

CITY OF LAKE WALES CHARTER AMENDMENT – ORDINANCE 2011-01

AMENDMENT: 12

TITLE: MAYOR WILL BE ASSIGNED A LEADERSHIP ROLE WITH ADDED DUTIES

SUMMARY: The mayor's duties and responsibilities will be increased to include: making appointments to citizen boards with approval of the commission; serving as the liaison between city government and citizens, community organizations, etc.; presenting the annual state of the city message; promoting programs and matters important to the progress and well-being of the community; and other duties of a leadership nature in representing the city. (Adoption of this amendment requires voter approval of Amendment #11.)

TEXT: **Sec. 3.06. Functions and powers of mayor.**

- (a) The mayor is expected to advance initiatives to benefit the community that can be tempered and improved upon with the city commission's collective judgment.
- (b) The mayor shall attend and preside at all meetings of the city commission ~~and shall perform such other duties consistent with his office as may be imposed by it, and he~~ shall have a voice and a vote in the proceedings of the commission, but no veto power.
- (c) ~~He~~ The mayor shall be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes, by the governor for purposes of military law, for service of process, and execution of contracts, deeds and other documents, but shall have no administrative duties ~~except as required to carry out the responsibilities herein. The powers and duties of the mayor shall be such as are conferred upon him by the city commission in pursuance of the provisions of this charter, and no other. In the absence of the mayor, the other members of the city commission shall select one of their number to serve as vice mayor to perform his duties.~~
- (d) The mayor shall represent the city in all intergovernmental relationships, including but not limited to agreements with other governmental entities or certifications to other governmental entities.
- (e) The mayor shall, with the advice and consent of the city commission, make appointments to the various citizen advisory and regulatory boards, commissions, committees and authorities.
- (f) The mayor shall appoint members of the city commission to serve on other committees and boards including boards composed of members from other governmental jurisdictions.
- (g) The mayor shall take a leadership role in promoting the overall quality of life, appropriate economic development, enhancement of property values, and other areas important to the progress and well-being of the community.
- (h) The mayor shall serve as the liaison between the municipal government and the community's citizens, businesses, and civic organizations to collectively achieve projects that neither the City nor one organization could afford to achieve on its own.
- (i) The mayor shall present an annual state of the city message that informs the public about the city's current fiscal position, accomplishments in the prior year, work plan for the coming year, and goals for the future.
- (j) The mayor shall perform other duties specified by the city commission from time to time provided such duties are not inconsistent with this charter.

[Note: Adoption of amending language requires voter approval of amendment to section 3.05]

[Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.]