



Alachua County Charter Review Commission

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Commission Members

Robert Ackerman

Robert Brinkman

DJ Ferguson

Mitch Glaeser, Vice Chair

Armando R. Grundy

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CRC Members Present: Robert Ackerman, Robert Brinkman, DJ Ferguson, Mitch Glaeser, Armando Grundy, J.K. Irby, Joe Little, Aubroncee Martin, John Martin, Bill Richards, Rod Tuttle, Lura Williams Martin, Ashley Wood, Guy York

CRC Members Absent: Jim Stringfellow

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2010.

Armando Grundy moved that the May 26, 2010 minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was agreed to.

2. General comments by members.

The chair recognized all commission members wishing to make comments.

Armando Grundy moved that the commission take public comments on all motions made after the public hearing.

After discussion, the motion was agreed to.

3. Legal Counsel

Legal counsel Sarah Bleakley reviewed the current proposals and gave an update and reviewed her recent opinions including comments on HB 131 which is now law.

4. Public Hearing

The Charter of Alachua County requires the CRC to hold three public hearings. The chair called the public hearing to order and recognized twenty nine citizens wishing to address the commission.

There being no further citizens wishing to address the commission, the Chair closed the public hearing.

5. Other Business

Armando Grundy moved the resolution and ballot language on Question 3 as presented by legal counsel and that the following question be submitted to the electorate: Require Both County and Municipal Voter Approval of Charter Amendments Affecting Municipal Regulatory Power.

As part of the ensuing discussion, among others the chair recognized Alachua County League of Cities President Larry Travis, High Springs City Manager Jim Drumm, Micanopy Mayor Richard Shutterly, Newberry Mayor Harry Nichols, Waldo Mayor Louie Davis, Archer Mayor Roberta Lopez, and League of Cities representative Beth Rawlins.

Ashley Wood moved to amend the motion by replacing the proposal with the language presented by the League of Cities which included the statement, “and the proposing charter review commission, board of county commissioners or citizen’s initiative petition sponsor has determined that the county wide amendment fulfills an important county purpose”.

After discussion, the amendment was agreed to.

After further discussion, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Yes 9 No 5

Having received the requisite eight votes required by the Charter, the chair announced that Question 3 would be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for placement on the general election ballot.

The chair asked for and received without objection permission for legal counsel to make any technical or conforming changes to the all proposals and correct any scrivener’s errors that are identified.

Robert Brinkman moved the resolution and ballot language on Question 1 as presented by legal counsel and that the following question be submitted to the electorate: Citizens Initiative Petition Requirements for Ordinances.

After discussion, the motion was agreed to. Yes 12 No 2

Having received the requisite eight votes required by the Charter, the chair announced that Question 1 would be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for placement on the general election ballot.

Joe Little moved the resolution and ballot language on Question 2 as presented by legal counsel and that the following question be submitted to the electorate: Limitation on County Commissioners' Authority to Amend or Repeal Ordinances Approved by Citizens Initiative.

Discussion regarding the proposal including consideration of using the term "super majority" followed.

After discussion, the motion was agreed to. Yes 12 No 2

Having received the requisite eight votes required by the Charter, the chair announced that Question 2 would be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for placement on the general election ballot.

Armondo Grundy moved the resolution and ballot language on Question 4 as presented by legal counsel and that the following question be submitted to the electorate: Replacing the Board of County Commissioners with a Board of Charter Commissioners.

After discussion, **AuBroncee Martin moved** to postpone consideration of this item and all remaining items until the June 23, 2010, meeting.

After discussion, the motion to postpone was not agreed to. Yes 7 No 7

Discussion continued on the motion.

Mitch Glaeser moved to amend the motion by adding "Each candidate for the office of charter commissioner shall reside within the district from which such candidate seeks election at least six months prior to the time of qualifying to run for that office".

After discussion the amendment was not agreed to. Yes 6 No 8

Discussion continued on the main motion.

After discussion, the main motion was agreed to. Yes 9 No 5

Having received the requisite eight votes required by the Charter, the chair announced that Question 4 would be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for placement on the general election ballot.

Joe Little moved the resolution and ballot language on Question 5 as presented by legal counsel and that the following question be submitted to the electorate: Non-Partisan Election of Board of County Commissioners.

After discussion, the motion was not agreed to. Yes 6 No 8

Having failed to receive the requisite eight votes required by the Charter, the chair announced that Question 5 would NOT be forwarded to the

Board of County Commissioners for placement on the general election ballot.

Joe Little moved the resolution and ballot language on Question 6 as presented by legal counsel and that the following question be submitted to the electorate: Setting the Salaries of the Board of County Commissioners.

Mitch Glaeser moved to amend the motion by striking the words, "The salary in effect at the beginning of a commissioner's term in office shall not be lowered during that commissioner's term."

After discussion, the amendment was agreed to. Yes 11 No 3

Discussion continued on the motion as amended.

After further discussion, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Yes 10 No 4

Having received the requisite eight votes required by the Charter, the chair announced that Question 6 would be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for placement on the general election ballot.

Joe Little moved the resolution and ballot language on Question 7 as presented by legal counsel and that the following question be submitted to the electorate: Requiring the Constitutional Officers to Be Elected In A Non-Partisan Election.

Mr. Brinkman requested that the motion be clarified.

Mr. Little clarified that his motion was to move the resolution and ballot language indicating that the charter be amended to abolish the constitutional offices and have all duties transferred to charter offices with the same name and powers and have the election of such charter officers be chosen by vote of the electors in non-partisan elections.

After discussion, the motion was agreed to. Yes 12 No 2

Having received the requisite eight votes required by the Charter, the chair announced that Question 7 would be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for placement on the general election ballot.

There being no further business Joe Little moved to adjourn.

The motion was agreed to. Yes 14 No 0

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.