



CHARTER REVIEW MEETING ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA

**Monday, October 24, 2022
7:00 PM**

1. BUSINESS ITEMS

1.1 Approval of September 26, 2022 Charter Review Committee Minutes.

1. M09-26-2022 Charter Review Committee

1.2 11.01 MUNICIPALITY CREATED

That a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Zephyrhills is hereby created and established in Pasco County, **November 17, 1914.**

1. Question 1

1.3 21-031 ELECTION AND TERMS

1. **Commencing** At **with** the regular municipal election of April 9th, 2013 **April 11th, 2023**, a Council Member shall be elected for a term of three (3) years and at the regular municipal election each ~~three (3)~~ **four (4)** years thereafter, and two ~~one~~ City Council Members shall be elected for a term of ~~two (2)~~ **four (4)** years. ~~The candidates receiving the two (2) year terms shall be determined by drawing straws. Or in the alternative, a Councilmember(s) may volunteer for the two-year term(s).~~
2. **Commencing** At **with** the regular municipal election of April 14th, 2014 **April 9, 2024**, ~~one City Council Member shall be elected for a term of three (3) years and~~

at the regular municipal election each **four (4) years thereafter**, ~~one two~~ City Council Members shall be elected for **a** term of ~~two (2)~~ four (4) years. The candidates receiving the two (2) year term shall be determined by drawing straws. ~~Or in the alternative, a Councilmember may volunteer for the two-year term.~~

3. Commencing with the regular municipal election of April 13th, 2015 **April 8th, 2025**, and at the regular municipal election each three (3) years thereafter, two City Council Members shall be elected for terms **a term** of three (3) **four (4)** years **and at the regular municipal election each four (4) years thereafter**.
4. Commencing with the regular municipal election of April 11th, 2016, two City Council Members shall be elected for a term of three (3) years and at the regular municipal election each three (3) years thereafter.

~~Commencing with the regular municipal election of April 10th, 2017, and at the regular municipal election each three (3) years thereafter, one City Council Member shall be elected for terms of three (3) years.~~

1. Question 2

1.4 21.11 DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The City Council shall, by resolution, designate from time to time such banks to be the depositories of the funds of said eCity, and the City Manager **Finance Director** shall be required to deposit day by day such funds of the eCity as may come into his **said director's** hands in said banks to the credit of the eCity, and shall be required to present at each regular Council Meeting **quarterly at Council meetings** a report of all such moneys **monies** collected and deposited in said banks by him **the Finance Director**; the City Council may, by resolution require such banks acting as eCity depository, to give such bond as they may deem proper, for the safekeeping of all eCity funds entrusted to their care, said depository only to pay out said funds upon a written order signed by the President of the City Council, attested by the City Manager.

1. Question 3

1.5 ELECTION AND TERM

At the regular municipal election of April 2014 **April 2023**, the Mayor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the eCity for a term of ~~three (3)~~ **four (4)** years and at the regular municipal election every ~~three~~ **four** years thereafter, the ~~m~~**M**ayor shall be elected for a term of ~~three (3)~~ **four (4)** years.

1. Question 4

1.6 51.01 TIME OF HOLDING

A general election for the choosing of officers of said City shall be held on the Second Tuesday in April of each year, and officers elected shall qualify and take office ~~within~~

~~three days~~ **at the next regularly scheduled meeting** after the canvas is received from the County Canvassing ~~b~~**B**oard.

1. Question 5

1.7 51.041 QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES

Any person seeking the office of either City Council or Mayor, must be a qualified and registered voter of the City of Zephyrhills and have been a resident of the City for a six-month period immediately preceding the next election to qualify for any City elective office.

Resident. In order for a candidate to be a resident of the City, that candidate must have his or her primary physical residence and dwelling with the boundaries of the City at all times material, prior to election and during the entire term. It is the intent of this Charter that the term “resident” as used herein to describe any period seeking or holding elective office in the City shall be strictly construed.

Filing Fees and Nominating Petitions. The City Council may set filing fees to be paid by candidates at the time of qualifying to run for elective office. The nomination of all candidates for elective offices shall be made by nominating petitions. The name of any elector of the City having the necessary qualifications to hold the office may be nominated for the election to such office when a petition shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed by not less than twenty-five (25) registered voters of the City. The signatures to a nominating petition need not all be on one paper.

Sample Form:

Such nominating petition shall be substantially in the following form:

“We the undersigned, being registered voters of the City of Zephyrhills, hereby present (here write name of candidate) whose residence is in the City of Zephyrhills, as a candidate for election to the office of (here insert name of office) at the election to be held in the City of Zephyrhills on the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

(Name and Address of Petitioner) (Date of Signing)”

~~Such nomination petition shall not be signed by any elector more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of such election, and~~ **All** papers comprising such petition shall be securely fastened together and filed as one petition with the City Clerk during the designated qualifying period prior to the election.

1. Question 6

1.8 51.07 CANVASS OF RETURNS

The City Council shall receive the returns of all City elections, and shall accept the canvas from the County Canvassing ~~b~~**B**oard of the same ~~within forty-eight (48) hours~~ **at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting** after said returns are received by them,

and shall declare the results thereof, which shall be spread upon their minutes. The City Council may by resolution extend the time for a period not to exceed five (5) days.

1. Question 7

1.9 Title XI CHARTER AMENDMENT

This Charter may be amended in accordance with Section 166.031, Florida Statutes, as amended and shall be formerly reviewed by City Council every ~~five~~ **ten (10)** years.

1. Question 8

1.10 Submission Deadline to Supervisor of Elections for Ballot Questions is February 1, 2023.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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