

**CHARTER REVISION BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
December 1, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. on the above date by Chairperson Stern in the City Commission Meeting Room of City Hall.

Roll call showed:

Present: Rochelle Golub
Maria Del Rosario Lescano
Judy Stern, Chair

Also Present: Lee R. Feldman, City Manager
Jonda K. Joseph, City Clerk
Paul Bangel, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Absent: Alain Jean
E. Clay Shaw

Chairperson Shaw indicated that Mr. Jean informed her that he will be resigning from the board.

1. Approve minutes – November 22, 2011

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3. Discuss the subject of amending City Charter, Article VIII (Public Property)

Chairperson Stern explained that the board would like one or more members of the board assigned to work with staff on this indepth issue. The City Manager suggested because of the Sunshine Law that one member be designated to work with staff. The Assistant City Attorney advised that would be correct provided there is no delegation of the board's authority. In the converse, staff members could be invited to the board meetings. Chairperson Stern did not think it would work as well as it would work with one member of the board to work with staff.

Ms. Golub was not opposed to splitting the subject matter in this article and one or more members work on this also. She asked permission to look into how it could be divided and report back to the board. Ms. Lescano explained that as a practical matter, she would suggest one individual. Ms. Golub indicated an individual members could meet with staff separately and simultaneously. In response to Ms. Golub, Chairperson Stern thought that the City Attorney's Office would assist with the actual drafting at the conclusion of this factfinding process.

There was unanimous consensus to designate Ms. Golub to work with City staff on this item. Ms. Golub will report back to the board whether the subject matter could be divided and assigned to other members. Ms. Golub indicated she will move forward immediately. Chairperson Stern emphasized the time constraints and noted that information must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections by June.

2. **Discuss the subject of amending City Charter, Articles III and IV (City Government and Form of Government and Elections)**

Chairperson Stern felt the board could discuss these items in January when there is a full membership. It should be the single item for discussion for the board's meeting in January.

4. **Discuss any amendment to Charter suggested by Board Members**

Chairperson Stern indicated that this was accomplished at the joint workshop with the Commission.

5. **Public input**

Jarer Loovali, 12330 SW 30 Place, Sunrise, indicated that he will be moving to Fort Lauderdale next month and he previously resided in Fort Lauderdale for over ten years. In response to his inquiry, Chairperson Stern explained the history of how Article VIII, Public Property, was scheduled before the board and their discussion of this item with the Commission. Regulations relating to public property may be found in the City's code of ordinances.

6. **Issues for future agendas** – see Items 2 and 3 above.

7. **Old business** - none

8. **New business** – none

Ms. Golub advised that she will not be able to attend the January meeting. Ms. Lescano indicated that she also may not be able to attend in January. Ms. Golub suggested the third Thursday in January or any day after January 16. The City Clerk offered to confirm room availability. In response to the Assistant City Attorney, Chairperson Stern estimated that board discussion of Article VIII would likely be in March.

There being no other matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.