



REGULAR OF THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD - MINUTES
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Nathaniel Klitsberg, called the Tuesday, June 27, 2017, Charter Review Board meeting, being held in Commission Chambers, to order at 6 p.m.

A. PLEDGE

Chair, Nathaniel Klitsberg, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

Present were:

Anthony Avello	Board Member
Nathaniel Klitsberg	Board Member
Gary Rosner	Board Member
Alison Bieler	Board Member
Andrea Jacobs	Board Member
John Kelly	Board Member
Dodie Lazowick	Board Member

Others Present were:

Golden Johansson	1st Alternate Board Member
Bob Robes	2nd Alternate Board Member
Andrew Maurodis	City Attorney
Jennifer Johnson	City Clerk

C. SWEAR IN NEW BOARD MEMBERS

City Attorney, Andy Maurodis, administered the Oath to Dodie Lazowick and Bob Robes.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

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The Minutes of the Tuesday, May 30, 2017, Charter Review Board meeting were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Avello, Klitsberg, Rosner, Bieler, Jacobs, Kelly, Lazowick

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Kelly, Board Member
SECONDER:	Andrea Jacobs, Board Member
AYES:	Avello, Klitsberg, Rosner, Bieler, Jacobs, Kelly, Lazowick

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD

Chair, Klitsberg, stated he would like to be judicious in selecting items that are actually referred to the City Commission for consideration. He would also like the meetings to stick with the agenda, but also be open to members introducing items and comments that they feel are important.

Vice Chair, Bieler, stated that if you are receiving comments from members of the public who have specific concerns about the Charter, she encourages all the members of the Board to invite those individuals to the meetings so they can add input and contribute to the discussion.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. OTHER LOCAL CHARTERS AS REFERENCE

City Attorney, Andy Mauordis, provided background on both Article I: Transitions and Article II: General Powers. Mauordis stated the majority of the information contained is required, and has served its purpose thus far. In Article II, Mauordis mentioned the ownership of the roads and this really served its purpose prior to the County creating an intense platting process.

Member, Kelly, asked if there are any private streets in Parkland. Mauordis replied and said there are, including Cypresshead and the gated communities. New developments were also designed with the intention of the neighborhoods having responsibility for the roads. Mauordis also stated, if in the future the City does not have to take ownership of neighborhood roads if it doesn't want to.

Member Beiler asked about the ownership of the canals, in neighborhoods like Fox Ridge and

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The Landings. Maurodis said those are dedicated to North Springs Improvement District (NSID).

Chair, Klitsberg, reiterated that he wanted to be judicious about the number of items being sent forward, but really wanted meetings to be freewheeling to conversation on the important items.

Member Bieler asked if our Charter needed to have a portion referencing the Broward County Charter. Maurodis replied, Broward County is a Charter County, and it is not necessary. We use as much power provided by homerule, but are subject to the requirements of their Charter which was evident when they instituted the Public Ethics provisions.

Maurodis stated the Section 2 is not crying out for change, and the members did not have any concerns with either.

Maurodis moved forward and look at Section 3. Section 3 can have a monumental impact, and we can just run through some items to consider discussing at the next meeting. Maurodis provides background on the type of government Parkland being Commission/Manager with a Mayor and Vice Mayor position. There is no position for Deputy Vice Mayor. Member Avello, asked if it is not in the Charter than why do we have it. The title actually is predating this Commission. Member, Bieler, stated that is problematic and seems inappropriate by creating an appearance of authority that is not there. Chair, Klitsberg, stated that it only becomes a problem if we come up with something that says, "there shall not be". Bieler stating she received the Parklander and there was an article by the Deputy Vice Mayor and it was weird. Member Lazowick stated that we could make a recommendation, versus a full change to the Charter, to the City Commission. Maurodis said it is really hard to change the Charter, and some things don't just belong there. You could certainly come up with a list of items as such and make those recommendations in a more diplomatic way. Bieler then stated that the Charter provides for a roll for both the Mayor and Vice Mayor, and in the event that both are not available, then Robert's Rules of Order would provide for how to do that. You could be sending the wrong message with regard to the Deputy Vice Mayor.

