



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 Etty Sims
Board Member Brian Stewart
Board Member Michael Wead

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

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2020	10:00 AM	Commission Chambers
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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, Etty Sims, Anthony Adelson and Michael Wead.

City Manager Greg Chavarria and Assistant City Manager Keven Klopp were also present.

Mayor Joy Coper was also in attendance at the meeting.

City Attorney Jennifer Merino was absent from the meeting.

Radu Dodea, Director of Human Resources arrived at the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joy Cooper, Hallandale Beach resident and Mayor of the City of Hallandale Beach was called to speak. Mayor Cooper gave a presentation and addressed questions posed by the Charter Review Committee.

Consensus:

- To conduct a salary survey for elected officials within Broward County; and to provide the results to the Committee for evaluation.
- Draft Charter Amendment(s) requiring a super majority (4/1) vote for terminating contracts with cause/for cause for those that serve at the will of the City Commission i.e. City Manager and City Attorney.
- Draft Charter Amendment(s) requiring that if removal of any at will position/termination of contract is being considered, the City Commission must obtain a legal opinion from someone with Human Resources expertise regarding the incumbent's conduct over the foregone term of the contract.

- Draft Charter Amendments(s) to update the Mayoral Job Description to state Mayor is the spokesperson for City, and will work with staff during emergencies, will conduct other ceremonial duties as required.
- Staff to research best practices and determine if there are other methods for termination of contracts for those at will positions (City Attorney and City Manager).
- Research and provide feedback regarding possible update of the City's termination policy for general employees to require City obtain a legal opinion from someone with Human Resources expertise if legally enforceable.
- Draft Charter Amendment(s) to more closely regulate the Travel Fund Policy for Elected Officials.
- The above Charter Amendments will be brought back for consideration at the March 20th, 2020 Charter Review Committee Meeting.

5. APPROVAL MINUTES

A. JANUARY 21, 2020 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Board Member Adelson noted a scrivener's error on page 2, to correct the misspelling of "Martial Law."

The Staff Liaison noted the correction.

MOTION BY BOARD MEMBER GARSON, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SIMS TO APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2020 AS AMENDED. Motion carried with a 6/0 Voice vote.

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION PROVISIONS

No action was taken on this Item. Will be brought back on March 20, 2020 with items discussed under Item 4. Public Participation.

7. REVIEW OF ARTICLE VIII. CHARTER AMENDMENTS

A. CONSIDERATION OF SEC. 8.01(2), INITIATION BY PETITION

No action was taken on this Item.

B. CONSIDERATION OF SEC. 8.01(3), CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

No action was taken on this Item.

8. PRESENTATION

A. ELECTORAL SYSTEMS FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

Chair Cotler re-opened the floor for public comment.

Brian Stewart, Hallandale Beach resident was called to speak.

Faith Fehr, Hallandale Beach resident was called to speak.

Consensus

- To draft a Charter Amendment(s) to require elected officials meet certain requirements for holding office; and to require they host at least one Townhall/Community Meeting per quarter and to provide a report on findings to the City Commission.

Mayor Joy Cooper was called to speak.

There being no further speakers, Chair Cotler closed the floor for public comment.

Consensus:

- To request a copy of the voting results by precinct for the past two elections; and to forward information to the Charter Review Committee.
- To research and provide feedback on the 'Jungle Electoral System' on why it is recommended; include pros and cons; also include issue, proposal and backup information and bring back for consideration at a future meeting.
- To revisit the proposal for 'Redistricting/Districting Electoral System' and evaluate a specialized alternative electoral system; to consider revising the general municipal election cycle if needed; and to bring back options for review by Committee at a future meeting.

9. SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Commission Chambers.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Garson provided a verbal report regarding possible charter amendment for including 'LGBTQ' language within the Charter; and requiring the City complete a Strategic Plan every ten (ten) 10 years.

No further action was taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss before the Charter Review Committee, the meeting adjourned without objection at 12:46 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Irina Cotler
by Electronic Signature on 1/12/21

Irina Cotler, Chair

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sheena D. James', is written over a horizontal line.

Sheena D. James, CMC
Charter Review Committee Liaison

Adopted by Committee: February 18, 2020