

**CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE (CRC)
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Elisabeth Pierre (305) 948-2900
NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF, AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT:
BOARD MEMBERS: BETH SPIEGEL (CHAIRPERSON), NORMAN EDWARDS, BARBARA FALSEY, JARRET GROSS, MARY HILTON
STAFF: INTERIM CITY MANAGER KELVIN BAKER, CITY CLERK SOL ODENZ, ASST. CITY ATTORNEY MIRIAM BENSINGER
TYPE OF MEETING: REGULAR **DATE:** July 30, 2008

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1- INTRODUCTIONS-Call to Order and Roll Call followed by introductions: Chairperson Spiegel called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and Mr. Odenz called the roll.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 16, 2008: Chairperson Spiegel motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 3– (Originally Item 5 switched by Chairperson Spiegel) – CRA PRESENTATION: Mr. Knox, the counsel for the City’s Community Redevelopment Agency, gave an overview of the Community Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Knox advised the members that the CRA is designed to allow certain activities to take place without impairing the obligation of the government. It’s a revenue producing device that does not burden the otherwise revenue of the City. It is designed to encourage relationships between the public and private sectors. The CRA has been viewed as a mechanism by which funds are accumulated and set aside. Generally, these funds are placed in a trust fund for the purpose of doing those things that are related to enterprise activities, which specifically in many cases don’t relate to the provision of infrastructure, capital improvement and other expenditures that are generally identified with government as a part of the carrying out of the governmental function. Members voiced their concerns and asked questions regarding eminent domain, tax increment financing, the City’s financial obligation to the CRA debt, the life of a CRA, the purpose of a CRA, and the benefits of having a CRA. Mr. Knox provided explanations and information regarding the questions presented by the members. Member Falsey motioned that the Committee will make no recommendations to changes to the Charter relative to the CRA. Vice-Chair Gross seconded the motion. Members held a discussion regarding the CRA relative to the Charter. Motion passed. Chairperson Spiegel, Vice-Chair Gross, Member Hilton and Member Falsey approved. Member Edwards disapproved.

*******FIVE MINUTE BREAK (8:51pm – 8:56pm)*******

AGENDA ITEM 4 – (Originally item 3, switched by Chairperson Spiegel) – REVIEW OF TOPICS (A-G): Members briefly discussed term limits.

AGENDA ITEM 5- DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVE GIVEN TO STAFF REGARDING TOPICS A-G (Description of Topics noted above) – Mrs. Bensinger distributed information requested by the members at the previous meeting regarding districting. Members discussed the material provided. Mrs. Bensinger spoke about some of the types of districting currently applied in some Cities. Mrs. Bensinger advised the members that with the exclusion of one City all Cities have term limits. Member Hilton motioned to change the election date from May to the November general election date and to update any reference to the election date throughout the Charter to reflect this change. Member Edwards seconded the motion. Members held a discussion regarding the election date. Member Hilton withdrew her motion. Chairperson Spiegel requested staff to find out what the election schedule is for the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S) – Resident Richard Riess voiced his opinion on term limits.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - ADJOURN- Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm

FUTURE MEETINGS:

August 13, 2008 **City Council Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall** **7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

APPROVED BY: **Charter Review Committee**

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