



City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

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Charter Revision Commission
FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025
10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. July 8, 2024
 - b. July 15, 2024
 - c. July 22, 2024
 - d. August 26, 2024
 - e. August 28, 2024
 - f. November 8, 2024
 - g. December 4, 2024
2. Resolution 2025-28 - Ratifying Election Results (City Clerk Jacobs)
3. Review Charter Revision Commission's Recommendations to the Board of Commissioners (Attorney Salzman)
4. Acknowledgements (Chair Root)

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to 4 Minutes)

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
July 8, 2024

THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MET IN THE SECOND FLOOR MEDIA ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON MONDAY, JULY 8, 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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Manousos called roll.

Public Comments:

Chair Root asked for public comments and there were none.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 24, 2024)

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

SECOND: MRS. JENNINGS

To approve the June 24, 2024 minutes
as presented.

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	Yes

2. CHARTER CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS BY:

She apologized she was not able to attend last week's meeting but watched the meeting and was very disappointed the way sections 4 and 5 were introduced. Chair Root said this was a strong board with different perspectives, different experiences, different opinions, and different outlooks, and that was what made the charter commission strong. Even though members did not agree on everything, engaging in collective experiences was what made the process move along for the betterment of the city. Mr. Tarapani said that if comments were made, this had nothing to do with her being gone and was not meant in the manner she had taken what was said. He said he personally felt that if things were word smithed, there would be such a litany of changes, that would risk losing the public at the polls. Chair Root appreciated Mr. Tarapani's comments but as long as she was the chair, would not condone disrespect. Additionally, she would not bring these items back but explained why holding off finalizing these sections. Vice Chair Kolianos said the Chair was respected, but there was more than one way to run a meeting and felt that the charter committee did a good job and got a lot accomplished last week.

Mr. Kouskoutis thought the charter commission was at a point to focus on the chapters that still needed discussion and finalize those that did not need further discussion by order. Chair Root agreed and that was her plan today.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SECTIONS

Chair Root asked Attorney Salzman if he had completed research to bring back and Attorney Salzman was still researching.

Section 3.: Limitation of powers

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

Approve requirement to add provision in this section regarding notification to citizens on the ballot on funding source for the purchase.

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	Yes

Mr. Tarapani was absent from the meeting when the purchase amount was discussed and felt that every time the limit was increased, it was taking away the decision from the public. He said there was missed opportunities because the private people can buy property quicker than the city can. Both Dr. Bucuvalas and Mr. Kouskoutis disagreed with Mr. Tarapani and that all property was not purchased for development.

Chair Root then polled the Charter Revision Commission members regarding discussion to entertain discussion on items where decisions were made, and the Commission agreed that it would only be opened up if new information arises and at that time, a vote might have to be taken to move forward or not.

Section 8.: Board of commissioners, composition, duties, responsibilities, and powers.

Per the recommendation of Peter Dalacos, there was discussion on adding two residents to the CRA Board. Attorney Salzman would research this further.

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3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SECTIONS (Continued)

Section 8.: Board of commissioners, composition, duties, responsibilities, and powers.

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: MR. SEAMON

To accept Ms. Vincent's wording for section 8 on review of plans.

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	Yes

MOTION: MRS. JENINGS
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

Add (r) in Section 8 to add a paragraph to require the city to maintain CLG status and to follow the National Historic guidelines.

Mr. Kouskoutis thought that for charter purposes, CLG needed to be defined for the voter. Mr. Tarapani said he felt for charter purposes this should not be in the charter because the city has this designation from the state. The only thing to keep the CLG status was to follow statutes for the makeup of the Heritage (Historic) Preservation Board.

AMENDED MOTION: MRS. JENINGS
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

To recommend to the Board of Commissioners to maintain CLG status and follow historic guidelines.

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	Yes

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3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SECTIONS (Continued)

Attorney Salzman wanted to revisit the CRA Board question. He said that that answer was that it depended how the CRA Board was created. If it was created by resolution, it was the Board of Commissioners, if it was created by Ordinance then the makeup could be seven to nine members that could be anyone the Board of Commissioners want to appoint. Attorney Salzman would check with Ms. Vincent further regarding information on the formation of a committee.

The Charter Revision Commission took a recess at 3:22 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

To recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Marine Commerce Commission be reestablished by an ordinance to look at dredging, look at the possibility of creating a port authority, look at public access to waterways (additional boat ramps), and all matters that pertain to economic impact of the city's waterways.

Section 12: Zoning Powers:

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: MR. TARAPANI

To remove the words "for special exceptions" from the second sentence.

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	Yes

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3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SECTIONS (Continued)

Section 20: Residency

MOTION: MR. SEAMON
SECOND: MR. TARAPANI

That the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Police Chief, and Fire Chief live within boundaries, (Klosterman to the North, County Road to the South, East Lake Road to the East, Gulf to the West) with existing grandfathered in, and if move, must move into the boundaries.

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	Yes

MOTION: MR. TARAPANI
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

That all department heads and directors, within a ten-mile radius from City Hall, existing grandfathered in and if move, must move into the city.

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	Yes

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3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SECTIONS (Continued)

Section 23. General:

MOTION: DR. BUCUVALAS
SECOND: MRS. JENNINGS

Change \$ 25,000 to \$ 50,000.

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	Yes

MOTION: MRS. JENNINGS
SECOND: MR. SEAMON

To strike the last paragraph in
Section 23.

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	Yes

MOTION: MRS. JENNINGS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To add the words according to state statute
after "for which bids are required" and remove
the rest

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	Yes

4. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – NEXT MEETING JULY 15, 2024

Chair Root summarized that the Charter Revision Commission still needed to talk about the following:

- Ecological Sustainability (giving sustainability teeth)
- Building heights section (Should this be done by Ordinance)
- Streets & Sidewalks (Sidewalk improvements)
- Prioritize BOC recommendations

City Attorney Salzman recommended that after the next meeting if all of these items get discussed, that another meeting not be had to give him adequate time to craft the ordinance and charter questions.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Sustainability: Mr. Kouskoutis said he reached out to several members of the city and polled them on their thoughts on trimming Brazilian Peppers. He said all were in favor because the problem was that there was not enough funds to remove Brazilian Peppers or whose budget this cost would come from.

