Charter Review Advisory Committee
August 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
Winter Park Community Center
721 W. New England Avenue
Winter Park, Florida

Agenda Items

5:00 p.m.
1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of July 23, 2019 minutes
4. Public comment
5. Review of Preliminary Recommendations to Date
6. Article II. - Legislative
   Sec. 2.13. - Budget Adoption.
   Sec. 2.14. - Borrowing.
   Sec. 2.15. - Investments.
   Sec. 2.16. - Transfer or other Use of Sewer and Refuse Fee Funds.
   Sec. 2.17. - Annual Financial Audit.
Article IV. - Administration
   Sec. 4.05. - Powers and Duties.
   Sec. 4.06. - Acting City Manager.
   Sec. 4.07. - Police and Fire Departments.
Article V. - Initiative, Referendum, and Recall.
   Sec. 5.01. Initiative.
   Sec. 5.02. Referendum.
   Sec. 5.03. Recall.
   Sec. 5.04. Commencement of Proceedings.
   Sec. 5.05. Petitions.
   Sec. 5.06. Procedure for Filing.
   Sec. 5.07. Referendum Petitions.
   Sec. 5.08. Action on Petitions.
   Sec. 5.09. Results of Election.

Public Comment
8:00 p.m. Adjournment
Meeting Schedule:
August 27 (6:00 p.m.)
September 10 (6:00 p.m.)
September 24 (6:00 p.m.)

appeals & assistance

“If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.” (F.S. 286.0105).

“Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office (407-599-3277) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.”
Present
Bud Kirk, Jr.          City Clerk Cynthia Bonham
Amanda Day (arrived 6:23) City Attorney Kurt Ardaman
Mary Daniels          Facilitator Marilyn Crotty
Nick Pope (by phone) Newly appointed City Clerk Rene Cranis
Marjorie Bridges      Kim Breland, Planning Department
James Johnston
Lawrence Lyman

Absent
Steve Brandon
Lisa Coney

The meeting was called to order by Facilitator Marilyn Crotty at 6:00 p.m. in the Oak Room ‘C’, Winter Park Community Center, 721 West New England Avenue, Winter Park, Florida.

City Clerk Bonham called the roll.

Motion made by Bud Kirk to approve the July 9 minutes, seconded by Mary Daniels and carried with a 5-0 vote (Amanda Day arrived late and Nick Pope was by phone).

Public comments

Karen James, 1551 Dale Avenue, wanted the board appointments made by the Mayor to be changed so that all Commissioners can also make appointments.

Michael Perelman, 1010 Greentree, was not present but submitted comments in support of eliminating a possibility of a runoff election because of reducing costs to the City and would make the process simpler and quicker. Ms. Crotty read his comments into the record.

Elizabeth Bosserman, not in attendance, 818 Antonette Avenue, provided comments that Ms. Crotty read into the record in support of the entire Commission having the ability to appoint board members and that the Commission should be compensated fairly to allow for a more diverse field of members.
Ms. Crotty summarized what was discussed at the last meeting concerning Commission compensation, filling of vacancies, meeting procedures, prohibitions related to appointments and removals, interference with administration, and holding another office.

The following sections were discussed this evening and decisions were made:

2.10 Prohibitions. Other additions to this from the last meeting consisted of adding under (e) Interference with Administration – ‘Except for the purpose of inquiries and investigations under Section 2.19; add under (f) ‘No Commission member shall hold any other compensated, etc.’; and add under (f) ‘Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Commission from selecting any current or former member of the Commission to represent the City without compensation, etc.’

Upon discussion, a new section will be added: Sec. 2.19 Investigations. This is language from the model charter.

2.11. Ordinances. Attorney Ardaman spoke about the list under 2.11 (b) and what he believed could be deleted. After discussion, this will remain as is but change ‘lands’ to ‘real property’ under (7).

2.12 Emergency ordinances. Leave as is.

2.13 Budget Adoption. Review State Statute and bring back.

2.14 Borrowing. More information will be coming.

2.15 Investments. Wait for City Manager to discuss.

2.16 Transfer or other use of sewer and refuse fee funds. Wait for City Manager to discuss.

2.17 Annual financial audit. Wait for Finance Director to discuss.

2.18 Local Code of Ethics. Leave as is.

3.01 Nonpartisan elections. After discussion, the City Attorney will provide language regarding candidates being nonpartisan and not being affiliated with political parties.
3.03 Form of ballots. Refer to State law and remove most of this portion. Leave the portion of the Supervisor of Elections controlling the form of ballot and delete the rest regarding publishing a sample ballot.

3.04 Elections. After discussion, there was not a consensus to eliminate the runoff election. This will remain as is unless someone brings it up again for discussion. Paragraph (d) was deleted because of this not being necessary in the Charter.

3.04 Elections (e). Leave as is.

4.01 ‘Generally’ will be changed to read ‘City Manager’.

4.02 Appointment. Leave as is.

4.03 Removal. Leave as is.

In conclusion, Ms. Crotty asked the Committee to review Model Charter page viii, Evolution of the Reformed Agenda regarding the Civil Service Code because the Code will be discussed because the Police and Fire Departments are not managed by the City Manager. This will be discussed in depth at the next meeting. The Labor Attorney will attend the meeting explain how this works in Winter Park.

Ms. Crotty suggested having a 5:00-8:00 meeting the next time to make sure they have enough time to complete their process.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Cynthia Bonham, City Clerk