

**CITY OF FLORIDA CITY**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021- 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lovey Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

3. ROLL CALL

Bennie Lovett	Present
Franseta Cooper-Williams	Present
Lovey Clayton	Present
Melody Stover	Present
Walter Thompson	Present

Also Present:

Regine Monestime, City Attorney  
Jennifer A. Evelyn, City Clerk

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Committee Member Lovett to approve the Charter Review Minutes of August 19, 2021. Seconded by Committee Member Thompson. All voted in favor. The Motion was carried.

5. PROPOSED CHARTER LANGUAGE

City Attorney reiterated the proposed charter language whereby the City of Florida City, City Commission desires to change its form of Government from a Strong Mayor form of Government to a City Manager form of Government. In order for this to occur, members of the electorate have to vote in favor of this.

Ms. Monestime went on to discuss what is presently in the City's Charter: Section 2.02- Powers and Duties of Mayor.

She then discussed the recommended Charter provision – Form of Government- “The City shall have a “Commission-Manager” form of government; which Manager shall be responsible to the Commission for the administration of all City affairs.

Proposed Language Change on file for the record.

The Proposed Ballot question informed of the Strong Mayor form of government.

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Shall the City government change to a Commission-Manager form of government beginning 2026?

There was consternation when several members of the Committee realized the City Manager form of government was not going to come into effect until January 2026.

Committee Member Thompson “The people who vote in this election will have to wait until 2026 for a City Manager form of Government?”

Attorney Monestime responded in the affirmative.

“If Mayor does not win in this Biennial election, who will be mayor?”

City Attorney: “Whoever wins will be Mayor for the next four years.”

Regine Monestime, after a bit more discussion with the Committee members asked for approval from the Charter Review Committee, if the Committee Members saw it fit to place the recommended charter provision on the ballot for the 2022 biennial election.

Committee Members Thompson, Clayton and Lovett commended present Strong Mayor Otis Wallace on the excellent job he has done in the past and is still doing in the City.

“Very many projects/ developments have been brought into Florida City under the umbrella of Mayor Wallace. Not many individuals are as qualified and knowledgeable as he is. “– Committee Member Clayton

Committee Member Thompson stressed, once again the importance of “getting the word out” to Florida City residents about what is happening in the City and the upcoming elections. He wants a City where everyone is informed of what is happening.

## 6. BALLOT QUESTIONS

A Motion was made by Committee Member Lovett for approval of the proposed ballot question: “Shall the City government change to a Commission/City Manager form of government beginning 2026” to be placed on the ballot for Florida City’s Biennial Election which occurs January 25, 2022. Seconded by Committee Member Clayton. All voted in favor. The Motion was carried.

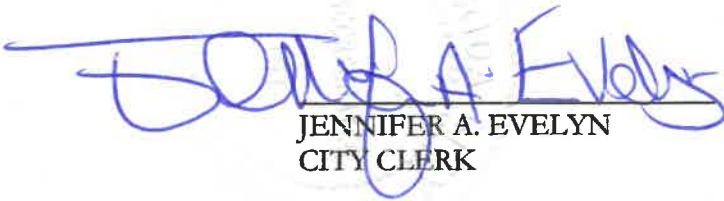
Because the Charter Review Committee members were all in agreement with the above, City Attorney, Regine Monestime voiced that there was no need to hold any additional meeting of the Review Committee.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, a Motion was made by Board Member Lovett to adjourn the Charter Review Meeting of September 15, 2021. Seconded by Board Member Thompson. All voted in favor. The Motion was carried. The Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM



JENNIFER A. EVELYN  
CITY CLERK

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REGINE MONESTIME  
CITY ATTORNEY

**CITY OF FLORIDA CITY**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021- 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

City Attorney called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Bennie Lovett	Present
Franseta Cooper-Williams	Present
Lovey Clayton	Present
Melody Stover	Present
Walter Thompson	Present

Also Present:

Regine Monestime, City Attorney  
Jennifer A. Evelyn, City Clerk

3. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

City Attorney, Regine Monestime introduced and welcomed all the Board Members.

4. CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY

City Attorney informed the City of Florida's desire to change its form of Government from a Strong Mayor to a City Manager form of Government. In order for this to happen, the Charter has to be changed.

Continuing, Ms. Monestime voiced the first thing needed this evening, was the appointment of a Chairperson.

Lovey Clayton, present via zoom volunteered himself as Chairperson.

A Motion was made by Melody Stover for approval of the above appointment. Seconded by Franseta Cooper-Williams. All voted in favor. The Motion was carried.

5. ETHICS OVERVIEW (SUNSHINE AND PUBLIC RECORDS LAW)

Ms. Monestime stressed highlights of the Miami-Dade County Ethics code which now pertained to all Board appointees. She mentioned key responsibilities, definition of the receiving of gifts acceptable solicitation of gifts and loyalty to one's government.

SCOPE OF WORK AND TIMELINE

Ms. Monestime presented the proposed language change to the current Florida City Charter for the Board's review. She also reiterated the importance in keeping abreast with the Charter Review timeline.

6. PUBLIC OUTREACH

Discussions ensued as to the creation of a public outreach plan in an effort to "get the word out" to Florida City residents. It is imperative for them to be involved and give their input/attend Charter Review Meetings.

Board Member, Walter Thompson stated he was quite pleased with this plan. A good way he informed, was in the production of flyers which would be distributed to all local churches and put up on the city's website.

7. NEXT MEETING DATES

Several dates were mulled around. The dates finally agreed upon for the next two Charter Review Committee Meetings are:

Wednesday, September 15, 2021	7:00 PM and
Wednesday, October 13, 2021	7:00 PM

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, a Motion was made by Board Member Lovett to adjourn the Charter Review Meeting of August 19, 2021. Seconded by Board Member Clayton. All voted in favor. The Motion was carried. The Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

  
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