Mr. Seamon would like Attorney Salzman to research if any other cities have addressed this same issue.

Appreciation: Chair Root thanked staff for the great job they do, and the Vice Chair for filling in last week.

Chair Root shared an article that looked like a newspaper article that was an AI summary of the last weeks meeting she had found and wanted all to have a chuckle.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Root adjourned the meeting at 4:21 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.

MINUTES
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
July 15, 2024

THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MET IN THE SECOND FLOOR MEDIA ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Manousos called roll.

Public Comments:

Chair Root asked for public comments and there were none.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July 1, 2024)

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: MR. SEAMON

To approve the July 1, 2024 minutes
as presented.

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

2. CHARTER CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS BY:

There was no one present.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SECTIONS

Section 8. Board of Commissioners, composition and powers:

CRA BOARD: Chair Root said that the first item for discussion was regarding the recommendation of adding a CRA Advisory Board but was still waiting to hear from Ms. Vincent.

EXEMPTIONS BOARD VOLUNTEERS: Chair Root asked if one can serve on more than one board or committee? Attorney Salzman said that the Attorney General opinions found do not allow one to serve on multiple boards. All agreed to decline this thought at this time.

Section 26. Sidewalk improvement fund:

Mr. Tarpani gave the background of the purpose of the original street and sidewalk funds being placed in the charter. He thought language should allow the city to draw funds to complete all sidewalks on the list and when depleted, then the city would have to replenish funds again. Mr. Kouskoutis thought that it did not have to do with the charter but a budgetary thing. There was a discussion on removing the existing cap of withdrawals. Ms. Jennings asked that instead of a definitive dollar cap could a percentage threshold of the fund be used?

The Charter Revision Commission asked to hear from City Manager LeCouris on how the Charter Revision Commission could assist and use funds for sidewalks. They asked City Manager LeCouris questions concerning removing the cap and removing a city match, to which he replied. A lengthy discussion then ensued regarding ways to mandate the importance of sidewalk repairs.

2. CHARTER CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS BY: (Continued)

MOTION: MR. SEAMON
SECOND: MRS. JENNINGS.

To remove first sentence in section
26.

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	Yes

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: MR. SEAMON

To amend cap to reflect that the city shall
be required to allocate a minimum of \$ 100,000
from the general fund a year for sidewalk improvements
they can withdraw up to three hundred thousand dollars
a year from the sidewalk fund.

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	Yes

The Charter Revision took a recess at 3:14 p.m. and reconvened at 3:26 p.m.

Section 21. Reserved Section: (Ecological Sustainability):

The Charter Revision Commission had a discussion regarding an email that was received on adding a charter bill of rights. Attorney Salzman said that if this was a bigger city he could see but this was not happening here residents are heard. The Charter Revision Commission had no interest in placing such a thing in the charter. The consensus of the Commission was to not include this.

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Section 21. Reserved Section: (Ecological Sustainability): (Continued)

The committee talked about landscape and invasive species issues and reviewed the email that was sent from Thomas Kieger, Public Services Director and Sustainability liaison noting that this was not needed to be placed in the charter. Mr. Kouskoutis and Mr. Seamon felt this was important and should be placed in the charter and wanted to find a way to say that resources were needed. Mr. Kouskoutis summarized the language wanted to read something like “The City shall maintain a Sustainability Committee and shall adopt a plan for the elimination of invasive species throughout the city and provide the necessary resources to implement the plan.

The Commission directed the Attorney Salzman to come up with language that could be placed under section 8.

Building Heights:

City Attorney Salzman urged the commission to be careful on adding this to the charter, and that a height variance was extremely difficult. Mr. Kouskoutis thought that it should not be in charter but that a recommendation be made to the Board of Commissioners to make an Ordinance.

BOC Recommendations

Chair Root reviewed things for BOC recommendations and discussion took place on items listed thus far.

4. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – NEXT MEETING JULY 22, 2024

Chair Root said the next meeting date would be July 22, 2024, and the goal for that meeting was to complete sections to give the Attorney adequate time to complete information for presentation to the Board of Commissioners.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Chair Root asked and there were no Board or Staff Comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Root adjourned the meeting at 4:51 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.

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

THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MET IN THE SECOND FLOOR MEDIA ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON MONDAY, JULY 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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Manousos called roll.

Public Comments:

Jack Spirk, 400 Grand Boulevard, part of a group, Preserve Tarpon, sent the Commission an email and was present to reenforce supporting a five-story building limit but would like to see only two or three stories in the downtown, some of the sponge docks, and in the historic areas.

Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, followed up on s meeting when Mr. Quattlebaum spoke and felt the hospital section should stay in the Charter to protect the city. He agreed that a height limit as brought up by Commissioner Koulianos would be appropriate in the Charter. He also felt that the Sustainability Plan and Committee be memorialized in the Charter. In addition, he felt it was necessary to re-establish the Marine Commerce Committee to handle waterway issues.

Mr. Tarapani said most of the things Mr. Dalacos spoke about had already been discussed and action taken.

1. CHARTER CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS BY:

a. Renea Vincent, Planning & Zoning Director

Chair Root explained that Ms. Vincent was called back for her thoughts on residents on the CRA Board.

Ms. Vincent said that Pinellas County dictated that the Board of Commissioners sit as their own CRA and currently, when a new CRA was established, Pinellas County requires there be a CRA advisory committee. Ms. Vincent advised that Florida Statutes restricts any kind of language on planning and zoning aspects. Additional discussion then ensued for recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding heights and Ms. Vincent said heights are already calibrated for all areas and explained further.

