

**Charter Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2020**

This meeting was conducted via teleconference

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69, issued by the Office of Governor Ron Desantis on March 20, 2020, extended via Executive order no. 20-112, and further extended by Executive Order No 20-114, municipalities may conduct meetings of their governing boards without having a quorum of its members present physically or at any specific location, and utilizing communications media technology such as telephonic or video conferencing, as provided by Section 120.54 (5)(b)2, Florida Statutes.

The City of Lake Wales held this hybrid virtual public meeting using the GoToMeeting Web/Teleconference service.

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chevon Baccus, Andy Oguntola, Sara Jones, Keith Wadsworth, Jim Weaver

Guests Present: Commissioner Goldstein

Staff Present: Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk; James Slaton, Interim City Manager; Albert Galloway, City Attorney; Kevin Sunderland, IT Manager

Albert Galloway, Jr., City Attorney, reviewed procedures for public participation.

2. Introductions

The members took turns and introduced themselves and shared a bit of their background.

3. Purpose And Structure Of The Committee

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, reviewed the purpose of this committee. She reviewed how the committee functioned last time 10 years ago. Ms. Nanek encouraged the committee to set up a plan for how to discuss the various issues that includes public input. She suggested that during around the room the members share issues of concern for the committee to research for the next meeting.

A separate email address lwcharter@lakewalesfl.gov has been set up for the public to use to share topics of interest.

3.I. Review Of Timeline

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, explained that the work of the committee needs to be done by the end of December so that it can go before the City Commission as an ordinance in January. The language of ballot amendments has to be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections Office by the end of January to go on the ballot.

3.II. Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule was discussed. Chevon Baccus recommended in-person meetings in order to encourage public input. Thursday evenings were agreed upon. After discussion the committee decided to meet twice a month. The time will be at 6:00p.m. These times are subject to change. Chevon Baccus recommended that it was not necessary to have the City Attorney or City Manager to attend every time. They can come as needed to offer opinion. After discussion the next meeting date will be on July 16.

4. Appointment Of Chair And Vice-Chair

Sara Jones nominated Chevon Baccus as chair. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations. Chevon Baccus accepted the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Jim Weaver nominated Andy Oguntola as vice-chair. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations. Andy Oguntola accepted the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved.

5. Sunshine Law And Ethics Video

A video on Sunshine law and Ethics was viewed.

6. AROUND THE ROOM

The members expressed enthusiasm for working on this committee.

Chevon Baccus said that the ballot in April included two commission races. With amendments on the ballot voter participation may increase. Ms. Baccus said some of the items in 2010 were just clean up items. She said that the Charter needs to be simple. others go to far. Some things may need to be changed more often and should be changed by ordinance. She will forward some issues to Jennifer that she has heard from Commissioners and others. She said they will make these recommendations to the Commission and they will vote on them.

Albert Galloway, City Attorney, reminded the committee that proposed changes will go before the City Commission twice for approval.

Chevon Baccus recommended sending the link and meeting information to department heads and Commissioners to invite them to offer suggestions on items to review.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be July 16, 2020

Chair

ATTEST:

City Clerk