

Howey in the Hills Charter Review Committee Meeting
Zoom Conference/Video Call
Meeting ID: 955 1520 2965
June 29, 2020 at 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Berniece Hower, Chairperson.

Attendance

Berniece conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Kat Ormbsee, Donna Klein, Patricia Miller and Graham Wells. Dan Powers was not in attendance. Sal Galleli has removed himself from the Charter Committee. There were no citizens joining the meeting via Zoom.

Discussion was had to determine the next Charter Review Committee meeting on July 9th at 6:30pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Berniece requested a change to the March 10th to read "Berniece Hower recommended bi-weekly meetings. Pat advised that there is a misspelling of Montverde. Both were changed in the minutes.

Berniece confirmed we have all read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

1. Graham Wells provided a comprehensive agenda of items to review for possible change. The following were discussed and voted on.

ARTICLE 1 TOWN BOUNDARIES; CORPORATE AUTHORITY

Sec. 1. Town created, boundaries

The area constituting the corporate limits of the Town of Howey in the Hills is that which is described in the legal description (Describe) dated (add Date) , as well as all subsequent annexations. A description of the Town boundaries shall be on file with the Town Clerk.

Territorial limits of the town would not be included in the charter and that a more generic statement be used, picking a prior point in time and including all annexations from that date.

Berniece motioned; Kat seconded. A vote was taken with unanimous results to suggest the above change to the council.

The following were also voted on to suggest to the council to add/or change the Charter.

Sec. 2. Powers of the Town

The Town shall have all powers possible for a Town to have under the Constitution and laws of this State as fully and completely as though they were specifically enumerated in this charter.

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Kat motioned; Donna seconded. A vote was taken with unanimous results.

Sec. 3. Construction of powers

The powers of the Town under this Charter shall be construed liberally in favor of the Town, and the specific mention of particular powers in the Charter shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general power stated in this article.

Kat motioned; Pat seconded. A vote was taken with unanimous results.

ARTICLE 2 THE TOWN COUNCIL

Sec. 1 The Town Council and Mayor

*There shall be a Town Council of five (5) members, who shall **be residents** and electors of the town, elected by the qualified voters of the Town.*

All legislative powers of the Town shall be vested in the Town Council, except as otherwise provided by law or this Charter and the Town Council shall provide for the exercise thereof and for performance of all duties and obligations imposed on the Town by law.

Add to the Charter to require residency/ownership for a period of twelve months prior to the first day of qualifying (92 days prior to Election Day). Also, add an age requirement of 21 years of age.

Graham motioned; Pat seconded. A vote was taken with unanimous results.

Change and add the following:

The seat numbers are for reference only with the highest number of votes wins the available seats. If three seats are available, then any resident including the incumbent should have the ability to run for any of the seats, to be filled by the three candidates that receive the most votes.

Donna motioned; Graham seconded. A vote was taken with unanimous results.

Four-year term to remain.

Berniece motioned; Pat seconded. A vote was taken with Pat, Kat, Berniece and Donna in agreement. Graham voted no.

Two-year term for the Mayor and 1 year on council before consideration of appointment as Mayor.

All in favor.

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New council take seat at next council meeting after the election.

Graham motioned; Donna seconded. A vote was taken with unanimous results.

Kat made a motion to adjourn, Berniece seconded, all were in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Donna Klein

Minutes approved by: Berniece Hower

(Chairperson, Berniece Hower)