

APRIL 11, 2023

The Charter Review Commission Meeting was held on this date in the First Floor Conference Room 118, Lee County Administration Building East, 2201 Second Street, Fort Myers, Florida with the following Charter Review Commission Members:

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Andrew Sund, Vice-Chairman	Keith Dean	Nathan Shaw, Chairman
Carl Barraco Jr.	Kevin Besserer	Noel Andress
Doug J. Congress	Liza King	Randal Mercer
Eric Feichthaler	Maribel Sanchez	Richard Akin
Ismael Hernandez	Maryanne Preston	Ronald Inge

LEE COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Deputy County Attorney, Andrea Fraser
Assistant County Attorney, Joe Adams

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENT TIMEFRAME:

Chairman Nathan Shaw asked for any thoughts or ideas regarding timeframes for public comment. Mr. Shaw stated some other organizations and committees have time limits. Mr. Noel Andress stated in years past public speakers were given three (3) minutes to speak and for some people that was not enough time. He stated if there were a lot of people then the three (3) minutes would be appropriate. Mr. Andress suggested five (5) minutes per speaker. Mr. Kevin Besserer suggested five (5) minutes per person for an hour per topic. Mr. Eric Feichthaler stated the published rule can be five (5) minutes up to an hour and if there was a situation where fifty (50) people were present to speak, the Commission could make a motion to suspend the rules for that meeting in order to accommodate the additional speakers present. Mr. Noel Andress moved to allow five (5) minutes for public comment with a cap of one hour (60 minutes) per topic, seconded by Mr. Kevin Besserer, called and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Shaw for Public Comment, and there were no speakers.

INVITING CONSTITUTIONALS TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS:

There was extensive discussion regarding time limits for presentations and inviting Constitutionals to come and present items to the Commission for discussion. Mr. Eric Feichthaler moved that any petition received to address the Commissioner would have a time limit of ten (10) minute per presentation, seconded by Mr. Noel Andress which was later rescinded. Deputy County Attorney Andrea Fraser confirmed there was no need for a motion to send a letter to the Constitutionals asking if they would like to present an item to the Commission. She said the only thing needed was a consensus of the Commission. If the Constitutionals are interested they need only reply to the letter which will be signed by the Chairman. Attorney Fraser stated she will then bring the letters back to the Commission in order to decide how to move forward.

OTHER COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

It was suggested to advertise the meetings inviting the public to attend the meetings in order to speak on their issues of concern. The Commission could then prioritize those topics brought up by the public in order to address them in detail. The Commission has a budget to invite speakers to come and speak. If a member of the Commissioner would like to invite a speaker, they need to let Attorney Fraser and Chairman Shaw know so they can extend an invitation to the individual. There was discussion regarding advertising the meeting dates and times. The Commission discussed creating a Charter Review Commission Facebook page with all members' pictures and bios. Commission meetings broadcasted on the County's YouTube page would then be linked on the Charter Review Facebook page. Meetings are currently being advertised on the Lee County Facebook page. News releases have also been sent out to the media regarding the meeting dates and time, with no response back. There was discussion regarding creating advertisements of the meeting for posting on Facebook.

FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS:

There was discussion regarding locations of future meeting. It was agreed the majority of the meetings would be held at the First Floor Conference Room 118, Lee County Administration Building East, 2201 Second Street, Fort Myers, Florida. It was also agreed to hold two (2) outside meetings, one (1) in Cape Coral and one (1) in the southern portion of Lee County. There will be notices posted at those recreation centers.

OTHER COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Deputy County Attorney, Andrea Fraser recapped the meeting stating letters will be sent out to the Constitutionals, which includes the Sheriff. She said once she receives a response back from the Constitutionals with their available dates, she will then email the Commission members letting them know the availability dates. Ms. Fraser stated the next Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room 118, Lee County Administration Building East, 2201 Second Street, Fort Myers, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Kevin Besserer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ronald Inge, called and carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.