Dr. Bucuvalas asked what the current height restrictions were at the Downtown and the Sponge Docks. Ms. Vincent said it did not follow the historic district lines but was calibrated on the area. She said there was a lot to deal with, not just the height that it was also based on the area compatibility. Mr. Tarapani asked if Tarpon Avenue was by far or by height and Ms. Vincent replied it was both.

MOTION: Mr. Kouskoutis
SECOND: Ms. Jennings

An amendment to discuss remaining charter
Items.

Vote on Motion: Upon viva voce, 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	Yes

REMAINING CHARTER ITEMS:

Building Height Restrictions:

Chair Root said at this time; after receiving feedback from Ms. Vincent, she was recommending no action be taken for citizens to be placed on CRA Boards and asked for a motion to that effect.

MOTION: Mr. Seamon
SECOND: Ms. Jennings

That there be no action taken on citizen
on CRA Board and place as a recommendation.

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	Yes

Sustainability:

City Attorney Salzman provided language requested from the Commission regarding Ecological Sustainability (Exhibit 1). There was discussion and Chair Root asked for a motion to use the language provided by City Attorney Salzman, adding establishing a Sustainability Committee and that any further recommendations be added to our recommendations for the Board of Commissioners.

MOTION: Vice Chair Kolianos
SECOND: Ms. Jennings

Approve language provided by Attorney
adding establishing a Sustainability
Committee.

Sustainability: (Continued)

AMENDED MOTION: Vice Chair Kolianos
SECOND: Ms. Jennings

To approve language to read “ The City of Tarpon Springs shall maintain a Sustainability Plan and Committee which shall provide for the improvement and Maintenance of the environmental, social and economic Vitality of the City of Tarpon Springs and the City Commission Shall allocate adequate resources to implement the plan.

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	Yes

Eminent Domain:

Mr. Tarapani said that the city had entered into a contract to buy a piece of property. He said that there was a contract on the property, which would be subject to a public referendum. If changed in the charter, it would allow the city commission to use eminent domain for a spoil site without a referendum, potentially circumventing the will of the people. The rest of the commission was okay with the vote that they previously took to add spoil sites to that section so there was no further discussion.

Board and Committee Appointments:

Mr. Seamon wanted to discuss that it be considered to allow not just residents but to allow business owners or others who have stakes in Tarpon Springs to serve on Boards and Committees. The majority of the Board was not in favor of this so there was no further discussion.

2. DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair Root reviewed BOC Recommendations.

MOTION: Mr. Kouskoutis
SECOND: Mr. Seamon

To accept the BOC recommendations (Exhibit 2) with addition of changing the Ordinance regarding building heights to require a super majority vote.

The Commission recessed at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:43 p.m.

AMENDED MOTION: Mr. Kouskoutis
SECOND: Mr. Seamon

To accept the BOC recommendations (Exhibit 2) with addition of changing the Ordinance regarding building heights to require a super majority vote, change four to say provide alternate boat launch locations and make boat ramps that are in manatee migration areas and grass flats and other aquatic protected areas be exclusively for non-motorized watercraft, five increase the number of boat ramps for motorized watercraft, and six uh provide trailer parking access the grass lots.

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

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

3. FUTURE SCHEDULE

Chair Root advised the Charter Revision Commission that the next meeting would be held on August 19, 2024.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

The Chair and Members of the Charter Revision Commission thanked all involved with the process and that this was a great experience. In addition, they thanked staff for their guidance, the public and elected officials for coming before the Commission, and the City Manager responsiveness and for allowing his employees to come and speak and be asked questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Root adjourned the meeting at 3:51 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.

MINUTES
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
August 26, 2024

THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MET IN THE SECOND FLOOR MEDIA ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 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
	MERLIN SEAMON	MEMBER
	JOHN TARAPANI	MEMBER
ABSENT/EXCUSED:	MIKE KOUSKOUTIS	MEMBER
ALSO PRESENT:	ANDREW SALZMAN	CITY ATTORNEY
	K. MICHELE MANOUSOS	DEPUTY CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Manousos called roll.

Public Comments:

Peter Dalacos, 514 Ashland Avenue, thanked everyone on the committee for their dedication and attendance every Monday. He then spoke regarding an email that was sent by Mr. Tarapani on land swapping and consideration of adding something to require protection of city owned properties purchased by referendum approval.

1. REVIEW DRAFT CHARTER ORDINANCE

Chair Root advised that the committee would be getting into the draft Ordinance and explained the process.

Mr. Tarapani spoke on this email (Exhibit 1) and explained how it came about. He said that basically if something was bought by referendum or purchased without a referendum cannot be sold, swapped, or traded, without a public referendum.

MOTION: Mr. Seamon
SECOND: Mrs. Jennings

To consider new content for changing to the charter

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	Yes

MOTION: Mrs. Jennings
SECOND: Dr. Bucuvalas

To accept language that's been proposed by Mr. Tarapani. "Property bought in public referendum or that has a value equal or greater to the maximum value the board can purchase without a referendum cannot be sold, swapped or traded without a public referendum approving the transaction" to be (i) of Section 3. Limitation of Powers.

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	Yes

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1. REVIEW DRAFT CHARTER ORDINANCE (Continued)

There was discussion on the name of the hospital if it should be listed as AdventHealth North Pinellas or Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation. Mr. Tarapani suggested that the City Attorney check the lease to see who the city leased the hospital with. City Attorney Salzman reviewed the lease and said the lease was with Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation, Inc.

MOTION: Mrs. Jennings
SECOND: Vice Chair Koulianos

Section 14: Section 33. City Hospital: replace and update the lessee's name of the city's owned hospital and land from AdventHealth North Pinellas with Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation, Inc.

