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CHARTER REVIEW BOARD

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

April 24, 2023

A regular meeting of the **CHARTER REVIEW BOARD** of the City of Pembroke Pines was called to order by Chair Girello at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 24, 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, Paul Girello, Robert Goggin, Victor Abbondandolo, Teri Silverman, Karen Palacio and Christopher Ziadie. **Also present:** Assistant City Attorney Quentin Morgan and City Clerk Marlene Graham.

City Clerk Graham declared a quorum.

Absent: Brian Andino, Shauna Hicks-Lee.

Chair Girello welcomed members to the board meeting.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

A motion was made by Member McCluskey, seconded by Member Goggin, to approve the excused absences of Member Andino and Member Hicks-Lee.

MOTION: Member McCluskey

SECOND: Member Goggin

Motion passed unanimously.

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Member Hicks-Lee, newly appointed member for District 1, will be sworn in at the next board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the Charter Review Board minutes of March 6, 2023. On a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION: Member McCluskey

SECOND: Member Ziadie

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Girello discussed changing the date of the next Charter Review Board meeting from Monday, May 22 to Monday, May 15, 2023, at 6:30 PM in Room A-101. On a motion to change the meeting date to May 15, 2023, the motion carried 8/1. Member Jaquith said he would not be available to attend on May 15 due to a scheduling conflict.

MOTION: Member McCluskey

SECOND: Member Silverman

Chair Girello and members of the board proceeded to review ARTICLE IV of the City Charter.

ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATIVE

Member Girello asked each member if there was anything

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they would like to discuss.

Member Ziadie spoke on Section 4.13 Commission Auditor - recommended consistency in terms of the use of "4/5s vote" rather than "super majority."

Member Palacio spoke on Section 4.02 City Manager - Appointment; Removal; Compensation. In sub-section (b) Member Palacio recommended changing the word "may" to "must" in the sentence "...Upon demand by the Manager, a public hearing "must" be held prior to such public hearing..." She suggested that the word City should precede each reference to the Manager - City Manager for consistency.

Member Palacio spoke on 4.04 Powers and duties of City Manager Section (f). She recommended Section (k) be reworded for clarity. In Section 4.05 City Clerk; Deputy City Clerk, Member Palacio questioned the reference to Section 8.5. In Section 4.06 Department of Finance, Member Palacio reviewed grammatical errors. In Section 4.07 City Attorney, Member Palacio recommended revising the language in subsection (3) to clarify the grammar. In Section 4.08 Personnel System, Member Palacio asked City Attorney Morgan about the meaning of "... shall be based on merit principals and scientific methods...".

Member Silverman asked for more clarification on Section 4.08. City Attorney Morgan said he would review and provide a response at the next meeting.

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Member Abbondandolo spoke on Section 4.11 Public Services Department and Section 4.10 Police Department.

Member Palacio spoke on subsection (3)(i) of Section 4.12 Procurement for grammatical clarification of language.

Member Palacio and Member Jaquith discuss subsection (5) of Section 4.12 pertaining to the language "good cause" and who would determine "good cause".

Member Palacio spoke on Section 4.13 Commission Auditor.

Chair Girello said the board can discuss ARTICLES V and VI at the next meeting on May 15, 2023. Member Goggin who received his Charter Review binder this meeting said he would be caught up by the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ADJOURNED:

7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene D. Graham, CMC, City Clerk