptual frameworks for addressing program and policy issues.
- Explore the relationship between citizens and their government.
- Examine the ethical and professional responsibilities of leadership.
- Exchange ideas with experienced faculty as well as other participants.

The curriculum’s real life situations will cause us to collaborate and work together to find new ways to solve everyday problems. These solutions can and will be used to aid in fixing the many problems that plague our society and economy today. Visit www.hks.harvard.edu/execed/sl to learn more.

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*Mr. and Mrs. Andrew D. Gillum
May 24, 2009*

🌀 June - August Calendar Events 🌀

“Subject to Change”

Date	Time	Events
6/9	1 pm	Digital Harmony Team @ Nims Middle School
6/10	8 am – 4 pm	Office Appointments
6/10	4 pm	CC Meeting @ CHC
6/12-14	Various	YEO Network Convening
6/15	Noon (TBC)	CRA @ CHC
6/15	1 pm	CRTPA @ CHC
6/17	9 am – 11 am	LRTI @ CH
6/17	11 am – 3 pm	Office Appointments
6/17	3 pm	Blueprint 2000
6/18	9 am – 5 pm	Budget workshop @ CHC
6/24	8 am – 4 pm	Office Appointments
6/24	4 pm	CC Meeting @ CHC
7/1	8 am – 4 pm	Office Appointments
7/1	4 pm	CC Meeting @ CHC
7/2	9 am – 2 pm	Budget Workshop @ CHC
7/3 – 8/18-	City Commission Summer Recess	
7/5-24	Various	Harvard Kennedy School
8/19	9 am – 11 am	LRTI @ CH
8/19	11 am – 4 pm	Office Appointments
8/19	4 pm	CC Meeting @ CHC
8/26	8:30 am – 4 pm	Office Appointments
8/26	4 pm	CC Meeting @ CHC

Code:

CC – City Commission

CH– City Hall

CHC – City Hall Chambers

CRA – Community Redevelopment Agency

CRTPA – Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency

HHS – Health & Human Services Target Issue Committee

LRTI – Long Range Target Issue Committee

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