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	Yes

It was the consensus of the Charter Revision Commission to open public comments.

Public Comments:

John Koulianos, Commissioner, asked who built the hospital structure. Mr. Tarapani explained that it was philanthropic members of the community built the original building, and that the city owned the building or reverted clauses could not be in the lease.

Chair Root said that on page five, item (i) would be added for land swap discussed earlier.

MOTION: Mr. Tarapani
SECOND: Mrs. Jennings

Make the blue and yellow in the draft ordinance page 6 be paragraph (i) and the underline be paragraph (j) and renumber the remaining paragraphs.

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	Yes

1. REVIEW DRAFT CHARTER ORDINANCE (Continued)

MOTION: Mrs. Jennings
SECOND: Mr. Tarapani

To change Page 8 Section 11, by removing the word State, indicate who holds the seat and if eligible for re-election, and add the word also, to the third underlined sentence.

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	Yes

The commission took a five-minute recess at 3:20 and reconvened at 3:25.

The commission then reviewed the rest of the draft Ordinance by page and asked that Ms. Manousos send a copy of the lease of the hospital to the commission.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Chair Root then set an additional meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. She then thanked the commission and said that they were outstanding to work with. Additionally, she summarized all emails that they have received and discussed, due to remarks in the community that emails sent were not received or reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Root adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

DR. ROOT, CHAIR

ATTEST:

K. MICHELE MANOUSOS, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

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MINUTES
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
August 28, 2024

THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MET IN THE SECOND FLOOR MEDIA ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: MIKE KOUSKOUTIS MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: ANDREW SALZMAN CITY ATTORNEY*
K. MICHELE MANOUSOS DEPUTY CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Root called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Manousos called roll.

*Attorney Salzman and Mr. Seamon arrived at 10:15 at the start of item one.

Announcements:

Chair Root announced that due to the delay of Attorney Salzman, she would prefer not jumping into the charter but would like to discuss the Commission's recommendation summary and asked for a motion for a modification of the agenda until the arrival of the Attorney.

MOTION: DR. BUCUVALAS
SECOND: MRS. JENNINGS

To modify agenda and discuss the recommendation summary until arrival of Attorney Salzman.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas had a discussion and said that there were no guidelines for the Greektown districts and felt that should be a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Tarapani clarified that if the Charter Revision Commission wanted something, they could encourage the Board of Commissioners to adopt a local ordinance to provide protection to the Greektown historic district. Chair Root advised when this was discussed before it was because the Historic Preservation Board was not following their guidelines and not about Greektown and for Boards to make sure they were acting in accordance with ordinances.

Attorney Salzman arrived, and the Chair asked that discussion return to the agenda.

1. REVIEW REVISED DRAFT CHARTER ORDINANCE

The Charter Revision Commission reviewed the revised drafted ordinance (Exhibit 1) with changes since Monday's meeting.

The consensus of the commission on page 8 (a) would be changed to read " The qualifying time for the office of city commissioner shall be thirty (30) days."

Section 13: Interference with Administration:

MOTION: Mr. Seamon
SECOND: Mr. Tarapani

To leave Section 13 Interference with Administration as it was originally written and remove whereas.

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	Yes

(Continued)

1. REVIEW REVISED DRAFT CHARTER ORDINANCE (Continued)

Section 26: Sidewalk Improvement Fund:

There was discussion when the sidewalk improvement plan year should start.

MOTION: Mrs. Jennings
SECOND: Mr. Seamon

That the last sentence under the second paragraph in section 11 be changed to Sidewalk Improvement Plan by 2027.

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	Yes

MOTION: Mr. Seamon
SECOND: Mrs. Jennings

That the city appropriates a minimum of \$100,000 from the general fund a year to be expended on sidewalk improvement during the year and city may take up to \$ 300,000 from the sidewalk fund until the funds are expended. Deleting the sentence that says the amount withdrawn does not exceed \$ 300,000 per fiscal year.

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	Yes

1. REVIEW REVISED DRAFT CHARTER ORDINANCE (Continued)

Section 33: City Hospital

Mr. Kolianos stated that in the past, the group wanted to be sure that it was a city owned hospital and did not see anywhere where in the existing lease that the city owns. The Board of Commissioners has made changes to the city hospital section to clearly state that it was a city-owned hospital and land. The changes include a change in the lease name and the requirement that all leases of the city-owned hospital property be leased by the Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation. The city owns the land, and the foundation and city agree that the lease premises consist solely of the city's land. The hospital is important to the community.

MOTION: Mr. Tarapani
SECOND: Mrs. Jennings

To adopt Ordinance presented today with the
Changes as noted.

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	Yes

Board Recommendations:

Chair Root asked City Attorney Salzman if he wrote the recommendations or something the Charter Revision Commission needs to present. He said he would be happy to write up but was not a time sensitive issue. Chair Root would ask the new city manager to schedule the recommendations for a future board meeting.

MOTION: Vice Chair Kolianos
SECOND: Mrs. Jennings

To approve list for recommendations to the BOC
with changes discussed.

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	Yes

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Chair Root thanked the Charter Revision Commission, Attorney Salzman, and the Clerk's Office for all of their assistance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Root adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

ATTEST:

DR. ROOT, CHAIR

K. MICHELE MANOUSOS, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

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MINUTES
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
November 8, 2024

THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MET IN THE SECOND FLOOR MEDIA ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

DR. CARRIE ROOT	CHAIR
JIM KOLIANOS	VICE-CHAIR
DR. TINA BUCUVALAS	MEMBER
JOAN JENNINGS	MEMBER
MIKE KOUSKOUTIS	MEMBER (Arrived at 11:40 p.m. item #2)
JOHN TARAPANI	MEMBER

ABSENT/EXCUSED: MERLIN SEAMON MEMBER

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Root called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Manousos called roll.

