



Minutes  
Charter Review Commission 3<sup>rd</sup> Final Town Hall Meeting  
Lake Myrtle Park  
2701 Lake Myrtle Road, Multi-Purpose Room, Auburndale

May 24, 2018

Members in attendance: Alice Hunt, Cassandra Denmark, Drew Crawford, Bob English, Charles McPherson, Robert Stanz, Lisa Jensen, Ramon Edwards Vicioso, Christian Spinosa, Clay Watkins, Bart Allen and Patty Schmidt.

Members Absent: Greg Masters and Mike Hickman,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Alice Hunt at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Charter Review Commission Introductions:

All members of the Charter Review Commission introduced themselves along with the CRC legal counsel and the Administrative Supervisor.

Charter Review Overview – Alice Hunt, Chairperson

Polk County Efficiency Commission – Amendment One: Alice Hunt, Chairperson

Alice Hunt explained Amendment One is the recommendation is to eliminate The Efficiency Commission. The Efficiency Commission held a meeting and they voted 11/7 to eliminate this commission.

Board of County Commissioner Term Limits – Amendment Two: Alice Hunt, Chairperson

Alice Hunt explained Amendment Two this change is a commissioner would be able to serve twelve (12) years in lieu of eight (8) years.

Polk County Charter Review Commission – Amendment Three: Alice Hunt, Chairperson

Alice Hunt explained Amendment Three this change is the Charter Review Commission will meet every twelve (12) years in lieu of eight (8) years.

Financial Report: Alice Hunt, Chairperson

Alice Hunt explained there would be a notable saving to Polk County Residents/Tax Payers.

Public/Audience Comments: Alice Hunt, Chairperson

Alice Hunt asked if there were any public comments. Hearing none the public hearing was adjourned.



At 6:15 Alice Hunt closed the public portion of the meeting and opened the general CRC meeting. Since there were no public comments regarding any of the CRC's suggested changes, she asked the commission if they had any thoughts or comments on the cancellation of the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. This meeting was to be held at 6:00 PM at the Neil Combee Administration Building, Bartow, in room 407. Hearing a general consensus from the membership of the CRC regarding the cancellation of this meeting, without objection Alice Hunt instructed Drew Crawford to read the CRC's adopting and implementing resolution and instructed Deborah Curry to spread the same upon the minutes from this meeting.

Drew Crawford stated the draft documents were circulated to everyone on this commission and he has received no word of any changes, to the wording of the ballot items or the cover letter. If this is a consensus of this board, we can take this final action today; we can read those items and take the vote today which will do away with the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lisa Jensen asked about a public notice issue. Drew Crawford explained there shouldn't be a problem with that because a resolution isn't required to be published. We don't have an agenda rule such as that utilized by the City of Winter Haven. It is within in this board's power to take final action tonight if it so desires.

Whereupon, Drew Crawford stated:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01-CRC**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE POLK COUNTY CHARTER; PROVIDING TEXT, A BALLOT SUMMARY AND A BALLOT TITLE FOR EACH PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE POLK COUNTY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMISSION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA; REQUESTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PEOPLE OF POLK COUNTY VOTING IN REFERENDUM AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION; AUTHORIZING MINOR CORRECTIONS BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION CHAIR AND STAFF; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.4 of the Polk County Charter, the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County and the county constitutional officers appointed the Charter Review Commission of Polk County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning June 21, 2017, the Charter Review Commission conducted extensive monthly meetings and public hearings and has deliberated upon and considered the current text of the Polk County Charter as well as the desirability of certain amendments to the Polk County Charter; and



**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2018, May 14, 2018 and May 24, 2018 the Polk County Charter Review Commission held three (3) public hearings as required by § 8.4 of the Polk County Charter and, after receiving public comment and input, has approved all amendments to the Polk County Charter that it deems necessary or desirable in accordance with its duly established rules; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:**

**Section 1: Amendments to the Polk County Charter Recommended, Adopted and Formally Proposed**

The Charter Review Commission of Polk County, Florida recommends, adopts and formally proposes three (3) amendments to the Polk County Charter, to take immediate effect upon adoption by the electors of Polk County voting in referendum. The ballot title, ballot summary and text of each of the three (3) proposed amendments to the Polk County Charter is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Composite Exhibit 'A' to this Resolution.

**Section 2: Proposed Amendments to be Transmitted the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County**

Pursuant to § 8.4 of the Polk County Charter, this Resolution and set of proposed amendments shall be presented and transmitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida immediately upon its adoption.

**Section 3: Request for Referendum Election and Placement of Amendments on Next General Election Ballot**

The Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida is formally requested to schedule a referendum election on the Charter Review Commission of Polk County, Florida's proposed amendments concurrent with the next general election.

**Section 4: Minor Modifications; Staff Authorizations**

The Chair of the Charter Review Commission of Polk County, Florida, and the professional staff of the Charter Review Commission of Polk County, Florida are authorized and directed to make such minor modifications and changes to the ballot titles and ballot summaries approved herein as may be necessary or desirable under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, so long as such changes do not alter the substance of this Resolution; and they are further authorized to present to the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, and to make public, a report of the



proposed amendments to the Polk County Charter; and otherwise to take all actions necessary and desirable to cause the proposed amendments to the Polk County Charter to be subject to referendum approval.

**Section 5: Effective Date**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Exhibit 'A' to the resolution as read, consisting of the draft text of the three previously discussed amendments, was circulated to commissioners prior to the meeting.

Alice Hunt opened a Public Hearing prior to the vote on the resolution being taken.

Alice Hunt requested a motion and a second for approval as read:

- Motion to approve read Resolution No. 2018-01-CRC – Patty Schmidt
- Second – Cassandra Denmark
- **Resolution approved as read unanimously**

Alice Hunt asked for approval of the minutes.

**Approval of Minutes Charter Review Commission (CRC) meetings on April 20, 2018, May 1, 2018, May 14, 2018 and May 24, 2014**

- Motion to approve all of the minutes as stated above – Patty Schmidt
- Second – Cassandra Denmark
- **All minutes approved unanimously**

Alice Hunt asked for approval for her to create a cover letter for the resolution

**Approval of a cover letter for the resolution moving forward to the Board of County Commissioners**

- Motion to approve the cover letter for the resolution – Patty Schmidt
- Second – Ramon Edwards Vicioso
- **Cover letter for the resolution approved unanimously**

Alice Hunt stated the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled and this commission will meet again on June 19, 2018; at 9:00 AM; in the Board of County Commissioners Board Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the Neil Combee Building.

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With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Curry, Administrative Supervisor  
Charter Review Commission