

**City of DeBary**  
**Charter Review Commission Meeting**  
**THURSDAY**  
**June 2, 2005**  
**7:00 PM**

Florence K. Little Town Hall  
12 Colomba Road      DeBary, Florida 32713

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

City Clerk Stacy Tebo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: John Likakis, Norm Erickson, Don Smith, Rusty Asble, and John Rokop

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Dan Langley, City Manager Maryann Courson, and City Clerk Stacy Tebo

**3. Review of Sunshine Law**

Mr. Langley explained the Sunshine Law to the Commission. He also explained that the purpose of the Commission is to make recommendations to the City Council.

**4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Langley explained the nomination and election process to the Commission. Mr. Asble nominated Mr. Smith for Chairman, and Mr. Rokop seconded. The Commission unanimously approved Mr. Smith for Chairman. Chairman Smith asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Rokop nominated Mr. Asble, and Mr. Erickson seconded. The Commission unanimously approved Mr. Asble as Vice Chairman.

**5. Select Articles for Discussion**

Chairman Smith suggested that the Commission generally follow Robert's Rules of Order with flexibility given for members speaking up as needed. The Commission agreed to the format. Chairman Smith asked the members if they had any particular issues regarding the Charter they wanted to discuss. Mr. Rokop suggested that an audit completion deadline for the City should be added to the Charter.

Chairman Smith suggested that it be mandatory for the Commission's recommendations to go to referendum. Mr. Erickson asked if the Council could change the recommendations of the Commission. Mr. Langley answered that he would research case law. Chairman Smith stated he would like the Commission to review the section regarding compensation for the mayor and council members; that he would like to make the language stronger for outsourcing; and that any money borrowed by the City should be repaid within three years, rather than five years. Mr. Likakis suggested that they might limit the amount that could be borrowed.

Mr. Erickson asked for clarification of outsourcing. Ms. Courson stated that it was referenced in Section 15.03.

Chairman Smith suggested creating a mandatory ending time for meetings and mandatory financial reserves.

Mr. Likakis said that he would like large scale zoning / land use changes to go to referendum; that he would like the minimum residency requirement for council members to be increased; and that the council members be elected by district. Mr. Langley informed the Commission that there are laws requiring that zoning changes must be of a certain size to go to referendum and that anything smaller than that should be determined in quasi-judicial proceedings.

Mr. Erickson said that he agreed with Mr. Likakis regarding the minimum residency requirements; that he would like to see meetings adjourn at a more appropriate time such as 10 p.m. or 11 p.m.; and that he was also interested in looking at the spending limits for the City and noted that it would set the tone for the whole City.

Mr. Likakis asked if it would be possible to post Council agendas at the post office. Ms. Courson answered that the agenda was posted at the library, and that she would check to assure that it was still being posted. He also requested that additional verbiage be added to each item on the City Council agenda so that it would be more descriptive.

## **6. Set Date for Next Meeting**

The Commission discussed dates for the next meeting, with several members noting that they would be out of town during July. The Commission concurred that the next meeting would be June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., and there would not be a meeting in July. The Commission discussed the portions of the charter that they would discuss at the next meeting. There was a consensus that they would review Articles One through Five before the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Langley asked Chairman Smith how the Commission would like to handle public participation. There was a discussion to determine how the Commission would handle it, and there was agreement that it would be addressed at the beginning of each meeting.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

**APPROVED June 20, 2005  
CITY OF DeBARY  
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**Don Smith, Chair**