



**City of Cooper City  
Charter Review Board Minutes  
City Hall Auditorium  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
6:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Sands called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were David Nall, Joshua Giancarlo, Lori Green, Jim Federici, Bob Sands, John Sims and Ryan Shrouder. Tom Jones, Jimmy Goulet and William Athas were absent.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Former City Commissioner Scott Kleiman addressed the elimination of districts Mr. Kleiman provided how this historically came about. He spoke about fair and equal representation from the city's entirety. Mr. Kleiman requested the prevailing side revisit this issue.

Members of the board asked several questions of Mr. Kleiman

Marty Sherwood addressed the proposed budget date and asked it be revisited and recommend August 1 instead of August 15 due to submission of mileage and projected ad valorem taxes required to the BCPA on August 4.

Members of the board addressed Mr. Sherwood

Mr. Nall requested to table the discussion.

Consensus was reached to table this item until a full quorum is present.

Commissioner Meltzer spoke on Districting.

Requested reconsidering the prior motion from last meeting.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes for January 8, 2020 meeting (*tabled from previous meeting*)
- b. Minutes for January 21, 2020 meeting (*forthcoming*)

**MOTION:** To approve consent agenda. **Moved by John Sims. Seconded by David Nall. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

## **5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- a. Review of draft language as prepared by City Attorney

City Attorney Horowitz spoke on the language on proposed changes such as budget dates, auditors and debt and expenditures.

- b. Discussion on and prioritization of proposed charter changes

**MOTION:** To have City Attorney to revise with language discussed in section 515.2 to say unless included in the adopted budget for a particular fiscal year no capital projected shall exceed 5% of the city operating budget of the general fund as adopted at the beginning of the most recent fiscal year unless approved by a vote of the elector at a referendum election this restriction shall not apply to expenditures from the city's enterprise fund or expenditures from projects that commenced in a prior fiscal year. **Moved by Ryan Shrouder Seconded by John Sims.**

**Friendly Amendment by John Sims to strike commenced and replace with projects that were approved in the prior fiscal year.**

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**Motion Withdrawn by Ryan Shrouder to have the City Attorney work on the language pursuant to the Boards discussion.**

**MOTION:** To have the City Attorney to revise number 2 section 5.10 (attached) with the comments he received tonight. **Moved by David Nall. Seconded by Joshua Giancarlo. David Nall, Joshua Giancarlo, Lori Green, Jim Federici, Bob Sands, and Ryan Shrouder, Yes. John Sims, No. Motion passed.**

**MOTION:** To strike the revision in number 1 section 5.02 (attached). **Moved by Ryan Shrouder. Seconded by David Nall. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

City Attorney Horowitz read changes proposed for Section 7.02.

**MOTION:** If any Commission member fails to appointment, two members to the Charter Review Board within 45 days of the initial appointment the Mayor can appoint those vacancies without restriction. **Moved by David Nall. Seconded by John Sims.**

Discussion took place based on information received from Kathryn Sims regarding all municipalities in Broward County and how often they review their Charter.

Lori Green recommended we extend our timeframe as we are amongst the only 2 in the county who review as frequently as every 4 years.

Friendly amendment by Ryan Shrouder convene the Charter Review Board every 10 years.

David Nall made a friendly amendment to convene the Charter Review Board every 6 years.

**MOTION:** If any Commission member fails to appointment, two members to the Charter Review Board within 45 days of the initial appointment the Mayor can appoint those vacancies without restriction. In addition, the board will convene every 6 years. **Moved by David Nall. Seconded by John Sims. All aye on roll call vote.**

**MOTION:** The City Commission will present any charter amendment receiving a unanimous vote of all members of the Charter Review Board to the electors of the City. **Moved by David Nall. Seconded by Josh Giancarlo. All aye on roll call vote.**

City Attorney Horowitz, spoke on Section 5.16 which he is still researching. Section 8.03 he would recommend a housekeeping amendment.

**Consensus was reached to move forward with the housekeeping amendment as provided by City Attorney.**

**MOTION:** To table prioritization until we have a full list. **Moved by Josh Giancarlo. Seconded by John Sims. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

Ryan Shrouder asked if there is a provision where a resident can challenge the charter.

City Attorney Horowitz said he would research the question.

The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

**MOTION:** To adjourn: **Moved by John Sims. Seconded by Josh Giancarlo. All aye on roll call vote. Motion passed.**

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

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