



CITY OF WEST MIAMI MINUTES

CHARTER REVIEW BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2021

5:30 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS
901 S.W. 62ND AVENUE
WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL.** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:44 PM Present Vice-Mayor Eric Diaz-Padron Acting Mayor, Commissioner Candida Blanca, Commissioner Juan M. Blanes and Commissioner Luciano L. Suarez. Mayor Rhonda A. Rodriguez was excused.

Board Members:

Lenny Caravia – Member. Present
Ivan Chavez, Sr. – Member. Present
Ivan Chavez, Jr. – Member. Present
Christian Diaz - Alternate Member. Excused
Natalie Milian – Member. Present
Eduardo H. Muhiña – Member. Present
Martin Torres - Alternate Member. Excused

Also present were City Attorney Jose A. Villalobos, City Manager Yolanda Aguilar and City Clerk Annery Gonzalez.

3. **CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS.** No presentations.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20TH, 2021 CHARTER REVIEW BOARD MEETING.** Commissioner Blanca motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Milian. All voted in favor by a 9/0 voice vote.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Opening Remarks by the Mayor.** No opening remarks.
 - B. **Revisit issues discussed at Charter Review Board meeting of October 20th, 2021 meeting.** Acting Mayor Diaz-Padron made comments in regards items that were discussed at the last meeting, such as the requirement by the City's Charter of Fifteen (15) percent of the total number of voters to repeal ordinances compared to the statutory requirement of Ten (10) percent.
 - C. **Sections of Charter for review:**



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§ 3.07 - — Initiative and Referendum. *Postponed for language clarification at the request of the City Attorney on 10/20/2021.*

The City Attorney read the question as follows:

Section 3.07 – Initiative and Referendum

Shall Article III, Section 3.07, subsection (3) (a) amended to read:

Initiative and referendum must be signed by qualified voters of the City equal to a number of at least 10 percent of the total number of qualified voters registered to vote in the last regular election.

Acting Mayor Diaz-Padron expressed interest in revisiting the previous approved questions and instructed the City Attorney to research the language requirements for the amendment questions to be considered at the Commission level.

Acting Mayor Diaz-Padron asked for a motion to transmit the questions to the Commission. Commissioner Blanca motioned in favor of Acting Mayor Diaz-Padron's recommendation, seconded by Member Muhiña. All voted in favor by a 9/0 voice vote.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTIONS

Charter Amendment #1

Article III, Section 3.02 – Qualifications to Hold Office and Residency Requirement

Shall Article III, Section 3.02, subsection (1) be repealed and rewritten to read:

"(a) Any elector who has been a resident for one (1) year preceding the qualifying date for an election may qualify for candidacy of Mayor or City Commission."

Shall the above described amendment be approved?

Charter Amendment #2

Article III, Section 3.04 – Legislative



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Shall Article III compensation and expenses first paragraph be amended to read:

"Members of the Commission shall receive compensation of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month?"

Charter Amendment #3

Article III, Section 3.06 – Procedure

Shall Article III, Section 3.06 reference to special meetings be amended to read:

"Special meetings may be held on the call of the Mayor or the City Manager upon no less than twenty four (24) hours' notice to each member of the public."

Charter Amendment #4

Article III, Section 3.07- Initiative and Referendum

Shall Article III, Section 3.07 – (3) (a) be amended to read:

Initiative and referendum must be signed by qualified voters of the City equal to a number of at least 10 percent of the total number of qualified voters registered to vote in the last regular election.

Acting Mayor Diaz-Padron thanked all members of the Charter Review Board for their efforts and level of inquisitiveness expressed, leading to productive results.

Commissioner Blanes thanked all members for their service to the board.

The City Clerk received a call from Mayor Rodriguez and on the speaker the Mayor thanked all members for the time they had dedicated to attend the meetings, for the productive meetings and expressed she looked forward to their continuous engagement.

In closing Acting Mayor Diaz-Padron thanked the members again and invited them to be recognized by the City Commission.

Member Milian recommended the City should hold a Town Hall meeting to educate the public on the questions.

Member Chavez Sr. expressed he would make himself available to help educating the residents on the amendment questions.

6. GOOD OF THE ORDER. None.



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7. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business before the Charter Review Board the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:00 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annery Gonzalez".

**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK**

APPROVED: *11/17/2021 Charter Review Board Meeting.*