1.REVIEW AND DISCUSS BOC COMMENTS ON DRAFT ORDINANCE

Attorney Salzman advised that the Board of Commissioners also looked at this with the number of questions. Overall, the Board of Commissioners were okay with things, but felt some should be policy instead of the Charter. Attorney Salzman then reviewed the Board of Commissioners responses to proposals

Section 3. - Limitations

MOTION: Mr. Tarapani
SECOND: Mrs. Jennings

To accept (b), (h), and (i) as separate questions.

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

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

Section 8. – Board of Commissioners, Composition, Duties, Responsibilities, and Powers

MOTION: Mr. Tarapani
SECOND: Dr. Bucuvalas

To strike all of i, all of j, and all of l, and keep k listing all plans and we are keeping d.

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

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

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1.REVIEW AND DISCUSS BOC COMMENTS ON DRAFT ORDINANCE

Section 11. – Terms of Office, Qualifications, Date of annual election

MOTION: Mr. Tarapani
SECOND: Mrs. Jennings

To have two questions changing the second sentence to the first question, to send a first-class mailer to all city registered voters thirty days prior to qualifying identifying all commission seats open, indicating who currently holds the seat, and eligibility for re-election, the second sentence stricken and replace with the qualifying time for the office of City Commissioner shall be thirty days and remove the last sentence.

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

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

Section 12. – Zoning Powers

MOTION: Dr. Bucuvalas
SECOND: Mr. Tarapani

To accept BOC recommendation to remove “ for special exceptions” and having this as a question.

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

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

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1.REVIEW AND DISCUSS BOC COMMENTS ON DRAFT ORDINANCE

Section 16. – City Manager; Acting City Manager and Assistant City Manager

MOTION: Mrs. Jennings
SECOND: Mr. Tarapani

To remove (3) Assistant City Manager of Section 16 as a question.

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

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

Section 20. – Residency

MOTION: Mr. Tarapani
SECOND: Mrs. Jennings

To the first paragraph, add last sentence of the current residency that says: the current residency paragraph that says the Board of Commissioners may temporarily excuse the residency requirement for such time periods no one time period to exceed one year as deems appropriate in the best interest of the city.

Vote on Motion: Upon roll call, the motion carried 4 to 1.

Dr. Bucuvalas	No
Mrs. Jennings	Yes
Mr. Kouskoutis	Absent
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Yes
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

(All items in sections that were not voted on are to be left as questions proposed by the Charter Revision Commission).

2. CITY CLERK AND CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW NEXT STEPS

(Mr. Kouskoutis arrived at 11:40 a.m.)

Attorney Salzman reviewed the next steps and discussed next meeting date to approve flyer, and questions.

The Charter Revision Commission took a two-minute recess and reconvened at 11: 55 a.m.

Chair Root asked that a separate meeting in January for recommendations to the Board of Commissioners be scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Anita Protos, 901 Bayshore Drive, would like to see all employees live in the city and glad to see how the Charter Revision Commission had included that.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Attorney Salzman thanked the Charter Revision Commission for all their hard work.

Mr. Kouskoutis spoke on Section 33: and was not here when they discussed that. He add that the Hospital Foundation was just a shell. He made a commentary remark regarding a comment made at a previous meeting that the Hospital was not safe. The Hospital had spent over twenty million dollars into the building. Mr. Kouskoutis said that there were always more hurricane improvements that could be made; however, wanted to assure the public and state for the record, that the building was safe. Additionally, he gave kudos to the city for the great job they did during this time.

Chair Root said this had been a great board and thanked each member, staff, and the City Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Root adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

DR. ROOT, CHAIR

ATTEST:

K. MICHELE MANOUSOS, 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.

MINUTES
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS
December 4, 2024

THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MET IN THE SECOND FLOOR MEDIA ROOM, 324 EAST PINE STREET, TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024, AT 2:00 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

DR. CARRIE ROOT	CHAIR
JIM KOLIANOS	VICE-CHAIR
DR. TINA BUCUVALAS	MEMBER
MIKE KOUSKOUTIS	MEMBER

AUDIO PRESENCE BUT NOT VOTING:

JOAN JENNINGS	MEMBER
JOHN TARAPANI	MEMBER

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

MERLIN SEAMON	MEMBER
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ALSO PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Root called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Manousos called roll.

Public Comments:

Chair Root asked for public comments and there were none.

1.REVIEW DRAFT QUESTIONS:

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: VICE CHAIR KOLIANOS

To approve question #1 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: MS. BUCUVALAS
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

To approve question #2 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

1. REVIEW DRAFT QUESTIONS

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: VICE CHAIR KOLIANOS

To approve question #3 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: VICE CHAIR KOLIANOS
SECOND: MS. BUCUVALAS

To approve question #4 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

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1. REVIEW DRAFT QUESTIONS (Continued)

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: MS. BUCUVALAS

To approve question #5 as written but to require in the narrative that the commission must also satisfy the funding requirements base on the charter requirements.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

Chair Root felt this item covered two distinct issues and should be split into two questions.

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: MS. BUCUVALAS

To approve question #6 as two questions.
First question, title: Duties of the Board of Commissioners to review City master and sustainability Plan. Question: Shall the charter be amended to require the Board of Commissioners to review, update, retire, abandon or deem completed all City master action, sustainability, comprehensive and strategic plans. Title: Duties of the Board of Commissioners to increase review process from three to five years. Question: City Charter Section 8 Board of Commissioners composition duties responsibilities and powers requires the Board of Commissioners to review and update plans every three fiscal years. Shall the charter be amended to increase the review and update to every five fiscal years?

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

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1. REVIEW DRAFT QUESTIONS (Continued)

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To approve question #7 as written but change the word “for” thirty (30) days to “of” thirty (30) days, and capitalize City on City commission.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: VICE CHAIR KOLIANOS
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

To approve question #8 but change title to notification of open seats for annual election.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To accept the provision of question #9 with the exemption of title to be named removal of redundant language under section 13.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

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1. REVIEW DRAFT QUESTIONS (Continued)

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To approve question # 10 with the exception of the title to read "legal review of non-compliant issues found by an internal audit".

