



City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

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Charter Revision Commission
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024
2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 22, 2024

2. CHARTER CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS BY:

Public (If present):

3. DISCUSS PROCESS FOR INVITING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CHARTER OFFICIALS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SECTIONS

(Beginning with Section 1)

5. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS - NEXT MEETING May 6, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
April 22, 2024

THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MET IN THE SECOND FLOOR MEDIA ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024, AT 2:00 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

DR. CARRIE ROOT	CHAIR
JIM KOLIANOS	VICE-CHAIR
DR. TINA BUCUVALAS	MEMBER
JOAN JENNINGS	MEMBER
MIKE KOUSKOUTIS	MEMBER
MERLIN SEAMON	MEMBER
JOHN TARAPANI	MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:	ANDREW SALZMAN	CITY ATTORNEY
	IRENE S. JACOBS	CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR
	K. MICHELE MANOUSOS	DEPUTY CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

ADMINISTER OATH TO INCOMING MEMBERS

City Clerk Irene Jacobs administered the Oath of Office to members.

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Jacobs called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Manousos called roll.

1. REVIEW SUNSHINE LAW AND PUBLIC RECORDS (ATTORNEY SALZMAN)

Attorney Salzman gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Sunshine, Public Records, and Ethics Laws.

2. DISTRIBUTE COPY OF CURRENT CITY CHARTER AND DISCUSS TIMELINE (CITY CLERK)

City Clerk Jacobs reviewed the Charter process and distributed copies of the current City Charter and tentative timeline.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

City Clerk Jacobs called for nominations. Mrs. Jennings nominated Dr. Root and Mr. Tarapani nominated Mr. Kolianos. Since there were no other nominations, nominations closed.

Selections were as follows:

Dr. Bucuvalas – Dr. Root
Mrs. Jennings – Dr. Root
Mr. Kolianos – himself
Mr. Kouskoutis – Dr. Root
Dr. Root – herself
Mr. Seamon – Dr. Root
Mr. Tarapani – Dr. Root

MOTION: MRS. JENNINGS
SECOND: MR. TARAPANI

To appoint Dr. Root as Chair.

Vote on Motion: Upon viva voce vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chair Root called for nominations. Mr. Kouskoutis nominated Mr. Kolianos and there were no other nominations.

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: MR. TARAPANI AND MR. SEAMON

To nominate Mr. Kolianos as Vice-Chair.

Vote on Motion: Upon viva voce vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSS MEETING DATES AND TIME (CITY CLERK)

City Clerk Jacobs opened the discussion explaining the dates and times that the meeting room, Staff, and City Attorney were available to staff these meetings. She advised that meetings would be held on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. in the second-floor media room to allow the meetings to be televised.

Additionally, she stated that it was then up to this commission to determine how often they wanted to meet. After discussion, the commission decided to meet weekly at this time except for those Mondays that holidays fell on. Chair Root asked that all members review their calendars and send the City Clerk the days in which they would be away. Chair Root also encouraged members to read the charter if they have not done so.

There were various procedural questions then asked by members of the Commission to which City Clerk Jacobs, and Attorney Salzman answered.

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: MR. SEAMON

To accept the Monday afternoon meetings
that the city can currently support and then
go from there after that.

Vote on Motion: Upon viva voce vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, former Commissioner, as a person who watches meetings asked that all members speak into the microphone when speaking so they can be heard. He then asked all members to look openly, listen to people that come before them, and try to come together on what was best for the City and its residents and not for any particular interest group, party, or other natures. Mr. Dalacos publicly thanked and acknowledged the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk for the work they do.

BOARD COMMENTS:

The commission said they looked forward to working together and felt it was an honor to serve and to have the trust of the Mayor and Commissioners. Chair Root also had a statement of gratitude to the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk for all the work done to bring this commission together.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Root adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

DR. ROOT, CHAIR

ATTEST:

IRENE S. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

CITY CLERK'S NOTE: This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the recordings are kept on file in the City Clerk's Office for the required retention period.