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- AGENDA -

SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING

1:00 PM	September 17, 1998

Pledge of Public Conduct
- We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another.
- We will direct all comments to issues.
- We will avoid personal attacks.

Call to Order

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor of Longboat Key has called a Special Joint Workshop Meeting on September 17, 1998, at 1:00 PM between the Town Commission and the Charter Review Committee in the Commission Chambers located at 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida, for the purpose of discussing the following item. This Special Joint Workshop Meeting may be continued on September 18, 1998 at 1:00 PM if necessary.

1. **Charter Revision Recommendations**

   This joint meeting between the Charter Review Committee and the Town Commission will allow open discussions on the proposed amendments to the Charter. This meeting will be continued on Friday, September 18, at 1:00 p.m. if necessary.

Public to be Heard

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Adjournment

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record of the proceedings will be needed. For such purpose that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION AND CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE , SEPTEMBER 17, 1998, 1:00 PM

Present:	Mayor Lenobel, Vice-Mayor Redgrave, Commissioners Johnson, Metz, Haglund, Legler
Absent:	Commissioner Patterson and Member McCall
Also Present:	Town Manager St. Denis, Town Attorney Persson, Town Clerk Arends, Deputy Clerk-Minutes Dunay-Mixon, Charter Review Committee Chairman Brown, Vice-Chairman Farber, Members Rosenberg, Drohlich, Green,

Call to Order
The Special Joint Workshop of the Longboat Key Town Commission and Charter Review Committee was called to order at 1:00 PM at the Town Commission Chamber, Town Hall, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida.

Items for Discussion
Mayor Lenobel suggested the Chairman of the Charter Review Committee (Committee) make a general presentation for each Article and, if necessary, each Section. He advised questions relative to a specific change would be discussed.

1. Charter Revision Recommendations
Article I - Boundaries, Powers and Form of Government
Jim Brown, Charter Review Committee Chairman, advised the Committee refined the Charter into a 26-page document; he noted the objectives were to clarify the Charter, define a "bright line" between the Town Manager and the Commission, and eliminate conflict between the Town Charter and State law. Mr. Brown outlined the procedure established by the Committee for reviewing the existing Charter.

Discussion ensued regarding the amended language to Article I. Following the discussion Betty Blair, 561 Putter Lane, inquired as to whether an ordinance regarding municipal boundaries would be adopted prior to the referendum. Further discussion was held concerning the existing boundaries. Mr. Persson advised an ordinance would be necessary if the Charter amendments were approved by the registered voters of Longboat Key.

Discussion was held concerning Article I, Section 4, and whether it would be beneficial to the Town to change the number of Commission districts from seven to five. Following comments by Al Green regarding Article I, Section 5, Mayor Lenobel expressed objection to the addition of Subsections (c) and (d). Commissioners Legler and Haglund also indicated unease with amending Section 5 (c) and (d).

Further discussion was held concerning the refinancing of existing bonds, general obligation bonds, and utility projects. Following comments by Commissioner Metz regarding future bonds Town Attorney Persson advised future bonds would contain a clause to address refinancing.

There was a general consensus to eliminate Article I, Section 5 (d).

Discussion was held regarding Article I, Section 6. Following comments by Jim Brown on the issue of penalties and fines Mr. Persson offered new language for subsection (b).

There was a general consensus to accept the new language Mr. Persson offered and amend the draft.

Mr. Brown commented the Committee reviewed the issue of whether a "new" Charter or "amended" Charter would be presented to the registered voters; he indicated the Committee wished to offer a "new" Charter.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning Ethics in government (Article I, Section 8) and how the Committee reviewed several alternatives, as well as the current Ethics Commission. Following comments by Bob Drohlich regarding the Special Master system, Mr. Brown reviewed the issue of the current Ethics Commission superseding the Town Manager with respect to complaints against an employee and the elimination of this situation.

Further discussions were held conc ning the Special Master system, decision process, appeal process, and the Whistle-blower's Act.

There was a general consensus to accept the amended language for Section 8.

Article II - Town Commission

Discussion ensued regarding Article II, Section 1, Commission Districts.

There was a general consensus to accept the amended language as reflected.

Discussion was held concerning term limits for elected officials (Article II, Section 2). Following comments by Bob Farber regarding term limits, Rainer Josenhanss, 6669 Gulf of Mexico Drive, pointed out a larger number of citizens could participate in local municipal government if district requirements were eliminated. Al Green agreed with eliminating district requirements. Commissioner Metz expressed opposition to term limits. Commissioner Legler suggested amending Article II, Section 1, to reflect the 1999 General Election as the originating point for term limits.

Ruth Napoliello, 1050 Longboat Club Road, stated opposition to term limits for Commission seats.

There was a general consensus to accept the amendments as submitted.

