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CHARTER REVIEW BOARD

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

May 15, 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, May 15, 2023, at the Charles F. Dodge City Center, Pembroke Pines City Hall, Room A-101, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33025.

Present: Chair Paul Girello, Members Jack McCluskey, Robert Goggin, Victor Abbondandolo, Teri Silverman, Karen Palacio, Christopher Ziadie, Shana Hicks-Lee, and Brian Andino. **Also present:** Assistant City Attorney Quentin Morgan and City Clerk Marlene Graham.

City Clerk Graham declared a quorum.

Absent: Paul F. Jaquith.

Chair Girello welcomed members to the board meeting.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

A motion was made by Member Abbondandolo, seconded by Member Silverman, to approve the excused absence of Member Jaquith.

MOTION: Member Abbondandolo

SECOND: Member Silverman

Motion passed unanimously.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Member Hicks-Lee was sworn in by the Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the Charter Review Board minutes of April 24, 2023. On a motion to approve the minutes, the

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motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION: Member McCluskey

SECOND: Member Goggin

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Girello discussed the time frame for completing the review. Assistant City Attorney Morgan said that the Broward Supervisor of Elections would have to finalize the schedule for 2024 based on overseas ballots. For the March election, February 3 would be the deadline for overseas ballots. The City Commission would need to debate and come to a decision by ordinance before February 3, 2024. The Charter Review Board could shoot for mid to late September 2023.

Chair Girello and members of the board proceeded to review ARTICLES V - *Budget*, VI - *Initiative and Referendum*, and VII - *Charter Review Board* of the City Charter.

Member McCluskey commented on Section 7.01 Creation of Board: Membership in Article VII on City District member appointees to the Charter Review Board. Chair Girello said we would not want uneven stacking of the board from any one district. Member Ziadie recommended review board only from their district. Member Silverman said 2 individuals from their respective districts to serve as a member of the Charter Review Board.

Chair Girello, Members Goggin Palacio and Abbondandolo, in favor of leaving as is where each member appoints two each.

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Members McCluskey, Silverman in favor of changing Item VII to add "from their respective district." Chair Girello was in agreement to adding "from their respective District."

Chair Girello spoke on Section 7.04 - Organization. What happens if we don't have a full board? The majority of 11 members would be 6 is the majority, and super majority would be 7. Assistant City Attorney Morgan said he would check to make sure everyone agreed with the number.

Members took a few moments to look through Article VIII. Run on sentences is section 8.02. scriveners' errors. Section 8.08 (b, remove comma in 5th line. 8.05 4th line, take out "...in that event."

Member Girello spoke on Section 8.06 *Appropriations to libraries and charitable institutions*. He asked about charitable donations.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Girello said he would like to poll the board members Assistant City Attorney Morgan said if board members had any situations in the charter for further discussion, i.e. Term Limits they should provide it directly to the City Clerk by June 19 for inclusion on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ADJOURNED:
7:35 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Marlene D. Graham, CMC, City Clerk