

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

TOWN OF REDINTON SHORES

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES - *amended*

A **Regular Meeting** of the Charter Review Committee of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida was convened at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present: Lisa Foster (Chairperson, District 4), Jim Everett (Vice Chairperson, At Large), Marie Palena (Secretary, District 1), Christy Herig (District 2), Ginger McQuigg (District 3)

Members Absent: none

Other Municipal Officials Present: Town Administrator Mike McGlothlin, Town Attorney Robert Eschenfelder

1. ROLL CALL BY THE SECRETARY

2. Chairperson called for an amendment to the **4/30/24 minutes** to reflect no timeline as it subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners; motion brought by C. Herig, seconded by J. Everett; approved

3. **OLD BUSINESS-** none

4. PROCESS OVERVIEW BY CHAIRPERSON

C.Herig asked if the red-line version of the Charter can be included on the on-line packet available to citizens. Chairperson Foster said it might be confusing as may be assumed as final; Attorney Eschenfelder suggested publishing final draft when available so as to prepare citizens and obtain feedback; Chairperson Foster suggested red-line version could be included based on how far the Committee gets toward a final draft at this meeting. Chairperson Foster explained that the Committee will go through each section (and those later sections related thereto).

C-1 Chairperson Foster suggested adding “to secure the benefits of Home Rule.”; agreed to by all members

C-2 Chairperson Foster asked if metes and bounds should be confirmed; Attorney Eschenfelder noted that they were set by legislative act and therefore there is no need; C. Herig asked if the legal description for the location of the Redington Shores Yacht and Tennis Club was included as was annexed subsequent to 1955; Attorney Eschenfelder will check the original ordinance and report back.

Second paragraph- Chairperson Foster asked if language gave more right to Indian Rocks South Shore (Indian Shores) and North Redington Beach more rights to encroach; per Attorney Eschenfelder the language is set by Special Act, he will check the other town's Charters to see if they include the same language and report back.

C-3 Chairperson Foster recapped prior meeting discussion and her research seemed to indicate that "Commission" only form of governance seems rare, asked for Town Administrator McGlothlin comments on how our government actually works. Town Administrator McGlothlin noted that he has a bias, but will do his best to be objective and requested that members and citizens present focus on the position versus the person currently in the position; there was discussion in hiring process to change to Commission/Administrator, though he received nothing in writing to confirm a change in governance would occur, however he was required to provide a 30-60-90 day plan of objectives (if hired) and his plan included the process to formally change to Commission/Administrator during the 61-90 day term; he discussed the need for specific management for efficiency and clarity for team, that the Commission/Administrator format delineates rolls and describes manager function. Chairperson Foster noted that she let resident/friends know what the committee was considering in this aspect and researched cost/benefit analysis, noted that S. Miami concluded that Commission/Manager (Administrator) format saves money, increased security among staff and lessened burden on Commissioners. Vice Chairperson Everett noted that Madiera Beach and Treasure Island both use Commission/Manager but that it will be a big change for us and therefore we need to get resident feedback early in the process. C. Herig suggested that we make the change to original red-line draft reflecting Commission/Administrator (noted as "DRAFT") to be posted in order to gauge resident response. Attorney Eschenfelder explained that the resulting referendum regarding the ultimate changes to the Charter would reference each change and each section(s) of the Charter impacted individually and therefore voters would be able to approve one and reject another; Vice Chairperson Everett noted that 'voter fatigue' could result if there are too many changes (voters would just check 'yes' or 'no' down the line); Chairperson Foster suggested a survey ahead of any change. G. McQuigg was concerned that we may get uninformed responses. Chairperson Foster discussed her research regarding "City Manager" versus "City Administrator" and that the differences were minimal. Secretary Palena noted regardless of title, the job responsibilities and authority would be limited by ordinance and/or job description. Members agreed to accept original red-line draft for section C-3 and related sections C-11 A 1. and C-16 C establishing "Commission/Administrator" form of government.

C-17 Chairperson Foster noted that other towns used Town Administrator description of all duties which include financial responsibilities and offered to send a draft to members. Attorney Eschenfelder stated that this information in is the Code and generally covers all of this information, also noted related language in the draft of C-3 B, he noted that a Treasurer is not required. Members agreed to strike C-17.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit):

Lisa Hendrickson wants our forward momentum to continue and stated that “Commission/Manager” is the professional terminology adopted by ICMA and specifies a more specific vision.

Tom Kapper agreed with Ms. Hendrickson and that the correct naming of the form of government is more important than the title of the employee.

Erin Shoos also agreed with Ms. Hendrickson and Mr. Kapper

Joe Locata also stated his agreement with the prior resident comments

C. Herig opposed the use of “Commission/Manager” in favor of “Commission/Administrator”, Remaining committee members agreed to “Commission/Manager”. Attorney Eschenfelder will make the change to the redline draft where appropriate.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

ARCHAIC LANGUAGE DISCUSSION

C-4 A. members agreed with draft change

C-4 B. members agreed with draft change

C-4 D. members agreed to defer discussion until 5/20/24 meeting

C-4 E. members agreed with draft change

C-4 G. members agreed with draft change

C-4 F. members agreed with draft change however Attorney Eschenfelder will work on alternative wording for ‘weeds’.

6. **FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT-** none
7. **MISCELLANEOUS-** Next meeting dates: May 20, June 4, and June 10
8. **ADJOURNMENT-** There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Palena

Secretary

Date Approved by CRC