

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL
9199 – 113TH STREET N
SEMINOLE, FL 33772
May 27, 2014**

Present were: Councilor John Counts; Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn; Mayor Leslie Waters; Councilor Christopher Burke; Councilor Patricia Plantamura; Councilor James Quinn; Councilor Bob Matthews; City Attorney John Elias; City Manager Frank Edmunds. City Clerk Rose Benoit was not present.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 8:51 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION: CHARTER – ARTICLE I THRU ARTICLE X

Mayor Waters stated her opinion regarding the invocation provided by Councilor Plantamura earlier during the Business Meeting. Councilor Plantamura excused herself and did not attend the workshop.

Mayor Waters asked council if there were any changes that they would like to make to the Charter Review report. She stated the Charter Review Committee members worked very hard to put together a good report. City Manager explained that administratively we are seeking for council direction on how to prepare the recommendation. If the council is supportive of the recommendations contained in the report, the City Attorney will prepare an Ordinance identifying each change and prepare it for ballot language. It will go to council before it goes to the ballot. The ballot language must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections no later than the end of August. The Ordinance will require two readings and a public hearing notice must be posted.

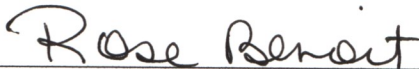
Council had discussions on the following sections of the Charter and consented to the following changes proposed by the Charter Review Committee.

- 1) Keeping the Charter gender neutral.
- 2) Section 3.02, Election and Terms- terminology deleted regarding the rollover of the March election process into November election.
- 3) Section 3.07, (d) Extraordinary Vacancies- changed from five to four members since four is a quorum.
- 4) Section 3.09 (c) The City Attorney shall; (4) and (5) delete the word “shall” at the beginning of each sentence.
- 5) Section 5.02, (b) Removal of City Manager - changed from five to four members since four is a quorum.
- 6) Section 5.03, Acting City Manager- a written communication must be filed with city council for council approval.


- 7) Section 6:03, (a) Conduct of Elections- indicating compliance with the terms and conditions set forth by the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office.
- 8) Section 6:04, (d) Tie Votes – indicating persons shall draw lots to determine who shall be elected to the office.
- 9) Section 6:04, (e) Runoff Elections – eliminated this section.
- 10) Section 6.05 Uncontested Elections – first sentence delete the words “himself/herself” and replace with the word “themselves.”
- 11) Section 10:03, Charter Review Committee - 1 to 1 relationship of a councilor appointing one person to the Charter Review Committee.
- 12) Section 10.3 Charter Review Committee includes a section that states when the Charter Review Committee ends or terminates upon the submission of final report and council agreement is reached with proposed changes.

Mayor Waters adjourned the workshop at 9:18 p.m.

Date Approved: **June 10, 2014**



Minutes prepared by Rose Benoit, City Clerk



Leslie Waters, Mayor