



Meeting Minutes
Charter Review Committee

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Chairman Gary Conroy, Board Member Donna McDavid, Board Member Mandi Bullard, Board Member Patrick Fisher and Board Member Linda Mojer

Also Present 3 - Interim City Clerk Monique Toupin, City Manager Joe Mahoney and City Attorney Anthony Sabatini

3. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Kim Long, 3312 Mango Tree Drive, discussed stem walls, which could curb runoff and conserve water amid Florida's extreme drought. She suggested charter amendments to reduce stormwater runoff and capture water for aquifers. Long also advocated for charter protection of public parks, a cause she has pursued for seven years, citing that Vero Beach, Saint Pete, and Miami require voter approval for any sale or lease of public land. She highlighted six Edgewater city-owned properties needing referendums for any transactions and expressed frustration over delayed responses from city officials regarding a deed change.

2. CHARTER REVIEW

City Manager Mahoney advised the Committee that Bridgette Vaissiere, Finance Director, was present to answer questions Ms. Bullard had at the last meeting.

Ms. Vaissiere inquired if the Charter Review Board planned to amend finance-related charter sections: 3.08F (reserves), 3.08D (borrowing limits), and 4.08 (financial procedures). She reported an operating reserve of \$4,614,371.77, which would cover two months' expenses.

Ms. Bullard questioned the 15 percent reserve mandate, having found no similar requirements in nearby cities' charters, and queried the separation of reserve accounts including a 10 percent bond covenant. Ms. Vaissiere clarified that the bond covenant is part of the 15 percent reserve, consisting of pooled investments for various contingencies, and needs replenishment within five years after use. City Manager Mahoney highlighted the role of the reserves in disaster scenarios such as hurricanes affecting tax and utility revenues. Ms. Vaissiere also explained that bonds require maintaining certain amounts, potentially up to \$1.2 million. For reserve revenue sources, she detailed contributions from general fund, water sewer, storm water, and refuse funds.

Ms. Vaissiere recommended attending June budget workshops for a deeper dive into budget details.

Ms. Bullard emphasized her desire to have protecting the parks and provisions regarding flock cameras into the charter. Further discourse ensued regarding the pros and cons of flock cameras.

Mr. Conroy directed the attention to the charter amendment documents provided by City Attorney Ross and reviewed previously voted items.

Mr. Conroy read section 1.01 paragraph I, regarding the sale of City park property; Ms. Bullard strongly supported the provision and noted that residents had requested it throughout multiple Councils with no action. Ms. Mojer agreed.

A motion was made by Ms. Bullard, second by Ms. Mojer, to recommend Section 1.01 I, Sale of City Property, to require voter approval. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Gary Conroy, Donna McDavid, Mandi Bullard, Patrick Fisher and Linda Mojer

2. CHARTER REVIEW

Mr. Conroy read Section 1.01k.

Ms. Mojer expressed satisfaction with the final language as she felt it captured her intended goals. Ms. Bullard asked about incorporating HOA networks specifically to ensure information delivery. Ms. Mojer explained that community engagement served as an umbrella concept that would include using HOA networks and other community contacts without necessarily specifying HOAs explicitly.

Mr. Fisher inquired about funding amounts and resources; City Manager Mahoney estimated that current legal advertisements cost about \$30,000 annually but cautioned against specifying budget percentages in the charter due to variable operating budgets.

Mr. Conroy noted that despite fulfilling legal notification obligations and providing substantial online information, some residents still feel uninformed. He felt residents needed to be more attentive to the City website but did question how communication could be enhanced. Ms. Mojer felt that more could be done in regards to public relations from the City.

Mr. Fisher noted that currently the City notifies residents in a 500-foot radius and suggested that maybe that be expanded. City Manager Mahoney mentioned hiring a new Public Information Officer to improve messaging and noted that while the city currently goes beyond legal requirements by notifying property owners within 500 feet (compared to the legally required adjacent property notification), enhanced communication would benefit community relationships.

Ms. Bullard stressed that communicators should ensure clarity and understanding, instead of just fulfilling formal requirements, suggesting improvements are needed if people feel uninformed. Chairman Conroy agreed but noted that there will always be residents who claim ignorance despite efforts, underscoring citizens' duty to stay informed via city websites and resources.

A motion was made by Ms. Bullard, second by Ms. Mojer, to recommend approval to add

sec 1.01. (K) Community Engagement and Public Information. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Donna McDavid, Mandi Bullard, Patrick Fisher and Linda Mojer

No: 1 - Gary Conroy

2. CHARTER REVIEW

Chairman Conroy confirmed the committee passed acting city manager communication and Section 3.13 (initiative and referendum). Mr. Fisher noted the initiative and referendum section passed, but reducing petition signatures from 10% to 5% failed (2-2 vote). The committee's approved charter amendments include the preamble, population-based district creation, five-year redistricting, appointed city clerk, landscape requirements, sale of city park property, annexation provisions, acting city manager requirements, and initiative and referendum procedures.

Mr. Conroy re-opened citizens comments.

Kim Long, 3312 Mango Tree Drive, discussed her issues regarding flock cameras and the harmful implications involved.

City Manager Mahoney confirmed that the flock cameras were included in the approved budget and had been publicly discussed during budget season. He felt that they were a helpful tool for law enforcement in their efforts to solve crimes.

Ms. McDavid noted that she had been at the budget meeting where flock cameras were discussed and said that was why public engagement and actually showing up to all the meetings was so important.

Mr. Conroy asked City Attorney Sabatini if he had anything to add; Mr. Sabatini said he felt they were working well as an organization.

Ms. Bullard reiterated her stance on flock cameras and felt it should go out to the voters as there was a lack of trust between residents and the City/Law Enforcement. City Manager Mahoney reported the estimated total cost of the cameras and tag readers a year and added that they are also in the City parks to make sure they are safe.

City Attorney Sabatini confirmed that the committee was satisfied with the language in their final recommendations document, noting that items marked as "failed" would not be included in the final charter amendment package. He explained that these notations served as record-keeping for the committee's decisions.

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A motion was made by Ms. Bullard, second by Ms. Mojer, to recommend for approval to put

forbidding flock cameras in the Charter. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Mandi Bullard and Linda Mojer

No: 3 - Gary Conroy, Donna McDavid and Patrick Fisher

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4. ADJOURN

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