

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2016**

Pursuant to Public Notice, Mayor Frank Catino convened a special meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Those present were Mayor Frank Catino, Vice-Mayor Mark Brimer, Councilwoman Lorraine Gott, Councilman Dominick Montanaro, Councilman Steve Osmer, City Attorney James Beadle, City Manager Courtney Barker, and City Clerk Leonor Olexa.

(TIME: 6:01) DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL FOR 2016 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Charter Review Committee Chairman Michael Chase thanked Committee members Vice-Chairman David Schechter, Paul DiMouro, John Fergus, David Omler, and Alternate Members Jeff Chestine and Bill Spiegelhalter, for their dedication and exceptional work on the City Charter Amendments. He referenced the required tasks of the Committee, including: encouraging public participation (informational letter mailed to residents, Committee information posted on Facebook/City's website, and creation of a suggestion form); holding Committee meetings; and the Committee's approach to group City Charter changes into efficiency, operating structure, or regulatory requirement categories. He then presented the Final Report of the Committee's recommended changes to the following City Charter Sections: 2.07, 2.11(6), 3.01 title and (3), 3.02(5), 3.03, 3.04, 4.02(2), (3) and (4), 5.05(1), (2) and (3), 6.03(5)(b), and 6.05, and provided the committees background discussion and justification for each recommended change.

(Time: 6:41) The following Satellite Beach residents addressed Council: Sharon Reynolds, David Schechter and Joanne Regan.

Council addressed Section 5.05(1) of the City Charter being in violation of Florida Statutes and questioned whether this language could be removed without the need to be included as a referendum questions within the (City Charter Amendment) ordinance; City Attorney Beadle stated he would research the requirements and provide an update to Council. City Manager Barker stated input was received by residents regarding Section 5.05 as it relates to the 100 acres located in the northern portion of the City, and she commented on the disconnect with the community as it relates to the development of that property, the current property owner being unresponsive on listing the property, and commented that the property may not be subject to this Charter provision. She recommended public meetings over the next year to discuss the desires of the City regarding the 100 acres; Council concurred. City Council also discussed additional changes to the following City Charter Sections:

• **ARTICLE II. – CITY COUNCIL**

Section 2.08(2) and (3)(a) and (b) – Vacancies.

- (2) Councilmember. No later than 30 days after a vacancy occurs in the seat of a councilmember other than mayor, the city council shall appoint a replacement to serve until the end of that seats term ~~the next regular election.~~
- (3) Mayor: No later than 30 days after a vacancy occurs in the mayor's seat, the city council shall:

- (a) appoint one of the remaining councilmembers to serve as mayor until the end of that seats term ~~next regular election~~; and
- (b) appoint a replacement for the councilmember who was appointed mayor, to serve until the end of that seats term ~~next regular election~~.

- **ARTICLE IV. CITY DEPARTMENTS AND BOARDS**
Section 4.02(1) – Boards.

- (1) Generally. The city council may establish boards including committees as it deems appropriate. Members of such boards shall be residents of the city, unless otherwise provided by ordinance, and shall be appointed by the city council. The terms and method of reappointment shall be established by the city council. Councilmembers may serve as liaisons to these boards, but shall not attempt to guide the deliberations of the boards.

[Recommend review of the sub-title descriptions to Section 4.02(1), (2) and (3) for clarity.]

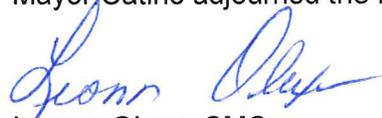
- **ARTICLE VII. MISCELLANEOUS**
Section 7.02(1) – Transitional provisions.

- ~~(1) All persons holding office when this amended Charter becomes effective shall continue in office for the remainder of their terms. [Transition of the City's election cycles to gubernatorial and presidential years are now complete and no longer require this language. Renumber (2), (3), and (4)]~~

ACTION: Councilman Montanaro MOVED, SECOND by Vice-Mayor Brimer, to accept the Charter Review Committee's Final Report on the City Charter Amendments. VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

City Manager Barker stated that staff will work to provide an updated report and draft ordinance. Council thanked the Committee and staff for their detailed/exceptional work on the City Charter Amendments.

Mayor Catino adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



Leonor Olexa, CMC
City Clerk

