



City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

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Charter Revision Commission
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024
2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 4 minutes)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 1, 2024

2. CHARTER CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SECTIONS

4. DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

5. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS - NEXT MEETING

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
July 1, 2024

THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MET IN THE SECOND FLOOR MEDIA ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024, AT 2:00 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

	JIM KOLIANOS	VICE-CHAIR
	DR. TINA BUCUVALAS	MEMBER
	JOAN JENNINGS	MEMBER
	MIKE KOUSKOUTIS	MEMBER*
	MERLIN SEAMON	MEMBER
	JOHN TARAPANI	MEMBER
ABSENT/EXCUSED:	DR. CARRIE ROOT	CHAIR
ALSO PRESENT:	ANDREW SALZMAN	CITY ATTORNEY
	IRENE S. JACOBS	CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Kolianos called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Jacobs called roll.

*Mr. Kouskoutis advised that he had to temporarily leave to take a work call but would return when finished.

Public Comments:

Vice Chair Kolianos asked for public comments and there were none.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 17, 2024)

MOTION: MRS. JENNINGS
SECOND: MR. KOULIANOS

To approve the June 17, 2024 minutes
as presented.

Vote on Motion: Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Yes
Mr. Kouskoutis	Absent*
Mr. Seamon	Yes
Mr. Tarapani	Yes
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Absent

2. CHARTER CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS BY:

- a. Jeff Young, Police Chief
- b. Irene Jacobs, City Clerk & Collector

a. Jeff Young, Police Chief:

Vice Chair Kolianos asked Chief Young what the Charter Revision Commission could do to help the Police Department. Chief Young said the department gets a lot of support from the residents and the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Kouskoutis asked about residency and Chief Young said he did not have a problem because he was a resident but could see the complexities and the values that come with being a resident and those against it. Mr. Tarapani asked if there was a radius, what would Chief Young like to see. Police Chief Young said 20 or 30 minutes would be reasonable or a ten-miles radius from City Hall. Mr. Kolianos asked who had to live here and Chief Young said that he could see the City Manager, Police Chief, and Fire Chief but due to modern times, did not feel it was a necessity.

Mr. Kouskoutis temporarily left after this item.

Section 20. Residency:

There was discussion on residency requirements, and it was agreed upon that the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Police Chief, and Fire Chief must be in the city planning area and all others in a ten-mile radius.

Section 16. City Manager; acting city manager:

Attorney Salzman presented suggested wording for an Assistant City Manager (Exhibit 2).

MOTION: MR. TARAPANI
SECOND: MRS. JENNINGS

To accept language as written by the
City Attorney.

Vote on Motion: Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Yes
Mr. Kouskoutis	Absent
Mr. Seamon	Yes
Mr. Tarapani	Yes
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Absent

The Charter Commission took a recess at 3:17 p.m. and reconvened at 3:24 p.m. Mr. Kouskoutis returned at 3: 24 p.m.

Renea Vincent, Planning and Zoning Director came to the meeting to advised that a planning area did not legally exist; however, the boundaries would work. Mr. Tarapani said this could be modified for the four individuals that are required to have residency to read North of Klosterman Road, South of the county line, and West of Eastlake Road.

b. Irene Jacobs, City Clerk & Collector

City Clerk Jacobs presented information researched of surrounding municipalities regarding elections (Exhibit 1). City Clerk Jacobs wanted the Charter Revision Commission to understand that she was not making recommendations and would work with whatever was in place. This information was for them to make an informed decision. Discussion had also taken place regarding suggested changes to language in Section 11, that was submitted by former Vice Mayor Lunt. At this time, the committee decided to not go with the language change that was submitted and to keep this portion as written.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SECTIONS

Section 11. Terms of office, qualification, date of annual election:

MOTION: MR. TARAPANI
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

That a mailer be sent 30 days prior to qualifying and that qualifying time be changed to 30 days.

Vote on Motion: Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Yes
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Yes
Mr. Tarapani	Yes
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Absent

Section 19: Civil Service Board

MOTION: MR. TARAPANI
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

To leave this section as is.

Vote on Motion: Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Yes
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Yes
Mr. Tarapani	Yes
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Absent

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3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SECTIONS (Continued)

There was discussion again regarding Board and Committee volunteers and if they were allowed to serve on multiple boards. Attorney Salzman said that he would like to conduct more research on this because there had been a lot of Attorney General opinions on this subject.

Sections 4. Police Department and 5. Fire Department:

Vice Chair Koulianos did not understand why these sections were listed on the update for a name change. Mr. Tarapani said that placing too many items on the ballot was not good.

MOTION: MR. TARAPANI
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

To leave sections 4 and 5 as is.

Vote on Motion: Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Yes
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Yes
Mr. Tarapani	Yes
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Absent

Section 12. Zoning Powers:

In research by Attorney Salzman, he advised that the requirements and findings for Planning and Zoning vs. the Board of Adjustments were different.

4. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – NEXT MEETING JULY 8, 2024

Vice Chair Kolianos announced that the next meeting would be Monday, July 8, 2024.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

There were no staff comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: MRS. JENNINGS
SECOND: MR. TARAPANI

To adjourn at 4:43 p.m.

Vote on Motion: Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Yes
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Yes
Mr. Tarapani	Yes
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Absent

JIM KOLIANOS, VICE 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.