



City of Hallandale Beach Charter Review Committee Meeting

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Chair Irina Cotler
Vice Chair Eve Paul
Board Member Anthony Adelson
Board Member Howard Garson
Board Member Ety Sims
Board Member Michael Wead

City Attorney Jennifer Merino
Assistant City Manager Keven Klopp
Staff Liaison Sheena D. James

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

10:00 AM

Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Irina Cotler called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 Chair Irina Cotler, Vice Chair Eve Paul, Board Members: Howard Garson, Ety Sims, Anthony Adelson and Michael Wead.

City Attorney Jennifer Merino, City Manager Greg Chavarria and Assistant City Manager Keven Klopp were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

A. JANUARY 7, 2020 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING*

MOTION BY BOARD MEMBER GARSON, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SIMS TO APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2020 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried with a 6/0 voice vote

6. REVIEW OF ARTICLE III. CITY COMMISSION (CONTINUED)

A. PROPOSED REVISION OF SEC. 3.09, VACANCIES

City Attorney Jennifer Merino gave a presentation and answered questions posed by the Charter Review Committee.

Following discussion. The following consensus was reached:

- To include an advertising requirement to post vacancy on the City's website.
- To allow a City Commissioner to participate via telephone provided there is a quorum physically present at the meeting.
- To table consideration of the process to fill Mayoral seat in the event of a vacancy.
- To proceed with drafting Charter Amendments as discussed and to bring back at a future meeting for consideration.

B. CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION PROVISIONS

Consensus:

- Item #6.B was deferred for consideration at the next Charter Review Committee meeting.

C. CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR'S JOB DESCRIPTION

Vice Chair Paul gave a presentation and answered questions posed by the Charter Review Committee.

City Attorney Jennifer Merino opined throughout the discussion.

Consensus:

- To research and clarify mayoral activities which are ceremonial in nature but could result in financial impact to the City such as signing of contracts, declaration of state of emergency, requirements for declaration of Marshall Law; to include charter amendment requiring an audit trail for any signature required on City contracts or other documents to include (identifying resolution/ordinance number); and to draft Charter amendments which limit these mayoral activities and to bring back for future consideration.

7. REVIEW OF ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS

A. CONSIDERATION OF QUALIFYING FEE PROVISIONS

Board Member Ety Sims gave a presentation and answered questions posed by the Charter Review Committee.

After further discussion by the Committee, no further action was taken on this Item.

B. CONSIDERATION OF TERM LIMITS

Consensus:

- To defer discussion for future meeting.

8. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

A. RESEARCH STUDIES & ARTICLES

City Manager Chavarria and Assistant City Manager Klopp gave a presentation and overview of the research studies and articles presented and answered questions posed by the Charter Review Committee.

Consensus:

- To evaluate a Charter Amendment requiring the City to do baseline survey on a regular basis (e.g. every 8 -10 years); and to bring back for consideration.
- Gather voter breakdown by precinct from the last election and forward to the Charter Review Committee.
- Research and provide information on how districts are decided.
- Consider a hybrid structure to provide a way of balancing the need for representation throughout the City i.e. lower vs. higher density areas.
- Consider ranked choice voting as a means to provide opportunity for increased number of candidates.
- Require redistricting following the completion of a census or when new census data becomes available.
- To proceed with drafting Charter Amendments as discussed and bring back at a future meeting for consideration.

9. SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Commission Chambers.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss before the Charter Review Committee, the meeting adjourned without objection at 12:35p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

Irina Cotler, Chair

Sheena D. James, CMC
Charter Review Committee Liaison

Adopted by Committee: February 4, 2020