Maurodis provided background about re-districting, and stated this is a tough subject. Since we don't elect all at one time, it's a headache. Some cities take a very cavalier approach to it. Chair, Klitsberg, asked if we could get earlier versions of the Charter or previous recommendations. I would like to know what had been discussed previously. City Clerk, Johnson, stated she would pull what information was available and provide it the members for review. Member, Lazowick, stated the previous report has been provided. They did make a recommendation for vacancies and redistricting but the City Commission did not consider changing it. Maurodis stated the State made a provision about candidate vacancies and it was without consideration of how things are done in the real world. It basically says Cities have to adopt a procedure if a candidate was to withdraw after qualifying, so you could not have collusion between two candidates. This doesn't always work with the Supervisor of Elections. Coral Springs has said, their policy is to do nothing. Maurodis stated this section is also important because of term limits. The bottom line is you can't be elected for more than eight years. Those are big policy issues, and term limits was added on in 2006. Member, Lazowick, stated she would like to see the antiquated language of requiring three proposals for redistricting amended. The problem is it is very difficult to find

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three proposers who are qualified to do redistricting. It is a very specialized field to be able to redistrict.

Alternate Member, Johannson, asked if there would be an additional district because of the anticipated population increase. Maurodis stated, the Charter provides for four and it will remain such until the Charter is changed. As your boundaries expand, there are certain standards with communities of interests that apply to redistricting and it can be very difficult. The demographer will have to deal with making four districts work. Chair, Klitsberg, asked when the next redistricting is scheduled. City Clerk Johnson replied 2020. Klitsberg said it will be done with all the new development coming in, and District 1 will be really big at that time.

Maurodis stated there is some language in Section 3.06 Meetings. He thinks it is a little too wordy. It is foolish, but it may not be a priority to change. For instance, posting a sign in a conspicuous entrance to the City. Chair, Klitsberg, stated it will depend on the other items we decide to bring forward. Interesting that no action can be taken by a majority of the Commission, for the purpose that things are not carried by two Commissioners. If you have three Commissioners there, you have to have a unanimous vote. Klitsberg asked if this has ever happened? Maurodis stated yes, and there have been times when we took action with two. It is extremely rare.

Maurodis then moved to Section 3.07, stated we can take a look at the presiding officer. Basically it allows for the Mayor to be the ceremonial person, ribbon cutter, and responsible for signing documents. Parkland is not a strong mayor type of government, and that would take rewriting the entire Charter. There are only two here in Broward anymore. Member, Avello, asked if the Mayor is technically the head of the government by statute. Maurodis stated no. This is the provision. That may be something you want to look at, I don't know. Chair, Klitsberg, asked if examples with this provision by other Cities that is beyond just presiding could be provided. Maurodis and Johnson stated they would get that information for them. Member, Rosner, asked if the members could get more examples of where additional power to the Mayor, but not interfering with the City Manager's role. Member, Kelly, stated that while in Tamarac they did not have a non-interference clause and it was difficult. Remember their Charter Review Board was elected, and very powerful. We ended up getting that board dissolved. Member, Bieler, stated she is aware of two in Dade County. Those are Pinecrest and Miami Lakes. It is important to remember that the powers of the Mayor are in conjunction with 5.03 "Non-Interference." The two need to fit together. Klitsberg added that you could increase your policy making power, agenda setting authority, without interfering with the current administration.

Member, Avello, asked what other Cities are doing to regarding vacancies. He would like to see Parkland come up with something that is fair and simple. When we get the really heavy sections, we will lean on what other Cities do.

B. ARTICLE I: TRANSITIONS, ARTICLE II: GENERAL POWERS

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

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VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to discuss, Member Rosner made a motion to adjourn. Member Kelly seconded. Chair Klitsberg adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by:

Board Secretary, Jennifer Johnson

ATTEST:

Chairman, Nathaniel Klitsberg

The above signature is the Charter Review Board Secretary for the City of Parkland, Florida and the information provided herein are the Minutes of the Charter Review Board held Tuesday, June 27, 2017, which were formally approved and adopted by Charter Review Board on

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