



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 Eddy Sims
Board Member Michael Wead

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2020	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: 6 Chair Irina Cotler, Vice Chair Eve Paul, Board Members, Howard Garson, Leo Grachow, Eddy Sims and Anthony Adelson.

Consensus was reached to authorize Board Member Anthony Adelson to participate during the meeting via telephone conference.

Absent: 1 Board Member 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. DECEMBER 19, 2019 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING

MOTION BY BOARD MEMBER HOWARD GARSON, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER LEO GRACHOW TO APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2019 AS PRESENTED. Motion carried with a 6/0 voice vote

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. OVERVIEW OF CHARTER SECTIONS

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

City Attorney Jennifer Merino, opined as requested throughout the presentation.

B. REVIEW OF ARTICLE III. CITY COMMISSION*

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

Consensus:

- City Attorney's Office will manage each proposal submitted by Charter Review Members by preparing a memorandum outlining the relevant charter section, issue or question and the proposal(s) to be discussed.

MOTION BY MEMBER HOWARD GARSON, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER LEO GRACHOW, TO TABLE DISCUSSION OF ASSIGNING MAYOR VS. ELECTED MAYOR UNTIL AFTER DISCUSSION OF NUMBERED COMMISSION SEATS. The motion carried by a 6/0 voice vote.

Motion by Chair Irina Cotler to encourage all members of Charter Review Committee to submit their proposals with objective reasoning and success measures for evaluation; this is not a requirement.

After further discussion, Chair Irina Cotler withdrew her Motion.

Consensus:

- To encourage members of the Charter Review Committee to include objective reasoning and success measures for evaluation along with each of their proposals for consideration.

The Charter Review Committee discussed the current structure of the City Commission and the need for changes to this section of the Charter.

Consensus:

- To provide comparative research of other surrounding municipalities including form of government, structure, how officials are elected.

Board Member Paul announced an upcoming Community Meeting in the Northwest quadrant of the City on January 14th, 2020, 6:30 pm and encouraged Board Members to attend, take notes and to provide feedback to the Charter Review Committee at the next meeting.

City Attorney Jenifer Merino encouraged members to attend the Community Meeting as they see fit but urged them not to engage with each other or make broad public statements.

Following discussion, the following consensus was reached.

Consensus:

- To move forward with drafting a proposed Charter Amendment language for Seven (7) City Commission seats with a mixed (at-large/districting) structure; and to bring back proposal at a future meeting for further discussion.
- Contact League of Cities to obtain a model Charter and City Code for review.
- Bring back information regarding resident districting for discussion.
- Forward article mentioned regarding Hybrid/Mixed City Commission structure to Committee for review.
- Encourage all participants to provide proposals in written form ahead of meeting for consideration.

Board Member Anthony Adelson arrived in-person at the meeting at 12:46pm.

The Charter Review Committee discussed Filing of Vacancies and the need for changes to this section of the Charter.

Consensus:

- Draft proposed Charter Amendment language as discussed regarding filling of vacancies along with a memorandum and present a future meeting for discussion. Proposal will consider the following: *circumstances for City Commission appointment vs. election, how/when a vacancy is announced and the type of advertising required, timeframe for receipt of applications, define a method of how a tie will be broken and identify a time period within which the appointment will take office.*

C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS*

Consensus:

- Review of Article IV – Elections and Referendums at the next meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Commission Chambers.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss before the Charter Review Committee, the meeting adjourned without objection at 1:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

Irina Cotler, Chair

Sheena D. James, CMC
Charter Review Committee Liaison

Adopted by Committee: January 21, 2020