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CHARTER REVIEW BOARD

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

February 27, 2023

An organizational meeting of the **CHARTER REVIEW BOARD** of the City of Pembroke Pines was called to order by Assistant City Attorney Quentin Morgan at 6:37 PM on Monday, February 27, 2023, at the Charles F. Dodge City Center, Pembroke Pines City Hall, Room A-101, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33025.

Present: Members Paul Jaquith, Jack McCluskey, Robert Goggin IV, Teri Silverman, Victor Abbondandolo, Paul Girello and Brian Andino. **Also present:** Assistant City Attorney Quentin Morgan and City Clerk Marlene Graham.

Member Kristen Palacio had an excused absence.

City Clerk Graham declared a quorum. She stated that notification was received from Member Kristen Palacio that she was unable to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Castillo and Mayor Ortis, present in the audience, welcomed the members of the Charter Review Board.

OATHS OF OFFICE

The City Clerk delivered the oaths of office. All members stood and were sworn in. Member Palacio will be sworn in at the next meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Assistant City Attorney Morgan called for nominations for the position of Board Chair. He said the two members with the most votes would be considered for Chair and Vice Chair. Member Girello, Member McCluskey and Member Silverman nominated themselves. Members Girello, Andino, Abbondandolo and Silverman voted for

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Member Girello as Chair. Receiving a majority of the vote from the voting members, Member Girello became the duly elected Chair.

Duly elected Chair, Member Girello requested nominations for Vice Chair. Members McCluskey and Goggin nominated Member Silverman as Vice Chair.

CHARTER REVIEW BOARD CHAIR: Paul Girello

CHARTER REVIEW BOARD VICE CHAIR: Teri Silverman

SUNSHINE LAW

Assistant City Attorney Morgan discussed Florida Sunshine Law.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Girello called upon Mr. Christopher Ziadie to introduce himself. Mr. Ziadie, seated in the audience, introduced himself and said he would be formally appointed to the Charter Review Board by the Mayor at the March 1, 2023 Commission Meeting.

Chair Girello discussed possible meeting dates for future Charter Review Board meetings. City Clerk Graham referenced the vacant days on the monthly board calendar provided to the members. Selecting a vacant day would prevent scheduling conflicts with other City Boards.

Chair Girello recommended one meeting a month, preferably the last Monday of the month. Several members said the last Monday in March could present a challenge due to the Spring Break holiday.

On a motion made by Member Andino, seconded by Member Silverman, to recommend that the Charter Review Board meetings be conducted on the last Monday of each month, the motion passed as follows:

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AYE: Members Girello, Goggin IV, Abbondandolo, Silverman, and Andino voted yes.

NAY: Members McCluskey and Jaquith voted no.

With March as the exception, members agreed to have the March meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023, in the same location at 6:30 PM.

Member McCluskey said the board should have two meetings a month to complete the charter review in time to get the recommendations approved for the March 2024 ballot.

Assistant City Attorney Morgan discussed the time frame for the March 2024 ballot. To make the March 2024 ballot, the review would need to be completed by September 2023.

Chair Girello said the board would review the existing charter. He was OK with two meetings a month but did not want to rush the process.

Member Goggin concurred with Member Andino to become familiar with the process at one meeting a month before deciding on going to two meetings a month.

Member McCluskey said the board should consider inviting the City Manager and the Assistant City Managers to the board meetings at different times to address aspects of the charter before the board at that time.

Assistant City Attorney Morgan cautioned that such invitations would have to be approved by the City Manager.

The Chairman agreed to first begin the review of the charter at the next meeting before making requests for invitations.

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ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Member Girello, seconded by Member Andino, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNED: 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene D. Graham, CMC, City Clerk