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To approve question # 11 as written exception that the narrative has language to require or to include language that references the City Manager's unique ability to determine and prioritize capital projects and to recommend those capital projects to the commissioner for adoption or approval

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

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1. REVIEW DRAFT QUESTIONS (Continued)

MOTION: DR. BUCUVALAS
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

To approve question # 12 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: VICE CHAIR KOLIANOS
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

To approve question # 13 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: DR. BUCUVALAS
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

To approve question # 14 with removal of the word only.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

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1. REVIEW DRAFT QUESTIONS (Continued)

MOTION: DR. BUCUVALAS
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

To approve question # 15 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To approve question # 16 changing
the word posting to printing.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To approve question # 17 removing
language after 2029.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

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1. REVIEW DRAFT QUESTIONS (Continued)

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To approve question # 17 removing
language after 2029.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To approve question # 18 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To approve question # 19 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

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1. REVIEW DRAFT QUESTIONS (Continued)

MOTION: MR. KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To approve question # 19 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: VICE CHAIR KOLIANOS
SECOND: MR. KOUSKOUTIS

To approve question # 20 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

MOTION: MR.KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALAS

To approve question # 21 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

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1. REVIEW DRAFT QUESTIONS (Continued)

MOTION: MR.KOUSKOUTIS
SECOND: DR. BUCUVALUS

To approve question # 22 as written.

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

Dr. Bucuvalas	Yes
Mrs. Jennings	Could not vote only present by audio
Mr. Kouskoutis	Yes
Mr. Seamon	Absent
Mr. Tarapani	Could not vote only present by audio
Vice Chair Kolianos	Yes
Chair Root	Yes

Mr. Kouskoutis had to leave for another meeting.

2. REVIEW DRAFT SUMMARY OF AMMENDMENTS

Chair Root said at this time there were no additional changes to the summary of amendments and due to a lack of a quorum, adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Root adjourned the meeting at 3:51 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.

RESOLUTION 2025-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE RESULTS OF THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL/REFERENDUM ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 11, 2025, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Municipal General/Referendum Election of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, was held on the 11th day of March 2025, and

WHEREAS, the candidate for the office of Mayor, John M. Koulianos, was unopposed, and pursuant to Section 101.252, Florida Statutes, is by law elected to such office, and

WHEREAS, the candidate for the office of Commissioner Seat 1, David Banther, was unopposed, and pursuant to Section 101.252, Florida Statutes, is by law elected to such office, and

WHEREAS, the names of Mike Eisner, and Georganna E. Frantzis appeared on the official ballot as candidates for the office of Commissioner Seat 3, and

WHEREAS, the candidate for the office of Commissioner Seat 4, Panagiotis Koulias, was unopposed, and pursuant to Section 101.252, Florida Statutes, is by law elected to such office, and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Canvassing Board has validated and confirmed the election returns for each candidate as follows:

COMMISSIONER SEAT 3

MIKE EISNER	791
GEORGANNA E. FRANTZIS	721

WHEREAS, the returns showing the number of votes cast in relation to the Charter/referendum items submitted to the voters pursuant to Resolution 2024-55 have been validated and confirmed by the Pinellas County Canvassing Board as follows:

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 1 Charter Amendment**

Adding Dredge and Spoil Sites to Acquisition by City Eminent Domain

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter presently allows for the acquisition by the City of real property under the power of eminent domain exclusively for water and sewer utility easements, public rights-of-way, public parking, and storm drainage improvements. Shall the Charter be amended to include eminent domain for dredge and spoil sites?

834 YES
672 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 2 Charter Amendment**

Increasing Exemption Threshold for Real Property

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter presently requires a voter referendum and approval by the affirmative vote of four members of the Board of Commissioners if the City wishes to purchase, sell, exchange, convey, or lease real property in any amount greater than \$350,000.00. Shall the Charter be amended to increase the amount to \$500,000.00?

730 YES
788 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 3 Charter Amendment**

Identifying Funding Source

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter presently provides for the Board of Commissioners to adopt sale, purchase, conveyance and leasing procedures by ordinance. Shall the Charter be amended to require the Board of Commissioners to identify funding sources as part of the sale, purchase, conveyance and leasing procedures?

1337 YES
167 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 4 Charter Amendment**

Real Property Acquired by Referendum or Maximum Purchase Price Requires Disposal by Referendum

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. Proposed restrictions on disposal of real property owned by the City. Shall the Charter be amended to require real property purchased by the City by public referendum or real property which has a value equal to or greater than the maximum value the City may purchase without requiring a referendum, be sold, swapped, or traded only upon approval by referendum?

953 YES
526 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 5 Charter Amendment**

Enumerating the Powers, Responsibilities, and Duties of the Board of Commissioners

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter presently provides the Board of Commissioners with numerous duties, responsibilities and powers including the adoption of a budget. Shall the Charter be amended to require the Board of Commissioners to review the Charter for funding requirements when adopting the City budget?

1311 YES
186 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 6 Charter Amendment**

Duties of the Board of Commissioners Plan Review

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter presently provides for the Board of Commissioners to review and update all elements of the Comprehensive and Master plans every three (3) fiscal years. Shall the Charter be amended to require the Board of Commissioners to review, update, retire, abandon or deem completed all City Master, Action, Sustainability, Comprehensive and Strategic Plans?

1146 YES
317 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 7 Charter Amendment**

Duties of the Board of Commissioners to Increase Review Process from Three to Five Years

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. City Charter Section 8, Board of Commissioners, Composition, Duties, Responsibilities and Powers, requires the Board of Commissioners to review and update plans every three fiscal years. Shall the Charter be amended to increase the review and update to every five fiscal years?

