



AGENDA CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM - Monday, August 29, 2022
Commission Chambers

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MINUTES CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM - Monday, July 25, 2022
Commission Chambers

The CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING of the Town of Pembroke Park was called to order on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM, in the Commission Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT:

EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm in the Commission Chambers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2022 Charter Review Committee Meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE 05 23 2022 MEETING MINUTE MADE BY VICE CHAIR GARY SCHRADER SECONDED BY LUCY WEBER, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR

PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Vote on Forms of Government - Town Attorney Anderson

MOTION TO VOTE FOR A COMMISSIONER / MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT MADE BY VICE CHAIR GARY SCHRADER SECONDED BY LUCY WEBER, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2022 (Rosh Hashanah)

NEXT MEETINGS AGREED TO ARE AS FOLLOWS:
AUGUST 29, 2022

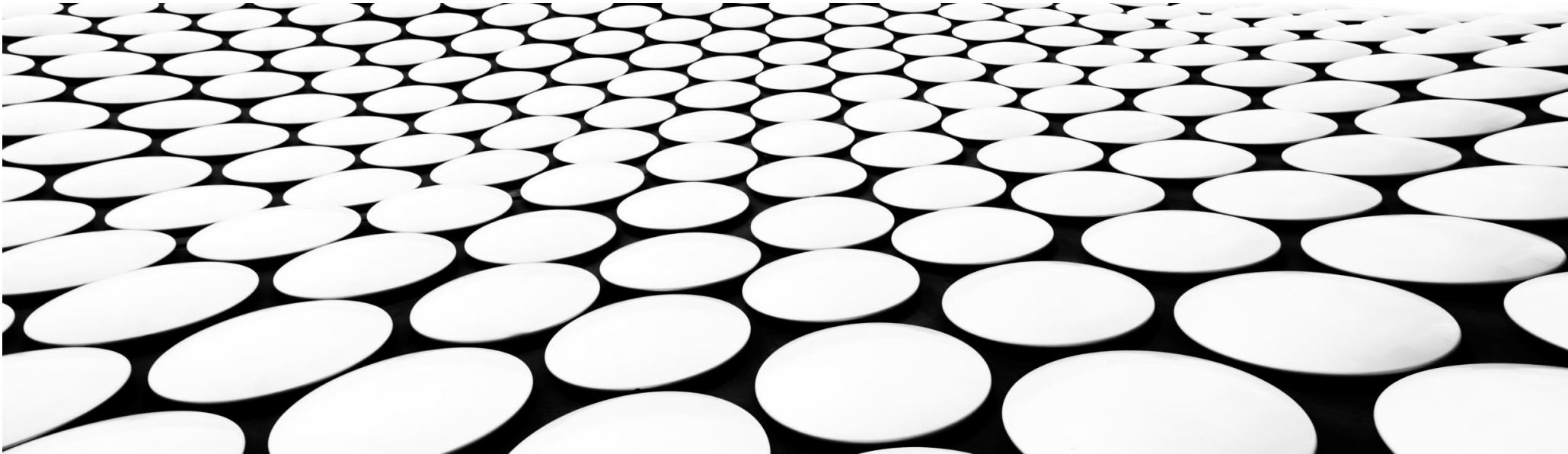
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022
OCTOBER 24, 2022
DECEMBER 5, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT
6:55PM , ALL IN FAVOR

CHOOSING A WEAK MAYOR & WHETHER CANDIDATES ARE ELECTED BY DISTRICT OR AT LARGE

PEMBROKE PARK CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION AUGUST 29, 2022



TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK CHARTER, RELEVANT SECTIONS

Sec. 9. - Town Commission.

Election of Commissioners: The government of the Town of Pembroke Park shall be vested in a Commission consisting of five (5) members elected from five (5) separate geographic districts. For the purpose of representation upon and election of the Commissioners, the Town of Pembroke Park Commission shall, by ordinance, prior to December 1, 2002, apportion the Town in accordance with the Constitutions of the State of Florida and of the United States into five (5) consecutively numbered geographic districts. Thereafter, by subsequently enacted ordinances, the Town of Pembroke Park Commission shall adjust the boundary lines of said districts as may be required from time to time in order that the apportionment of the Town shall continue to be in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Florida and of the United States, but in any event not less frequently than within the first calendar year following each decennial census.

Any individual seeking election as a Commissioner shall file with the Town Clerk a written notice of candidacy stating the designated district to which the individual seeks to be elected. The individual must reside within the geographic boundaries of the district for which he or she is seeking election. All qualified voters of the Town may cast one vote for a candidate for election from each district. **The individuals receiving the highest number of votes cast for each district shall be duly elected to the office of Commissioner.** The term of office for Commissioner so elected shall be for four (4) years or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified. Regular elections under this Charter shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in March, commencing with the year 2003, and every four (4) years thereafter.

The Commission shall be composed of a Mayor-Commissioner, Vice-Mayor Commissioner, Clerk-Commissioner, and two (2) other Commissioners. **At the first regular meeting of the Commission following every election as herein provided, the Commission shall, by Resolution, appoint one of its members as and to be Mayor of said municipality and another of its members as and to be Vice-Mayor of said municipality, and another of its members as and to be Clerk-Commissioner of said municipality.**

Qualifications of Commissioners: To be eligible to hold the office of Commissioner of the Town of Pembroke Park or to qualify as a candidate for Commissioner of the Town of Pembroke Park, a person shall be a permanent resident of the Town of Pembroke Park for more than one (1) year prior to the date of the election, a registered voter of Broward County, Florida, a citizen of the State of Florida and of the United States of America, and shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years. Candidates for nomination to the office of Commissioner shall comply with all rules and regulations set out in the Charter as to their conduct. Any Commissioner who shall cease to possess the qualifications required herein shall forfeit his or her office.

