

RESOLUTION NO. 10R-2165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA CREATING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE: APPOINTING MEMBERS; STATING THE PURPOSE FOR ESTABLISHING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING FOR READING BY TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has created two Charter Review Committees in the past decade (in 2001 and 2006); however the authority of each Charter Review Committee to review the Charter was limited by the City Commission to those matters specifically enumerated in the Resolution which established the Charter Review Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the 2006 Charter Review Committee recommended that Article IV, Section 15(b) of the Charter be amended to clarify that a Charter Review Committee with full authority to review the entire City Charter be appointed at least once every ten (10) years and to provide that the City Commission shall adopt an ordinance to set forth the process for appointing members of Charter Review Committees and to specify any requirements for appointment to a Charter Review Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission determined that the electors of the City should have the opportunity to vote at referendum upon the aforesaid recommendation and placed the matter on the ballot at a referendum held on November 6, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the voters of the City approved the proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 15(b) of the Charter at the November 6, 2007 referendum; and,

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 15(b) of the Charter as amended, now provides that the City Commission has the authority to appoint a Charter Review Committee "from time to time in its discretion to review all or specifically designated provisions" of the City Charter; but requires that the City Commission appoint a Charter Review Committee having unlimited authority to review the entire City Charter at least once during every ten year period following the effective date of the Charter amendment; and,

WHEREAS, said Charter amendment further required the City Commission to adopt an ordinance setting forth the procedure for the appointment of all Charter Review Committee members and also providing for any qualifications for appointment to a Charter Review Committee; and,

WHEREAS, in compliance with said Charter Requirement, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 10-4911 on April 5, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that the creation of a new Charter Review Committee with authority to review the entire City Charter and to make recommendations regarding any provision thereof, is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Sarasota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Commission hereby creates a Charter Review Committee to consist of ten (10) members appointed by the City Commission. Each City Commissioner has submitted the names of two (2) qualified appointees to the City Auditor and Clerk. The persons whose names were submitted shall be appointed to the Charter Review Committee hereby created by the adoption of this Resolution. All members of the Charter Review Committee are registered voters in the City of Sarasota as of the date of their appointment. All members of the Charter Review Committee shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. The members of the Charter Review Committee are:

Mayor Kirschner appointees

Chris Jaensch

Shannon Synder

Vice Mayor Atkins appointees

Hank Battie

Manuel Chepote

Commissioner Atwell appointees

Elmer Berkel

Virginia Hoffman Meketon

Commissioner Clapp appointees

Art Levin

Gretchen Serrie

Commissioner Turner appointees

Jim Lampl

John Patterson

During the course of the Charter Review Committee deliberations, should any member become unable or unwilling to continue to serve as a member of the committee, the City Commissioner who appointed that particular member shall appoint an alternate replacement Charter Review Committee member.

Section 3. The Charter Review Committee shall conduct public meetings and may receive written or verbal comments from City employees or from the public at large, as it deems necessary or appropriate. At its first meeting, the Committee shall select a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from among its members. All meetings of the Charter Review Committee shall be public meetings which shall be noticed and advertised in advance and shall be open to attendance by the public. Written minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Committee.

Section 4. The Charter Review Committee is hereby given the authority to review the entire City Charter. The Charter Review Committee shall have the authority to recommend additions,

deletions or modifications to the text of the current City Charter as it shall deem necessary or appropriate.

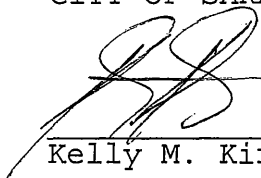
Section 5. The Charter Review Committee shall make its final report to the City Commission by no later than nine (9) months from the date of its initial organizational meeting. Upon the request of the Chair of the Charter Review Committee the City Commission may extend this date by majority vote. The Charter Review Committee shall be authorized to make a prior interim report to the City Commission in the event a majority of the Committee deems it necessary to do so in order to enable the City Commission to place a Committee recommendation before the voters at referendum at the next regular City Commission election in 2011. After the final written report of the Charter Review Committee has been presented to and received by the City Commission, the Charter Review Committee shall cease to exist.

Section 6. The City Commission may provide for administrative and other support to the Charter Review Committee, as it shall, in its discretion, deem appropriate.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.


ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Sarasota, Florida, upon reading by title only, after posting on the bulletin board at City Hall for at least three (3) days prior to adoption, as authorized by Article IV, Section of the Charter of the City of Sarasota this 21st day of June, 2010.

CITY OF SARASOTA



Kelly M. Kirschner, Mayor

Attest:



Pamela M. Nadalini
City Auditor and Clerk

Yes Mayor Kirschner
Yes Vice Mayor Atkins
Yes Commissioner Atwell
Yes Commissioner Clapp
Yes Commissioner Turner