505 YES
988 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 8 Charter Amendment**

Qualifications and Dates for Annual Election

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter presently does not contain language specifying the qualifying time for City Commission elections. Shall the Charter be amended to provide for a qualifying time of thirty (30) days for the office of City commission?

1224 YES
250 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 9 Charter Amendment**

Notification of Open Seats for Annual Election

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter does not specifically notify registered voters prior to qualification as to which Commission seats are open for election. Shall the Charter be amended to provide registered voters notification by first class mail thirty (30) days before qualifying the specific Commission seats open for election?

1207 YES
274 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 10 Charter Amendment**

Removal of Redundant Language

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter contains redundant language regarding individual Commissioners' contact with the City Manager. Shall the Charter be amended to remove the redundant language?

1211 YES
268 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 11 Charter Amendment**

Legal Review of Non-compliance Issues Found by an Internal Audit

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter presently does not require legal review of non-compliance issues raised in the City's internal audit. Shall the Charter be amended to require legal review of any non-compliant issues raised by the Internal Audit?

1293 YES
186 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 12 Charter Amendment**

Prioritizing Future Capital Improvement Programs

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter authorizes the City Manager to keep the Board of Commissioners fully advised as to the financial condition and future needs of the City. Shall the Charter be amended to require the City Manager to prioritize future capital improvement programs?

1146 YES
332 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 13 Charter Amendment**

Residency Requirement for the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief and Police Chief

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter presently requires the City Manager and limited positions to establish legal residency in the City and allows the Board of Commissioners to temporarily excuse the residency requirements for up to one year. Shall the Charter be amended to require the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief and Police Chief to reside within the City's planning boundaries?

1099 YES
398 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 14 Charter Amendment**

Residency Requirements for Department Heads and Directors

Sponsored by the Board of Commissioners. The City Charter requires numerous City employees to reside within the city. The Charter Commission is proposing all City Department Heads and Directors reside within ten miles of City Hall. The Board of Commissioners, for competitive purposes, desire to limit the residency requirement to essential employees. Shall the Charter be amended to require only the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief and Police Chief to have residency requirements?

894 YES
596 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 15 Charter Amendment**

Residency Requirements for Department Heads and Directors

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter presently requires certain directors to reside within the City and allows the Board of Commissioners to temporarily excuse the residency requirements for up to one (1) year. Shall the Charter be amended to require all Department Heads and Directors to reside within ten (10) miles of the Tarpon Springs City Hall?

891 YES
596 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 16 Charter Amendment**

Increase the Authority to Expend Budgeted Funds Without Competitive Bidding

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission. The City Manager is currently authorized to spend up to \$25,000.00 on budgeted goods or services without competitive bidding. Shall the Charter be amended, due to increased costs of goods and services, to increase the City Manager's authority to \$50,000.00?

599 YES
892 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 17 Charter Amendment**

Increase the Monetary Requirement for Competitive Bids

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission. The Charter currently limits all purchases of \$25,000.00 or more, for which bids are required, to be competitively bid. Shall the Charter be amended, due to increased costs of goods and services, to increase the amount to \$50,000.00 for statutory competitive bids?

667 YES
820 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 18 Charter Amendment**

Financial Statements

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission. The City posts all financial statements on its web site and has hard copies available at City Hall. The Charter currently requires financial statements to be made available at the office of the City Clerk and quarterly financial statements at the library. Shall the Charter be amended to remove the outdated requirements for printing financial statements?

863 YES
628 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 19 Charter Amendment**

Providing for a City Sidewalk Improvement Plan

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission. The Charter has a sidewalk improvement fund but is silent as to a sidewalk improvement plan. Shall the Charter be amended to require a Sidewalk Improvement Plan by 2029?

1335 YES
129 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 20 Charter Amendment**

Providing for an Increase in Sidewalk Improvement Funding

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter created a street and sidewalk fund to support street, drainage, and sidewalk improvements annually in the amount of \$100,000.00. The Charter Revision Commission has determined that the annual funds are insufficient. Shall the requirements of the sidewalk fund be amended to allow the Board of Commissioners to appropriate up to \$300,000.00 annually for sidewalk improvements from the fund?

1126 YES
335 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 21 Charter Amendment**

Initiative and Referendum

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter presently requires initiative petitions to contain verified signatures of at least 15% of the qualified electors registered to vote at the last regular municipal election. Shall the Charter be amended to reduce the percentage of qualified electors to initiate a petition to 10%?

695 YES
741 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 22 Charter Amendment**

Initiative and Referendum

Sponsored by the Charter Revision Commission. The Charter requires a referendum election be held 90 days from the date of filing thereof, or as soon thereafter as the supervisor of elections shall permit. Shall the Charter be amended to simply require a referendum election be held at the next city or county election?

1000 YES
429 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 23 Charter Amendment**

Amend City Hospital Name

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. The City Charter presently references the city owned hospital as Advent Health North Pinellas. The name of the hospital Lessee is Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation, Inc. Shall the Charter be amended to reflect the current and accurate name of the Lessee of the city owned property, Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation, Inc.?

1003 YES
440 NO

**City of Tarpon Springs
No. 24 Charter Amendment**

Clarification of Grammar and Scrivener's Errors

Sponsored by Charter Revision Commission. Currently, the City Charter contains multiple grammar and scrivener's errors. Shall the City Charter be comprehensively amended to correct any and all grammar and scrivener's errors?

1311 YES
138 NO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The returns and findings of the Pinellas Canvassing Board be, and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

SECTION 2. John M. Koulianos is hereby declared to be legally and lawfully elected to the office of Mayor, for a term of three years commencing April 8, 2025.

SECTION 3. David Banther is hereby declared to be legally and lawfully elected to the office of Commissioner Seat 1, for the unexpired term of one year commencing April 8, 2025.