Qualifications of Electors: Electors, in order to participate in municipal elections of the Town of Pembroke Park, shall be registered voters of Broward County, Florida, residing within the territorial limits of the Town of Pembroke Park.

SELECTION OF A WEAK MAYOR

A weak mayor is selected either by election or by a vote of the commission. Examples are set forth below:

The Broward County Commission selects its weak mayor annually by a vote of the commission.

Sec. 2.03. - Commission election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor.

A.The County Commission shall elect one (1) Commissioner to the position of Mayor by a majority vote. The election of the Mayor shall occur on an annual basis, during the County Commission's annual organizational meeting, which shall take place no earlier than the third Tuesday of each November and no later than the third Tuesday of each December. The County Commission may remove the individual from the position of Mayor by a majority vote. The Mayor may serve consecutive terms.

B.Following the election of the Mayor, the County Commission shall elect a Commissioner to the position of Vice-Mayor by a majority vote. In the Mayor's absence, the Vice-Mayor shall have all the rights, privileges and duties of the Mayor. The County Commission may remove the individual from the position of Vice-Mayor by a majority vote. The Vice-Mayor may serve consecutive terms.

C.In the event the position of Mayor shall become vacant for any reason, the Vice-Mayor shall automatically become Mayor and serve as Mayor for the balance of the Mayor's term. The Commission shall elect a new Vice-Mayor who shall serve for the balance of the Mayor's term.

D.In the event the position of Vice-Mayor shall become vacant for any reason, the Commission shall elect a new Vice-Mayor who shall serve for the balance of the Vice-Mayor's term.

SELECTION OF A WEAK MAYOR

The City of Fort Lauderdale selects its weak mayor by election.

Sec. 3.02. - Creation, composition and term of commission.

There is hereby created a city commission composed of one (1) mayor and four (4) city commissioners all of whom shall be elected in the manner provided in this charter, shall take office on the first regular meeting day in December following their election, and who, beginning in the year 2020, shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. The term of the mayor and four (4) city commissioners that commenced in the year 2018 shall last until such time as their successors are elected and qualified as a result of the 2020 election. No person who has been elected to the office of mayor or to the office of city commissioner for three (3) consecutive terms shall be qualified for nomination or election to that office for the succeeding term. This limitation shall apply to terms which commence after the regular election of March 7, 2000. The mayor and the four (4) city commissioners are sometimes referred to herein as commissioners or the city commission.

SHOULD COMMISSIONERS BE ELECTED BY DISTRICT OR AT LARGE

Currently, the Town of Pembroke Park Commissioners are elected by district as set forth in the Charter. Examples of how other municipalities elect their commissioners is set forth below.

The City of West Park elects its commissioners at large.

(4) Election and term of office.

(a) Election and term of office. Each commission member and the mayor shall be elected **at large** by the electors of the city in the manner provided in section 5. Each commission member and the mayor shall remain in office until his or her successor is elected and assumes the duties of the position. No Commission member or mayor may appear on the ballot for reelection if by the end of their current term of office, the mayor or Commission Member will have served, or but for resignation, would have served, in that office for twelve consecutive years beginning in the year 2020 for the Mayor and Seats 3 and 4 and beginning in the year 2022 for Seats 1 and 2.

SHOULD COMMISSIONERS BE ELECTED BY DISTRICT OR AT LARGE

Similar to the Town of Pembroke Park, the City of Fort Lauderdale Elects their commissioners by district.

Sec. 7.12. - Elections—How arranged for; creation of districts.

The city commission shall make all necessary arrangements for holding all city elections, and shall declare the result thereof. The city commission shall adopt a resolution calling any quadrennial election or special election, except as otherwise provided for, stating therein where the same shall be held, and naming the different offices to be filled or questions to be decided, and shall cause the notice of election to be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks preceding the day of election in a newspaper published in the city, the first publication or posting to be not less than ten (10) days prior to said election.

Not later than April 1, 1987 the city commission shall, by ordinance, adopt, create and establish four (4) separate and distinct geographical commission districts. Except as is provided herein for noncontiguous parcels, the four (4) districts to be created and established by the city commission shall be of contiguous territory and as approximately equal in population as is practicable. If there are parcels of land which are within the corporate limits of and which are part of the City of Fort Lauderdale, but which parcels are not contiguous to any other parcel or tract of land which is within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Lauderdale, then such noncontiguous parcel(s) shall either be made part of one (1) of the districts to be created as provided for herein or if such parcel(s) has a population approximately equal to the other commission districts to be created, then such parcel(s) may be a commission district. In creating and establishing the four (4) city commission districts, the city commission shall use the most recent United States Census data to determine population figures. After the receipt of the published information of each decennial census, the city commission shall reestablish the boundaries of the four (4) commission districts so that the districts shall be as approximately equal in population as is practicable.

Beginning in 1988 all electors of the City of Fort Lauderdale shall be entitled to vote for candidates for the office of mayor; however, only the electors of each commission district shall be entitled to vote for candidates for city commissioner from that district.