

**CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 11, 2012**

A Charter Revision Committee Meeting of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, was called to order by Mr. Jay Alperin, Chairperson, in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall at 8:00 a.m., on Friday, May 11, 2012.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed:

Present -

Jay Alperin, Chairperson
Kimberly Camejo
Doak Campbell
Brian Cheslack
Deborah Dowd
Brenda Durden
Gary Eliopoulos
Michael Malone
Alberta McCarthy
Scott Porten
David Schmidt

Absent -

None

Also present were -

Brian Shutt, City Attorney
Venice Cobb, Executive Assistant/Advisory Board Liaison
Chevelle D. Nubin, City Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Mr. Alperin called the meeting to order and stated everyone should have received a copy of the minutes.

Mr. David Schmidt made a motion to approve the April 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Mr. Brian Cheslack. Said motion passed unanimously.

II. DISCUSSION ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Mr. Alperin asked if everyone had received the update of the Charter regarding the changes. The City Attorney, Mr. Brian Shutt, stated he made the changes and color coded them i.e. green and red font. Items A and B (Term Length and Term Limits-Section 3.02 A, B and C) were discussed. Mr. Shutt discussed term lengths for the Mayor and asked when the committee wanted it to apply. The staggered terms were discussed as well as next year's election. The Committee felt it should not serve the current Commission and the public should be educated. The consensus of the Committee was if a person has served as Commissioner and runs for Mayor then their time as a Commissioner will not count toward their term limit as Mayor and for it to be effective in 2013; and for the other change regarding a three year term to be effective 2014.

Regarding Item C (Mayor's Term separate from Commissioner Terms-Section 3.09 A and B), the City Attorney discussed the terms and filling a vacancy. The Committee discussed the provision regarding the number of days for filling a vacancy. The City Attorney will prepare language for the next meeting.

Mr. Alperin commented about Non-Partisan Election language for Item D (At Large Elections-Section 5.01 and Section 5.04 A). Mr. Shutt will add "Municipal" to the language. The Committee discussed districts and the change regarding the Organizational Meeting (3.04 A) in reference to when the election will occur. It was the consensus of the Committee that they are not in favor of districts.

In regards to Item E (Number of votes for hiring and removal of the City Manager-Section 4.02 A, B and D), Mr. Alperin stated he spoke to the City Manager about this and discussed the State Statute regarding severance pay with the committee. Mr. Shutt will forward the severance statute to the committee for discussion at the next meeting. They discussed changing the votes from four to three. This will be discussed at the next meeting once the committee reviews the statute.

The Committee discussed Item F (Candidate petition signature numbers) and whether or not the number of petition signatures should be included in the Charter. It is currently addressed in Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances. It was the consensus of the Committee to not place this change in the Charter.

Item G (Date of City elections-Section 5.02 A) was discussed in terms of moving the election date. The Committee discussed having an election in November, low voter turnout in March and budget/cost of elections. Some members felt that if our ballot/issues get tied into a November ballot they will not get as much attention as in a March election. The Committee felt there are pros and cons either way; one does not outweigh the other. It was the consensus to leave the election date in March.

Regarding Item H (Calendar for budget process-Section 4.05), the Committee discussed departmental spending and use of budget funds. Mid-year adjustments and departmental spending were clarified by some members. The committee discussed whether or not this should be addressed in the Charter or as an ordinance (part of the code). The Committee felt this should not be addressed in the Charter. They felt it was up to the City Manager and City Commission to address this.

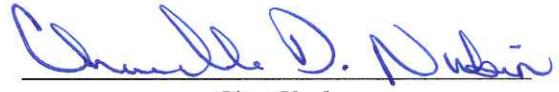
The Committee discussed Item I (Mayor and Commission Salaries- Section 3.10 A and B). Mr. Shutt stated the salaries are addressed in Section 31.02 of the Code of Ordinances. The Committee discussed language options for compensation and felt the process for setting or adjusting the salaries should be in the Charter. Mr. Alperin suggested that the committee wait until the next meeting to finish discussing this item once they have the additional information.

Item J (Filling Vacancies-Section 3.08) was discussed under Item C.

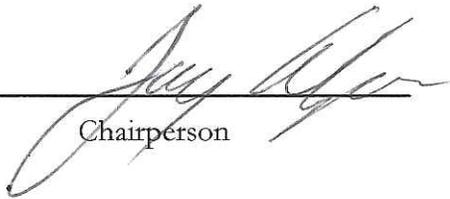
III. COMMENTS – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no comments from Committee Members.

Mr. Alperin adjourned the Workshop Meeting at 9:05 a.m.


City Clerk

ATTEST:


Chairperson

The undersigned is the City Clerk of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and the information provided herein is the Minutes of the Charter Revision Committee Meeting of the City of Delray Beach held on Friday, May 11, 2012, which Minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Committee on May 25, 2012.


City Clerk

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