



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 Leo Grachow
Board Member Etty Sims
Board Member Michael Wead

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

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 19, 2019	10:00 AM	Commission Chambers
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Irina Cotler called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 Chair Irina Cotler, Vice Chair Eve Paul, Board Members Anthony Adelson, Howard Garson, Leo Grachow, Etty Sims and Michael Wead.

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no speakers.

4. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

A. DECEMBER 3, 2019 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING*

MOTION BY MEMBER LEO GRACHOW, SECONDED BY MEMBER HOWARD GARSON, TO APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2019 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried with a 7/0 voice vote.

City Attorney Jennifer Merino requested Item 5.B. be considered first on the Agenda.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION BY VICE MAYOR SABRINA JAVELLANA

Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana was absent from the meeting. Having previously provided notice that she would unfortunately be unable to attend, she submitted written comments.

Following discussion of Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana's written comments, the following consensus was reached.

Consensus:

- To proceed with exploration of recommendations presented as follows:
 - #1, supported by 7 (City Auditor)
 - #2, supported by 6 (Deletion of gender-based language)
 - #3, supported by 4 (Protection of Whistleblowers)
 - #4, supported by 4 (Citizens Bill of Rights)
 - #5, supported by 6 (Adoption of Broward Code of Ethics)
 - #6, supported by 7 (Ranked Choice voting)
 - #7, supported by 6 (Voter Registration offered by City Clerk's office)
- To invite Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana to present at an upcoming meeting if desired.

B. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL FOR LIVE BROADCASTING MEETINGS

City Attorney Jennifer Merino provided a verbal report and answered questions posed by the Charter Review Committee.

MOTION BY MEMBER LEO GRACHOW, SECONDED BY MEMBER HOWARD GARSON TO REQUEST THE CITY COMMISSION PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LIVE BROADCASTING OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The Motion failed by a 3/4 roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Member Howard Garson, Member Leo Grachow and Member Michael Wead.

NAYS: Member Anthony Adelson, Chair Irina Cotler, Vice-Chair Eve Paul, Member ETTY Sims

MOTION BY CHAIR IRINA COTLER, SECONDED BY MEMBER ETTY SIMS TO DIRECT STAFF TO PLACE A NOTATION ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE, STATING THAT VIDEO RECORDINGS OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OBTAINABLE BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Member Howard Garson suggested a friendly amendment to direct staff to do no more than is legally required for notifications of Charter Review Committee meetings.

Chair Irina Cotler rejected the friendly amendment and called the Question.

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RECORDINGS OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OBTAINABLE BY REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE. The Motion carried by a 6/1 roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Member Anthony Adelson, Chair Irina Cotler, Chair Eve Paul, Member ETTY Sims, Member Leo, Grachow, and Member Michael Wead.

NAYS: Member Howard Garson.

MOTION BY MEMBER HOWARD GARSON TO SPEND AS LITTLE AS LEGALLY REQUIRED FOR NOTIFICATIONS OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION BY BOARD MEMBER ETTY SIMS, SECONDED BY CHAIR IRINA COTLER TO HANDLE POSSIBLE EXPENSES OF THE CURRENT CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AS THE NEED ARISES, AND TO ACCEPT THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFER TO ADDRESS THESE NEEDS AS NECESSARY THROUGH THE CITY MANAGER; AND TO CONSIDER A CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AT SUBSEQUENT REVIEW CYCLES.

After further discussion, Chair Irina Cotler called the Question.

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C. APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE FOR REVIEW OF CHARTER BY PRIORITY*

Assistant City Manager Keven Klopp gave a presentation and answered questions posed by the Committee.

MOTION BY CHAIR IRINA COTLER, SECONDED BY MEMBER ETTY SIMS, TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE AS AMENDED; AND TO PROCEED WITH THE REVIEW METHODOLOGY (SEE EXHIBIT 1 ATTACHED AND MADE APART HEREOF). The Motion carried with a 7/0 voice vote.

Consensus:

- Committee members will forward suggestions via email to City Attorney along with any background information.
- Staff will email suggestions from individual committee members to the full committee so that they can review and reply to City Attorney and staff as needed.
- Staff to prepare potential charter changes that they would like the Charter Review Committee to consider, incorporate staff presentations at the 2nd Meeting in January.
- City Manager's Office to review each section of the charter with the committee at the next meeting.
- Presentations will be heard during the beginning of the meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Consensus:

- To request the City Commission, provide any feedback to the Charter Review Committee by January 30, 2020.
- To add to the appropriate future agenda consideration of a Charter amendment to establish a residency requirement for Charter Review Committee members.

7. SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Commission Chambers.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss before the Charter Review Committee, the meeting adjourned without objection at 12:07 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

Irina Cotler, Chair

Sheena D. James, CMC
Charter Review Committee Liaison

Adopted by Committee: January 7, 2020