

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2014

The Charter Review Committee meeting was held at 506 W. Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida 34731 on May 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: George “Mackie” McCabe, Chair; Danielle Daugherty, Vice Chair; Steven Steve” W. Fussell, Ray Lewis, and Pam Washburn

Also Present: Attorney Karina Stone (on behalf of Mr. Scott Gerken), City Manager Gary La Venia, Mayor Chris Bell, Commissioners Chris Cheshire, John Gunter, and Sharon Kelly, Community Development Director Charlie Rector, and City Clerk Esther B. Coulson.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the chair led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2. ROLL CALL

The chair declared a quorum present.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Fussell, seconded by Mr. Lewis and unanimously carried, the committee approved the April 22, 2014 minutes as submitted.

4. CHARTER SECTIONS DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION

The chair recalled the committee’s review of the charter at its April 22, 2014 meeting and the proposed recommendations to the city commission.

After much discussion and **by unanimous consent, the committee suggested that the city attorney provide a draft Charter Review Committee report for the members’ review and comment before the May 20, 2014 public hearing and agreed that the report would:**

- **identify the number of meetings held by the committee attended by five people;**
- **define the charter and explain the committee’s position on same;**
- **outline the public hearing procedures allowing for public input, and**
- **gather additional public comments and review for changes, if any, before a final recommended report is presented for the city commission’s consideration.**

May 20, 2014 Public Hearing Preparations

After the committee discussed its procedures for the May 20, 2014 public hearing, Mr. McCabe highlighted the proposed charter amendments reviewed at the April 22, 2014 meeting.

5. REDISTRICTING PLAN DISCUSSION

The Chair referred to the suggestion of a five-member district with the mayor rotating annually and appointed by the city commission.

Commissioner Kelly questioned the write-in candidate on the ballot without determining the qualifications and whether the person ought to live in the district.

The chair anticipated that Mr. Greg Beliveau, LPG Urban and Regional Planners Inc., would be present at the public hearing to reveal the generic plan on how the districts would work.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Committee Members Photograph

Mr. Fussell expressed his appreciation in serving on the committee and suggested that at a future commission meeting, members ought to take a picture for the website.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

There was no staff comments to submit at this time.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Earlier in the meeting and in response to a question posed by Ms. Rita Ranize, City of Fruitland Park resident, the committee addressed the enforcement process of the Code of Ethics for the elected officials and agreed that it remain in the charter.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the committee at this time.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the committee at this time.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The chair announced that the next meeting will be held on May 20, 2014.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Signed



Esther B. Coulson, City Clerk

Signed



George "Mackie" McCabe, Chair