

CHARTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ANNOTATED MINUTES

**PREPARED IN THE OFFICE OF
PAULA S. O'NEIL, CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

**THE MINUTES WERE PREPARED
IN AGENDA ORDER AS PUBLISHED AND NOT IN THE
ORDER THE ITEMS WERE HEARD**

JULY 13, 2015

2:30 P.M.

**WEST PASCO GOVERNMENT CENTER, BOARD ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
8731 CITIZENS DRIVE, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA 34654**

Charter Commission Members

Michael Cox, Chairman
Randy Maggard, Vice-Chairman
Steve Booth
Gary Bradford - **ABSENT**
Billy E. Brown
Mel Eakley
Robert Eckard
John J. Gallagher - **ABSENT**
Candace Glewen
Chuck Grey
Jim Driscoll
John Kinsman
Dewey Mitchell
Mike Ryan
Bill Woodard

Charter Commission Alternates

Cliff McDuffie, District 1
Joseph Poblick, District 2
Dominic Scannavino, District 3
Pattie Spoeth, District 4
Cami Austin, District 5

Advisory Staff

Michele Baker, County Administrator
Jeffrey Steinsnyder, County Attorney
Richard Gehring, Planning and Development Administrator
Kurt Spitzer, Consultant

1. Call to Order

Chairman Cox called the meeting to order at 2:29 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Sandra Bader, Deputy Clerk, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call

Ms. Bader called the roll. Mr. Gary Bradford and Mr. John Gallagher were absent.

4. Reports of Chairperson

Chairman Cox spoke regarding the last meeting held and the possibility of inviting the Legislative Delegation to a meeting. He reviewed the current meeting schedule and suggested they be scheduled for the August 10, 2015 meeting. He questioned whether the Committee would want to push the decision of whether to continue the Charter discussion from the August 10, 2015 meeting to August 24, 2015.

The Committee Members discussed who from the Legislative Delegation would attend the meeting; presentation time limits; the need for discussion of the possible Charter policies; a feeling to remain on schedule; and a suggestion to ask Representative Corcoran to be the point person for the presentation.

The Committee determined to leave the calendar as scheduled.

Chairman Cox spoke regarding recent newspaper articles regarding meetings he had held. As Chairman he felt he was obligated to ensure the meetings were organized and well-run with meaningful presentations. He had held meetings with the Constitutional Officers regarding their presentations and the information to be discussed.

5. Presentations by Invited Guests:

- **Board of County Commissioners**

**Honorable Ted Schrader
Honorable Mike Moore
Honorable Kathryn Starkey**

Chairman Cox introduced the Honorable Ted Schrader, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman Ted Schrader recognized the Honorable Mike Moore and the Honorable Kathryn Starkey who were also present. He provided an extensive and in depth review of the County Commissioners' functions and responsibilities. The Commissioners and Mr. Spitzer responded to questions asked by the Committee Members.

• **Office of Supervisor of Elections** **Honorable, Brian Corley**

Chairman Cox introduced the Honorable Brian Corley, Pasco County Supervisor of Elections.

Mr. Brian Corley provided an extensive and in depth review of the Supervisor of Elections' functions and responsibilities. He and Mr. Spitzer responded to questions asked by the Committee Members.

6. Basic Policy Options Discussion **Consultant**

Mr. Kurt Spitzer reviewed a PowerPoint presentation showing various policy areas that could be considered and Counties which had adopted a Charter. He reviewed differences in power/structure of Charter Counties and Non-Charter Counties and noted it would be dependent upon what was stated in the Charter. He responded to questions asked by the Committee Members. Ms. Baker and Mr. Steinsnyder also responded to Committee Member questions.

Chairman Cox stated if there was an item the Committee Members wished to discuss to contact Ms. Baracaldo to have the item placed on the agenda.

7. Remarks of Interested Citizens **CAC Chair**

Mr. Clay Colson and Mr. Dan Callahan spoke under public comment regarding the State's Charter which limited accountability to the electorate; that currently there was no right of recall, right of referenda or right to amend; if a Constitutional Officer committed a crime and went to jail they would remain in their position and only the Governor could remove them from office and replace them for the remainder of the term; there were no term limits; this County had the unenviable distinction of having the longest serving Commissioner in State History of Ann Hildebrand with 28 years; moneyed interest; the need for single-member districts; no fair representation; that the people were constituents not customers; growth had never paid for itself in Pasco; the mobility fee and school impact fee; that the Commissioners had indicated the Committee's recommendation was binding; the need to present the Committee's recommendation "warts and all" to allow the citizens to decide; the non-partisan aspect; and term limits.

Mr. Colson requested at the next meeting the Pasco Citizens Charter Coalition be given 10 minutes for one speaker.

Chairman Cox stated a group was allowed five minutes and at the next meeting he would be granted five minutes.

8. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Clerk

MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes; the vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

9. Reports of Committee

None.

10. Unfinished Business (including actions on any of the reports or presentations)

None.

11. New Business CAC Chair

Chairman Cox noted there would be three members unable to attend the next meeting and indicated Mr. Maggard would chair the meeting in his absence.

THE COMMITTEE RECESSED AT 3:56 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 4:03 P.M. ALL MEMBERS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY PRESENT WERE ONCE AGAIN PRESENT.

MR. POBLICK LEFT THE MEETING AT 4:48 P.M. AND DID NOT RETURN.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

CHARTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2015

Office of Paula S. O'Neil, Clerk & Comptroller

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