SECTION 4. Mike Eisner is hereby declared to be legally and lawfully elected to the office of Commissioner Seat 3, for a term of three years commencing April 8, 2025.

SECTION 5. Panagiotis Koulias is hereby declared to be legally and lawfully elected to the office of Commissioner Seat 4, for a term of three years commencing April 8, 2025.

SECTION 6. Charter Amendment #1 adding dredge and spoil sites to acquisition by City eminent domain has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 7: Charter Amendment # 2 increasing exemption threshold for real property has been disapproved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 8: Charter Amendment # 3 identifying funding sources as part of the sale, purchase, conveyance and leasing procedures has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 9: Charter Amendment #4 requiring real property purchased by the City by public referendum or real property which has a value equal to or greater than the maximum value the City may purchase without requiring a referendum, be sold, swapped, or traded only upon approval by referendum has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 10: Charter Amendment #5 requiring the Board of Commissioner to review the Charter for funding requirements when adopting the City budget has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 11: Charter Amendment #6 requiring the Board of Commissioners to review, update, retire, abandon or deem completed all City Master, Action, Sustainability, Comprehensive and Strategic Plans has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 12: Charter Amendment #7 increasing the review and update of plans to five years has been disapproved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 13: Charter Amendment # 8 provide a qualifying time of thirty (30) days for the Office of City commission has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 14: Charter Amendment # 9 provide registered voters notification by first class mail thirty (30) days before qualifying the specific Commission seats open for election has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 15: Charter Amendment # 10 removal of redundant language regarding individual Commissioners' contact with the City Manager has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 16: Charter Amendment # 11 legal review of non-compliance issues found by an Internal Auditor has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 17: Charter Amendment # 12 prioritizing future capital improvement programs has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 18: Charter Amendment #13 residency requirement for the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief and Police Chief has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 19. Board of Commissioners Amendment #14 residency requirement to amend the charter to require only the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief to have a residency requirement has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 20. Charter Amendment #15 requiring all department heads and directors to reside within ten (10) miles of the Tarpon Springs City Hall has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs; however, the Board of Commissioners opposing question Charter Amendment # 14 received higher votes; therefore, superseded question # 15 from being amended.

SECTION 21. Charter Amendment #16 to increase the City Manager's authority to spend up to \$ 50,000 has been disapproved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 22. Charter Amendment #17 to increase the amount to \$ 50,000 for statutory competitive bids has been disapproved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 23. Charter Amendment #18 to remove the outdated requirements for printing financial states has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 24. Charter Amendment #19 to requiring a sidewalk improvement plan by 2029 has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 25. Charter Amendment #20 to allow the Board of Commissioners to appropriate up to \$ 300,000.00 annually for sidewalk improvements from the sidewalk improvement fund has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 26. Charter Amendment #21 to reduce the percentage of qualified electors to initiate a petition to 10% has been disapproved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 27. Charter Amendment #22 to requiring a referendum election be held at the next city or county election for initiatives and referendums has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 28. Charter Amendment #23 to amend the Charter to reflect the current and accurate name of the Lessee of the city owned property, Tarpon Springs Hospital Foundation, Inc. has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 29. Charter Amendment #24 to comprehensively amend to correct any and all grammar and scrivener's errors has been approved by the electorate of the City of Tarpon Springs.

SECTION 30. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Recommendations to BoC

Maintain the cuts to provide recreational access to Anclote River and GOMEX. This is a charter provision, but it is not planned for in the budget and there is not a published plan for completing this work, even though cut access has degraded significantly and some are no longer providing access.

Allow P&Z recommendations to be included on the consent agenda to address better use of the Boe, P&Z applicants, and staff time.

The charter revision commission recommends keeping the Civil Service Board in the charter so there is not a perceived loss of employee benefits. However, it is incumbent on the Boe and the city manager to **make all employees aware of the Civil Service Board**. Addressing it as a part of their orientation to employment, when they are learning many other things related to their new employment, is not sufficient to ensure their awareness of this benefit.

The city is large enough for a full-time city attorney. Suggest that one be brought on staff.

Provide guidelines from the sustainability committee to the boards of the City of Tarpon Springs.

To **improve board efficiency**, consider expanding the use of juries for projects as used by the Public Art Committee by other boards.

Revamp the way volunteers are recruited for City Boards. Consider an active recruiting process where critical skills to a board are mapped to citizens and then ask those citizens to serve.

Require the city to maintain CLG status and follow the National Historic guidelines for our local and national historic districts.

Revitalize the Marine Commerce Committee (Charter requirement or Ordinance?)

Marine Commerce Committee

Last week: Recommendation to Boe to reconvene the Marine Commerce Committee

Initial committee created by Resolution

Charter gives more teeth than a resolution

What comes first, adopting this as an ordinance or putting it in the charter?

Suggested preamble:

To the extent that boating, sponging, fishing, shrimping, and all marine commerce industries are so vital to the livelihood of Tarpon Springs, and economic benefits, it is requested that the City of Tarpon Springs Board of Commissioners

- a. Adopt a Marine Commerce Committee as ordinance
- b. Discuss the possibility of appointing a port authority for the Anclote River

Scope

Access from Alt 19 to the Gulf along the Anclote River (and tributaries?)

Expand focus beyond waterway/dredging.

1. Investigate establishing a Port Authority
2. Public access to waterways
3. All matters that pertain to the economic impact to the city from the Anclote River and its access to GOMEX
4. Boat ramps that are not directly into manatee migration areas
5. Increasing the number of boat ramps (and providing trailer parking access)

To support dredging- this is an ongoing process. Once done, you have to start the process all over again.

To plan cut maintenance

Address commercial needs

Committee to make solid recommendations recognizing that staff and Boe are busy

Want people who make their lively hood from that industry to be represented