



**FORT MYERS BEACH  
CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)  
MINUTES**

Town Hall – Council Chambers  
2523 Estero Boulevard  
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

**Thursday, January 8, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Babcock. Members present: Tom Babcock, Miffie Greer, Dan Hughes, Jay Light, and Dan Parker.  
Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 11, 2014**

Change the sentence on page 1: "Consensus was reached to increase the base salary by \$200.00 per month for council members and the mayor."

Change first Motion on page 2: "...increase the mayor's salary to \$19,200.00 per year, increases would be commensurate..."

Change fourth Motion on page 2: "the necessity for a referendum unless it's a ~~non~~-substantive matter; second by Mr. Light."

**MOTION:** Ms. Greer moved to approve the minutes as amended; second by Mr. Parker.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. SECTION 11.03 (b) - LONG TERM DEBT**

Mr. Hughes indicated that the Audit Committee recommended that Sec. 11.03(b) be deleted in its entirety and that a debt management policies and procedures manual be enacted by Town Council resolution or ordinance. He noted the Audit Committee was preparing a draft. Discussion was held concerning referencing the corresponding Florida Statute. Mr. Hughes offered to provide language.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hughes moved to recommend that section 11.03 be deleted in its entirety; second by Mr. Light.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. DISCUSSION OF SANIBEL LAND USE CHARTER SECTIONS**

Discussion was held concerning Sanibel's Section 3.10.2.- Ordinance increasing residential development intensity, the Town's comp plan and land development code. Consensus was reached to recommend that Council address land use issues in the comp plan.

## **VIII. DISCUSS CANVASSING BOARD**

Town Clerk Mayher explained the duties of a canvassing board. Discussion was held concerning who serves on the board, language, and adding to the charter versus an ordinance. The issue was deferred to Town Attorney Rooney.

## **IX. DISCUSS CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITS**

The legal ramification of setting limits was discussed. Consensus was reached to exclude spending limits.

## **X. DISCUSS WORK SHEETS - Changes were discussed for all sections**

**A. Section 5.03 Terms of Office - Length of Terms**

**B. Section 5.03 Terms of Office - Term Limits**

**C. Section 12.02 Tolls Referendum**

*Recess: 10:05 AM*

*Reconvene 10:25 AM*

Chair Babcock returned to the discussion on long term debt, suggesting to hold a special election for a single referendum on the issue of long-term debt, to schedule it as soon as possible and hold the rest of the CRC recommendations until the next regularly scheduled election. Mr. Light brought forth the idea that, because of the urgency of the Town Hall situation, the commission should concentrate their immediate effort on the charter amendment to eliminate the long-term debt prohibition. If the Council took quick action, a special election could be held in time to enable movement on a town hall. The CRC could then complete the rest of its charge in the original time frame.

**MOTION:** Mr. Light moved to concentrate efforts on the immediacy and urge Town Council to put forth a separate referendum, by way of a special election, for a charter amendment to eliminate the long term debt prohibition. Second by Ms. Greer.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**XI. UPDATE AND ASSIGN TASKS FOR CHARTER LOG - Substantive Changes**

**XII. UPDATE AND ASSIGN TASKS FOR CHARTER LOG - Clerical Changes**

The commission reviewed the list of sections of the charter and identified which sections each member would take on to write the rationale for the recommendation for the substantive changes and who would provide the wording for the clerical changes. In the discussion was the consensus to add recommended changes to section 13.03 on an early ballot so that Town Council would be able to make clerical changes to the Charter without a required referendum.

Members agreed to have substantive changes #1 - #13 for discussion at the January 22 2015 meeting, and for the February 12, 2015 meeting, have sections #14 - #23 (except Long-Term Debt).

**XIII. MEMBER'S ITEMS**

After some discussion on the need for a review of the Land Development Code and / or the Comprehensive Plan, it was agreed to compile a collective list of recommendations whether for referendum, by ordinance or incorporated into the Council Policies and Procedures Manual.

**XIV. SET NEXT AGENDA DATE AND ITEMS - January 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Babcock adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Adopted 1-22-15 With/Without changes. Motion by Parker / Hughes

Vote: 5-0

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