Discussion was held concerning Commissioner reimbursement for expenditures on a quarterly basis (Article II, Section 3). Following comments by Al Green regarding Commissioner reimbursement Town Clerk Arends explained the State Division of Elections considered compensation equal to salary and a 1.0% ($20.00) candidate qualifying fee would be necessary. Lee Rothenberg expressed opposition to the proposed $2,000 annual reimbursement for Commissioners. Following the comments by Lee Rothenberg concerning $2,000 annual reimbursement for Commissioners, Rainer Josenhanss expressed opposition to capping Commissioner reimbursements; he noted a "strong" Commissioner may have expenses above the $2,000 annual reimbursement amount.

There was a general consensus to accept the amendments as submitted.

Mr. Brown advised Article II, Section 4 (Non-Partisan Elections), was removed.

Discussion was held regarding primary elections and general elections (Article II, Section 5). Commissioner Metz expressed opposition to the amendment as submitted.

There was a general consensus to accept the amendments as submitted.

Discussion ensued concerning polling hours, canvassing, and certification of the election.

There was a general consensus to accept the amendments as submitted.

Mr. Persson advised Article II, Section 8, was incorporated into Article I, Section 8. Mr. Brown reviewed Article II, Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15; no discussion ensued.

Discussion was held regarding penalty for absences (Article II, Section 15). Following comments by Mr. Brown concerning Commissioner absences, Mayor Lenobel expressed concern with the large number of Meetings and Workshops a Commissioner could miss. Further discussion was held explaining unexcused and excused absences. Mr. Josenhanss expressed concern with the language reflected in Article II, Section 16.

There was a general consensus to further discuss this issue at the public hearing.

Discussion was held concerning Article II, Section 17. Mr. Persson advised subsection (a) was modified; the modified language was reviewed.

There was a general consensus to accept the modified language.

A recess was called at 2:30 PM; the Joint Special Workshop reconvened at 2:40 PM.

Mr. Brown reviewed Article II, Sections 18 and 19; he noted Section 20 was incorporated into Article II, Section 4. Discussion was held regarding advisory board appointments (Article II, Section 21). Following comments by Mr. Rothenberg concerning qualifications for boards and the establishment of the Planning and Zoning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and

Code Enforcement Board as Charter Boards, Mr. Josenhanss expressed concern with the voting procedure used to select board members. Town Clerk Arends pointed out several municipalities had elected to replace the Code Enforcement Board with a Special Master.

There was a general consensus to further discuss the voting procedure.

Mr. Brown reviewed Article II, Section 22.

There was a general consensus to accept the amended language as submitted.

Discussion ensued regarding the Town's Comprehensive Plan (Article II, Section 23). Following comments by Mr. Green concerning commercial districts and planning efforts, Rainer Josenhanss pointed out Section 23 should not be amended; Longboat Key had a good Comprehensive Plan. Further discussion was held concerning redevelopment.

There was a general consensus to accept the amended language as submitted.

Article III - Town Manager.
Discussions ensued concerning requirements for residency, removal from office, employment contract, appointing an Acting Town Manager, and powers and duties of the Town Manager.

There was a general consensus to accept Article III as amended.

Article IV - Town Clerk
Discussions were held concerning appointment and qualifications of the Town Clerk, as well as powers and duties.

There was a general consensus to accept Article IV as amended.

Article V - Town Finances
Discussions were held regarding duties, budget, capital programs, appropriations, Town audits, and bonds. Following comments by Mr. Brown concerning the budget and reporting responsibilities, Mr. Josenhanss pointed out the need for a quarterly printout reflecting expenditures. Vice-Mayor Redgrave pointed out a monthly report was available for public review, which would address this issue.

Article VI - Town Attorney
Discussions were held concerning appointments and qualifications of the Town Attorney, Assistant Town Attorneys, and related duties.

There was a general consensus to accept Article VI as amended.

Article VII - Charter Amendments
Discussions were held regarding Charter amendments, referendums, adoption and effective date of the amended Charter.

There was a general consensus to accept Article VII as amended.

Mr. Brown summarized the review and noted the remaining issue was the manner of presentation. He pointed out the Committee identified three main issues: 1) ethics; 2) term limits; 3) Commission reimbursement for expenses.

Ms. Blair expressed concern with combining the amendments into a single "up or down" vote. She explained ethics, Commission penalty for absences, and Commission reimbursement for expenditures were controversial issues. Mr. Brown pointed out the Committee did not reach a consensus on how to present the Charter to the registered voters; controversial issues could be separated from the "housekeeping" and wordsmithing amendments, or a new Charter could be presented.

Mr. Green stated the "new" Charter should be presented to the voters as a single issue; during a public hearing several individual issues could be identified as controversial and the ballot would become too large. Mr. Brown contended the revised Charter was a vast improvement over the existing Charter and controversial issues were identified by the Committee. He expressed concern with combining the revisions into one referendum question.

Discussion ensued concerning the ballot language and issues which could be identified as controversial, as well as the need for an educational program to inform the registered voters of the issues. Following the discussion Mayor Lenobel stated the Commission would hold a public hearing and further discuss the amendments and the manner to propose the revisions.

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Adjournment
The Special Joint Workshop was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Jo Ann Dunay-Mixon

Patrizia Arends, CMC/AAE, Town Clerk
Jo Ann Dunay-Mixon, Deputy Clerk-Minutes