



CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

A **Regular Meeting** of the Charter Review Committee of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida was convened at 6:00 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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 13, 2024

C. Herig made a correction to the minutes. “City Manager’s Association” should be “ICMA” in the public comments section. Ms. Herig moved to approve the minutes with the correction, seconded by Mr. Everett. Upon vote, the motion was unanimously all yay 5 to 0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Herig provided Google data regarding population and said she was trying to show the Town has not grown.

Ms. Herig said the Commissioner Manager is considered professional terminology as recommended by ICMA. Not sure why we are relying so much on that.

Ms. Herig requested that public comment occur at that point in the meeting. Ms. Foster explained that public comment will be heard later on in the agenda, as stated in item G.

Ms. Palena inquired about powers and duties in C11 and C16. The Commission is referred to as Town Commission and Board of Commissioners. Can we merge those? Ms. Foster suggested that item be discussed in New Business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Add: “in order to secure the benefits of home rule”

C-4, D

Attorney Eschenfelder explained, If the town ever came to own property and an entity came in to develop, they would likely want a longer period than 10 years for a lease. Are you comfortable with this provision remaining? No changes.

C-4, G

Various text amendments will be updated by the Attorney in the next redlined draft.

C-5, D

Vacancies of Board of Commissioners. No changes.

C-5, E

Removal of Commissioners.

Add: "by the Commission", Remove: "unless physically disabled"

C-5, F

Rules of Procedure.

Remove: " a smaller number may adjourn from time to time"

C-6

Expenses of Commissioners.

"Salary" changes to "stipend"

Strike last sentence

C-7

First Commissioners

Strike out: the entire section

C-8

Election Districts

Ms. Herig said the Yacht and Tennis Club is more than one district. Ms. Foster asked, do we have a history of the districting/re-districting? Attorney Eschenfelder pointed out that specific characteristics of a "district" are missing from this section. You could insert, "when districts are being drawn..." The committee members gave the attorney direction to write appropriate language for that section. This item is tabled.

C-9

Nominations for Board of Commissioners

Strike out: reference to chapter 12 of the code.

C-10

No change

C-11, C

Induction of Board of Commissioners into office. Add: "or as soon thereafter"

C-11, D

No change

C-12

No change

C13-C15 – Change order to be:

MAYOR

VICE MAYOR

COMMISSION

C-14

Ordinances

Strike entire section

C-16 and C-11 are basically the same and need to be combined – with changes

C-16

Town Commission; duties and powers

A. Add: "Adopt ordinances and resolutions in accordance with Florida law, and "

C-11 and C-16

Combine these sections?

C-16, B – Strike this section

C-11, A-1 – Keep this section

C-16, C – correct to read: to "create and abolish departments of the town on recommendation of the Town Manager"

C-11, A-2 – Strike this section

C-11, A-3 – No change

Move C-11, A3-A9 to section C-16 – below section C-16 – Becomes "D" under C-16

Keep 3-9 as is. No changes.

Attorney Eschenfelder will consolidate C-11 into C-16 for the new redline and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

ADJOURN TO BREAK 7:10PM

RECONVENE 7:15PM – all same members present

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 minute limit

NAME	ADDRESS	
CJ Hoyt	247 176 th Terr. E	<p>Sec. C-4, F weeds to overgrowth. Strange that weeds are in the Charter. That section needs to be looked at. "Overgrowth" is subjective.</p> <p>I am completely in support of having a Town Manager. Residents, though, would want to see other option(s).</p> <p>So much new/recent change with staff and tree trimming issue... Doris Heitzman, Florida Friendly landscape" had recommended the opposite of what was done with the tree trimming. And it would be beneficial to have someone oversee Parks and assist the Town Manager to ensure this would be avoided.</p>
Lisa Hendrickson	17960 Gulf Blvd	<p>Regarding Commissioner-Manager model of government... It is the most professional model. Beneficial to residents for continuity of services. Florida League of Cities there are less than a handful of Commissioner form of government in all of FL. Our town is going in a really good direction and I don't want to go backward. Allowing Commissioners to oversee day-to-day operations is going backwards. Ms. Hendrickson listed advantages of City Manager, including: education, certification, experience, lack of political influence. Drawbacks of keeping Commission form of government, include: inefficient, Commissioners driving budget for pet projects, personal</p>

		<p>agendas, political influence.</p> <p>The term "Administrator" is used at the County level and in small levels of govt without a Commission-Manager form of govt. No difference between terms "Administrator" and "Manager". It's just in the professional world, they use the term "Manager."</p>
John Strakele	207 180 th Ave E	We agree with how you have it [Commission-Manager] as you have it laid out here
Al Nestanski	317 176 th Ave Cir	Originally came here to discuss Beach Access. The City Manager position switch sounds like an excellent idea. I am in the IT business and hear about systems being hacked and towns being taken over. A Manager who is being backed and secure in their position... better able to attract talent. There is a lot to keep up with... parks, water. Stability and a welcome environment will attract talent.
Barry Taylor	300 182 nd Ave E	Spent 32 years in the military with clear lines of communication. An Administrator is a much clearer line of communication. 5 bosses doesn't work very well. If the hybrid stays, we might lose our administrator. The manager can mitigate the political influence. He can see what's best for the city as a whole. I am in favor of the current redlined version
Jan Strakele	207 180 th Ave E	I agree with having stability of an Administrator/Manager. Is it possible to have an educational seminar for residents to explain where we are going? Because it seems like an obvious choice.
Cathy Taylor	300 182 nd Ave E	We need to educate our voters. It's going to be confusing enough. Educate and make it simple. This is what the committee is advising. The Advisory got input from residents and now we educate the residents for this change of our administrative government. Which I definitely support. Keep it simple.

Attorney Eschenfelder will work on Section C-4, F to come up with text to address the concern about "weeds" being mentioned in the Charter.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Next meeting dates: June 4, and June 10

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret Carey – Town Clerk


Date Approved by CRC