



# AGENDA ITEM MEMORADUM

**Town Manager**

**Connie Hoffmann** *CH*

Department

Department Director

COMMISSION MEETING DATE (*) - 7:00 PM	Deadline to Town Clerk
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 28, 2012	Feb 17
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mar 13, 2012	Mar 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 27, 2012	Mar 16
<input type="checkbox"/> April 10, 2012 *	Mar 30
<input type="checkbox"/> April 24, 2012	Apr 13

**\*Subject to Change**

- Presentation     Reports     Consent     Ordinance  
 Resolution     Quasi-Judicial     Old Business     New Business

**FY2012 DESIGNATED HIGH PRIORITY ITEM - PRIORITY TOPIC**

**SUBJECT TITLE: DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR CHARTER REVIEW BOARD TO CONSIDER**

**EXPLANATION:** The Commission had asked the Town Attorney and I to keep lists of topics for possible review by the Charter Review Board. Below is our combined list, the majority of which were supplied by the Town Attorney.

1. Review certain land use provisions, including:
  - a. Clarify how to measure height
  - b. Clarify what it means to "rezone for any other use"
  - c. Changes that would support our Comprehensive Plan goals to support hotels and discourage the conversion of hotels to residential uses.
2. Add procedure for candidate withdrawal following qualification per statute.
3. Determine whether to sunset residential electoral districts (as in ballot question in 2004). If not, future redistricting needs to be addressed. On the latter point, consider changing Charter language that dictates that a university must be used to do the districts study.
4. Broaden qualifications for Town Manager.
5. Remove residential uses from prime hotel areas – or revise language to be clear that we can remove uses by ordinance without a referendum.
6. Consider not specifying that the Vice Mayor must be selected on a particular date.
7. Length of Mayoral term of office.

This list is simply provided as food for thought for the Commission in developing specific assignments to the Charter Advisory Board, if you wish to take that route.

Reviewed by Town Attorney  
 Yes     No

Town Manager Initials *CH*

**Topics for the Charter Review Board to Consider:**

1. Clarify the meaning of the language in 6.6 (2) of the Town Charter (forfeiture of office with regards to ethics)
2. Clarify the height limit as it is difficult to interpret. Consider mapping a geographical area within the Town, within which 3 over 1 is the legal maximum construction height, and everywhere else is 32 feet.
3. Review and clarify what it means to “rezone for any other use”.
4. Review land use changes that would support our Comprehensive Plan goals to support hotels and discourage the conversion of hotels to residential uses.
5. Add procedure for candidate withdrawal following qualification per statute.
6. Determine whether to sunset residential electoral districts (as in ballot question 2004, attached). If not, future redistricting needs to be addressed. On the latter point, consider changing Charter language that dictates that a university must be used to do the districts study.
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**LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA  
SAMPLE BALLOT**

**OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION  
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MARCH 9, 2004**

**MAYOR  
LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA  
(Vote for ONE)**

Susan Mary BEATTY  
Beverly KENNEDY  
Oliver PARKER

**TOWN COMMISSIONER  
LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA  
(Vote for TWO)**

Chuck CLARK  
Cindy GEESEY  
John THOMPSON  
John YANNI

**LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA – 1**

**DESIGNATION OF TOWN COMMISSIONER SEATS ONE THROUGH FOUR BY DISTRICT**

The Charter provides for electing Commissioners without regard to where they live in the Town. Should the Charter be amended to establish four seats elected at large but from districts; Seat 1 representing the northern district and Seat 2, representing the southern district, elected in 2006; and seats three, representing a northern district and seat four, representing the southern district, elected in 2008; with district residency requirements ending in 2018?

YES  
NO

**LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA – 2**

**INCREASE THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR MAYOR-COMMISSIONER FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS**

The current Town Charter provides that the Mayor-commissioner serves a term of two years. Should the Town Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor-commissioner shall serve a four-year term, consistent with the four-year term of Commissioners, commencing with the General Municipal Election of 2004?

YES  
NO