

Minutes

Charter Review Commission
Town Hall Meeting

The City of Daytona Beach, Florida

March 4, 2014

Minutes of the Charter Review Commission Town Hall Meeting of The City of Daytona Beach, Florida, held on Wednesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Midtown Cultural Center, 925 George W. Engram, Jr. Boulevard, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Attendance.

Members

Gary Libby	Present
Blaine Lansberry	Present
Kelly Kwiatek	Present
Thomas Leek	Present
Willie Kimmons	Present
L. Roland Blossom	Present
Glenn S. Ritchey, Chairman	Present

Alternate Members

Ruth Trager	Present
Ed Savard	Absent
Dan Bolerjack	Absent
Jill Pennington	Absent
Christi McGee	Present
Tony Barhoo	Absent
John Huger	Absent

Also Present:

Marie Hartman, City Attorney
Ron McLemore, Deputy City Manager/Public Works
Jennifer L. Thomas, City Clerk

1. Welcome

Glenn Ritchey, Chairman, Charter Review Commission welcomed everyone to the Town hall meeting. The meeting is a series of events throughout the community that gives citizens and opportunity to speak to the Commission regarding changes to the Charter. Mr. Ritchey reviewed portions of the mission statement that further explains the responsibilities of the Commission.

2. Introductions – Charter Review Commission Members

Each member introduced themselves and spoke about the zone they represent and the ideas on the responsibilities.

Mr. Ritchey opened the meeting for input from citizens.

3. Citizen comments

Ruth Trager, 610 Bostwick Avenue, Daytona Beach

- More power needs to be given to the City Commission.
- The City Commission should not enforce eminent domain.

Weegie Kuendig, 718 N. Wild Olive, Daytona Beach representing Save our Neighborhoods.

- Commission meeting agenda powers should be shared by the City Manager and Commission. Each member of the Commission should be able to request an item and it should appear on the agenda within 30 days.
- Require the City Manager and senior staff to reside in the city as a condition of employment.
- Require a simple majority of the Commission to terminate the employment of the City Manager.
- Require quarterly fair share reporting from the City Manager or Finance Director on monies spent in each zone. Require separate quarterly reporting for each CRA.
- Require Commission approval for hiring all department heads.
- Members of the Commission, if on the ballot, shall not be a member of the canvassing board.
- Eight year term limits for all elected officials.
- Delete all language requiring any affidavit of the circulator, delete language requiring percentages required from each zone; at a minimum, and adopt the percentage requirement now used by the county for voters to get an issue on the ballot.
- Clarify and define emergencies and emergency powers of Mayor and City Manager.
- Give the Commission the ability to outsource legal staff.
- City requirement to follow code standard and maintenance standard for all city owned property.
- Change the time limit required for a special election from 12 months to 6 months.
- Require third party financial disclosures during elections.
- Remove all laws from our Charter that supersede or conflict with state law.
- Strengthen authority of citizen boards.
- Limit the amount of funds spent on the consent agent to .25 percent of the total yearly budget.
- Require a time certain to fill vacant senior staff positions.
- Clarify section 15: the ability of the Commission to deal directly with senior staff personnel.
- Require all bond issues to be voted on by the electorate.

Marjorie Johnson, 122 S. Keech Street, Daytona Beach

- Improvements should be made in zone 6.
- Oppose decreasing the number of zones.
- Suggested that there should be term limits.
- Commissioners should be held more accountable.
- Increase the time for public comments during City Commission meetings to 3 minutes.

Chris Bowler, 2275 Mason Avenue, Daytona Beach

- Policies should be created to insure stability.

Gregg Gimbert, 255 Euclid Avenue, Daytona Beach

- There should be more agenda power for City Commissioners.
- A dollar limit of \$5,000 should be placed for consent agenda items.
- Suggested that the section regarding initiative referendum be corrected; lower registered voter requirement to five percent.

Neil Harrington, 101 Grand Oaks Circle, Daytona Beach

- There should be public participation at City Commission meetings; there is a lack of time to speak.
- There is a lack of board participation.
- The City should have regular maintenance of building owned; more money should be budgeted for maintenance.

Johnnie Ponder, 885 Maley Street, Daytona Beach

- The City should listen to the needs of the neighborhoods and work together.

Jay Bond, 1428 N. Halifax Avenue, Daytona Beach

- Governing ability is lost when it is filtered through one person.
- Sunshine law prevents the Commission from talking to each other.

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Sybil Vazquez, 144 S. Halifax Avenue, #68, Daytona Beach

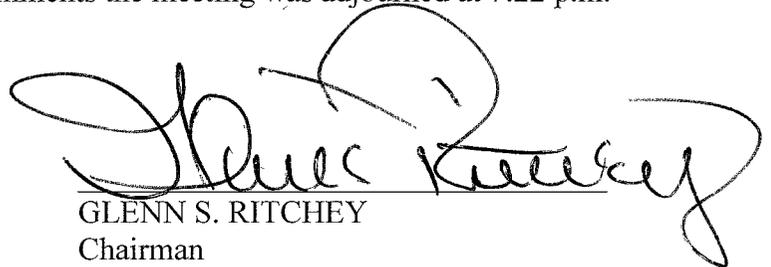
- All citizens should be able to participate in the process.
- Employees should be able to go through the chain of command.

4. Closing remarks

The members of the Charter review Commission thanked the public for their participation and encouraged them to invite others to the two additional town hall meeting on March 18, 2014 and April 1, 2014.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion or comments the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



GLENN S. RITCHEY
Chairman

ATTEST:



JENNIFER L. THOMAS
City Clerk

Adopted: April 15, 2014

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